

Thailand situation update on 10 April 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	135,399,434	781,328	
Deaths	2,931,073		2.17%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	789
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	8
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	522
• Cases found from active case finding	259
Total number of confirmed cases	31,658
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,566
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,195
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	28,463
• Cases found from active case finding	17,097
Total number of confirmed cases	31,658
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	28,161 (88.95%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	33
• Undergoing treatment	3,400 (11.05%)
• Deaths	97 (0.31%)
- New deaths	1

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	8,191,999
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	518,987
Total number of laboratory tests	1,756,783
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,329,373
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From active case finding 	15,834
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returnees in quarantine facilities/centers 	81,676
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who did not meet the PUI criteria 	329,900
Total number of people who met the criteria of PUI	1,329,373
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,964
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (297,170 cases in private hospitals, and 990,195 cases in public hospitals) 	1,329,373
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

3. Thailand Implementations

- The Ministry of Public Health ordered Provincial Public Health Offices across the country to activate the Public Health Operations Center (EOC) during the Songkran Festival to be ready for both road traffic accidents and COVID-19. While all hospitals activate their emergency notification centers and launch basic and advance Emergency Medical Services (EMS) teams to be at checkpoints and service points on main roads. In addition, for emergency medical service, please call the EMS hotline at 1669, 24 hours a day.
- The Government Pharmaceutical Organization (GPO) had received the third lot of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine in the amount of 1 million doses from China. The vaccine would be sent to the Department of Medical Sciences (DMSc) for quality and standard testing as well as all required documents. After quality approval, the vaccine would be delivered to the Department of Disease Control (DDC) to distribute to hospitals in all provinces. This vaccine lot would be given 2 doses per person to the target groups aged 18 to 59 years.

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- The Department of Disease Control revealed the current situation of COVID-19, caused by the more contagious UK variant, had rapidly expanded to many provinces. It was linked to the entertainment venues including pubs, bars, and karaoke. It was found that many infected persons had different symptoms including red eyes, runny nose, no fever, and some had skin rashes. The people who went to the entertainment venues and had developed these symptoms were requested to visit the government hospitals in order to receive the COVID-19 testing free of charge. Service at private hospitals that participated in the NHSO project was also free of charge. There had also been an investigation to find the relation of the additional new symptoms and the UK variant.
- The Ministry of Public Health confirmed Thailand's policy that all COVID-19 infected persons must be hospitalized. In case that patients can not find hospitals for admission or had enquiries, please call the Department of Medical Services Referral Center at 1668. As most of the patients were found to have relatively mild symptoms, the participating hotels would be converted into the semi-hospitals (Hospital). Hospitals would provide medical and public health care and referral system in case symptoms became more severe. In case of more infected cases, the BMA will be ready to establish field hospitals.
- The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) had prepared to set up field hospitals to accommodate COVID-19 patients that are increasing. Initially, there would be 4 field hospitals, of which 3 field hospitals were expected to be open on 13 April 2021, including 1) Bang Khuntian Elderly Center and General Hospital, Bang Khuntian district (500 beds), 2) Ratchapipat Hospital, Taweewattana district (200 beds), and 3) The 84th Anniversary Stadium, Bang Bon district (200 beds). The 4th field hospital (350 beds) would be the Bangkok Arena Sport Center, Nong Chok district which had been under renovation. In addition, the BMA was ready to set up more field hospitals if needed.
- Chiang Mai Provincial Public Health Office advised people who visited the store with the COVID-19 during 28 March to 4 April 2021, to observe their symptoms for 14 days and follow the disease preventive and control measures strictly. In case of any abnormal symptoms, please visit the nearest hospitals and inform the history of COVID-19 exposure risk. People with high risk of exposure can receive the Coronavirus 2019 screening test at the royal biosafety mobile vehicle from 10 to 11 April 2021, from 09:30 a.m. to 15:00 p.m. at Mueang district, Chiang Mai province.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the COVID-19 situation monitoring, it is found that the number of cases has been increasing continuously. On 10 April 2021, there are 789 new cases. Therefore, the temporary closure of entertainment venues such as pubs, bars, karaoke parlours, the source of infection in Bangkok and its vicinity, is crucial. At present, the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has ordered temporary closure of all entertainment venues for at least 14 days from 10 April 2021 onwards. The enhancement of population immunity is crucial and must be implemented rapidly. According to the COVID-19 vaccination tracking, a total of 537,380 people have received the vaccines. There are 67,079 people who have



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already completed the vaccination with the second dose. So far, the Department of Disease Control has allocated 952,205 doses of the vaccines to all provinces. Therefore, the target groups, especially those in high-risk areas, are asked to receive the complete doses of vaccine at the service centers as per the appointment in order to reduce the infection risk, severe illness, and death. Due to the upcoming long holiday which many people will be traveling back to their hometowns. Therefore, the disease surveillance must be carried out continuously and the disease preventive measures must be strictly maintained. In addition, people are requested for collaboration on self-protection and reduction of the disease spreading risk by implementing preventive measures such as wearing masks, washing hands, keeping social distance. In addition, all should have body temperature checked and scan “ThaiChana” application or use “MorChana” application when traveling to places, and avoid unnecessary travel to risk crowded places with poor ventilation. Those who travel back to their hometowns are advised to strictly comply with the DMHTT (Distancing, Mask wearing, Hand washing, Testing, and using “ThaiChana” and “MorChana” applications) measures to prevent disease spreading to their families.