

Thailand situation update on 13 April 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	137,325,916	629,824	
Deaths	2,961,054		2.16%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	965
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	9
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	654
• Cases found from active case finding	302
Total number of confirmed cases	34,575
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,583
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,212
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	31,363
• Cases found from active case finding	18,179
Total number of confirmed cases	34,575
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	28,288 (81.82%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	40
• Undergoing treatment	6,190 (17.9%)
• Deaths	97 (0.28%)
- New deaths	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) 	8,216,184
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	518,987
Total number of laboratory tests	1,793,808
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,366,398
<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	1,366,398
<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 (311,622 cases in private hospitals, and 1,049,721 cases in public hospitals) 	1,361,343
<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 director of the Police Hospital together with the Royal Thai Police spokesperson examined the readiness of the temporary field hospital with the capacity of 100 beds. This field hospital had set up the screening point as well as having doctors from the police hospital working in treating patients and the officers from the Department of Disease Control monitoring the standards of the field hospital license and managing the hygiene of the place. With these, 24-hour security services will be provided by police officers to ensure that the security as well as the spreading of the disease are under control.

- The Director General of the Department of Disease Control said that the lock down will be the last option in disease control measures and if it is necessary, the 'target lock down' will be implemented rather than an entirely lock down as happened before. This lock down method will be in accordance to the risk level in each area which will be ranged in white, green, yellow, orange, and red. The measures in disease prevention and control are now focusing on the proactive finding for infected cases together with the surveillance, disease investigation, quarantining, monitoring in both high-risk and low-risk contact persons, controlling disease infection in the community, and providing both physical and mental treatment for the infected patients.
- The Ministry of Education: The Education Minister ordered the Permanent Secretary of Education to revise the announcement of MOE on the Prevention and Control of the Coronavirus 2019 by reducing the time and working days in the office of the personnel and expanding the Work from Home period to 30 April 2021 continuing from the original announcement that allowed MOE staffs to work from home from April 9 to 23 to 30 April 2021. Personnel are allowed to work in the office not more than 10 percent, in other words, more than 90 percent have to work from home. Operational guidelines are needed in order that the work of the educational development of the nation is not interrupted. Any conference, training or seminars are strictly restricted from now until April 30, 2021, if necessary, online format should be used. Also, any activities that involve student participation should be refrained during this school break. As for the process of recruiting students, online applications are provided. If local recruitment, examination, or interview is required, it must be conducted in accordance with the most intensive measures and procedures. If there is much need to organize an activity during this time, local public health must be noticed and approved first and the COVID-19 prevention measures of the Ministry of Public Health must be strictly adhered. If personnel under the MOE were found to be at risk or there are symptoms that may be considered to be an infected person, they must notify the person involved immediately.
- The Bureau of the Royal Household announced the closure of visits to the Royal Court and various related places from April 13 onwards until the situation of COVID-19 spreading is resolved, including the Grand Palace, Wat Phra Si Rattanasatharam, Bang Pa-In Palace, Bhubing Palace, "Chang-Hua-Mun" Royal Initiative Project, Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles, Arts of the Kingdom Museum and the Sala Chalerkrung Royal Theater

- The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) : Prime Minister asked for cooperation from all government sectors to work from home, study and have meetings online until 30 April 64, and urged all government officials to comply with the following measures :
 1. personal preventive measures such as wearing a mask, keeping social distance, washing hands, people who have been to vulnerable areas must strictly quarantine themselves and avoid traveling to the public,
 2. preventive measures in the workplace/ educational or training institution work from home until April 30, 64 and organize online meetings, studying and training.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the COVID-19 situation data on April 9-13, 2021, the infections were found in more provinces which are largely related to the super spreading event from the entertainment venues including parties, both in their own provinces and from other provinces which leads to a spreading to the family members. After announcing the closure of entertainment venues on April 10, the number of infected people from this event has decreased, but the number of patients who got infection from being in close contact with the confirmed cases has increased. 26.5% of the infected cases found on April 13, 2021 were from events related to entertainment venues in Bangkok, Prachuap Khiri Khan and Chon Buri and followed by those close contact persons with the confirmed cases in Bangkok Prachuap Khiri Khan, Samut Prakan and Nakhon Ratchasima. Additionally, most cases are found from proactive screening in risk areas, 32 percent of them were asymptomatic and 38 percent had symptoms. It is predicted that there may be an increasing number of infected people who are close contacts with the confirmed cases, so proactive screening is still an important measure in disease control. However, people are requested to comply with preventive measures such as wearing masks, washing hands, social distance, etc., including measuring body temperature when going to various risk areas, avoid traveling to vulnerable places, and observing their symptoms after visiting the risk places. People should test for COVID -19 disease when suspected symptoms are present, scan Thai Chana or Mor Chana applications to register when traveling outside their houses and should not go out when being under Work from Home measure.