

Thailand situation update on 12 April 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	136,696,092	606,762	
Deaths	2,950,823		2.16%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	985
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	5
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	634
• Cases found from active case finding	346
Total number of confirmed cases	33,610
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,574
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,203
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	30,407
• Cases found from active case finding	17,877
Total number of confirmed cases	33,610
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	28,248 (84.05) 34
• Undergoing treatment	5,265 (15.95%)
• Deaths - New deaths	97 (0.29%) 0

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	8,209,613
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	518,987
Total number of laboratory tests	1,780,224
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,352,814
<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	1,352,814
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,967
<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) 	1,347,759
<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 Social Security Office and the Ministry of Labor had joined a consultative meeting with the Ministry of Interior (Bangkok Metropolitan Administration) and the National Health Security Office (NHSO) to set a common guideline on COVID-19 detection for insured persons in the social security system according to Section 33, Section 39 and Section 40, who live in Bangkok area. Insured persons can receive free of charge COVID-19 testing. In this regard, the Ministry of Labor has coordinated with hospitals in social security networks for service starting on April 17, 2021 at the Kelawaetn Building 1, Bangkok Youth Center (Thai-Japan), Din Daeng district, Bangkok. If an insured person is found to be COVID-19 case, he or she will be sent to one of the 81 Social Security Office network hospitals for free of charge treatment.
- The BMA had prepared 1,250 beds field hospitals to accommodate COVID-19 patients with support from the business sector for foods, beverages, beds and pillows. The first field hospital would be the Erawan 1 hospital which will be opened for patients on 13 April 2021. While there were other network hospitals in Bangkok

that had the patient referral system among them. The bed management and patient referral would be jointly implemented with an integration with the Ministry of Public Health, and had been assigned to the Erawan Center of BMA as the bed administrator for referral of patients to various hospitals. Currently, BMA could accommodate approximately 5,000 beds in total.

- The Ministry of Public Health had divided provinces, according to the outbreaks of April 2021, into risk colors including 1) White Provinces (no infected cases) such as Pattani, Phang Nga, Krabi and Ranong, 2) Green Provinces (with imported infected cases from Bangkok and other provinces), 3) Yellow Provinces (with imported infected cases from another provinces who infected only family members), 4) Orange Provinces (with clusters of less than 50 cases), and 5) Red Provinces (with clusters of less than 100 cases).
- The Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation had ordered all universities to open additional field hospitals in every province and coordinate immediately with the Provincial Public Health Office in the area and also implement together with the nearby Faculty of Medicine as a mentor. The president of the university was requested to report the situation in the areas, for close monitoring of the situation, to the Operation Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration of the Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the COVID-19 situation monitoring, it is found that during the past week (5 to 11 April 2021), there were 3,498 infected people of which 98.68% were from local transmission. Fifty percent were female and most (67.84%) were in the age range of 20 to 39 years. The disease had been reported nationwide in 71 provinces. The number of provinces reported cases have been increasing since April 9, 2021 which corresponded to the beginning of the long holiday. The first four provinces with the highest number of cases were Bangkok, Chonburi, Chiang Mai, and Narathiwat which were linked with the clusters of cases in entertainment venues and prisons. Moreover, more than 25 % were contacts of confirmed asymptomatic cases who spread the infection within the families. Therefore, from the situation of the past week, there is a possibility that there will be more than 1,000 people infected this week and infected people will continue to be found in other provinces. Both contacts and cases tend to be found more in Bangkok during the coming week. Due to the people travelling back from their hometowns after the long holiday, people are requested for collaboration on self-protection and reduction of the disease spreading 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 surrounding people.