

Thailand situation update on 14 April 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	138,106,949	781,033	
Deaths	2,974,544		2.15%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	1,335
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	9
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	789
• Cases found from active case finding	537
Total number of confirmed cases	35,910
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,592
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,221
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	32,689
• Cases found from active case finding	18,716
Total number of confirmed cases	35,910
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	28,322 (78.84%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	34
• Undergoing treatment	7,491 (20.86%)
• Deaths	97 (0.24%)
- 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) 	8,222,204
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	518,987
Total number of laboratory tests	1,805,184
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,377,774
<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	1,377,774
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,969
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (311,653 cases in private hospitals, and 1,061,065 cases in public hospitals) 	1,372,718
<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

- Chiang Mai Provincial Communicable Disease Committee agreed to expand the field hospital into phase 3 with 1,000 more beds added, making it 2,000 beds capacity in total for Chiang Mai field hospital. As for the supplies, the donation items are still being donated by people throughout the day.

- Songkhla Provincial Public Health Office revealed that there is a preparation for the field hospital as a backup plan in case that hospitals in Songkhla area cannot take in all of the patients. Currently, there are 500 beds in total prepared in places across Songkhla and the one that will be soon-opened is the Namom-Hatyai Hospital with the capacity of 80 beds.
- The Director-General of the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health revealed the observations of the outbreak this round is fast because the infection has changed from the original strain to British strain B 1.1.7., which is a relatively early epidemic but the severity of the disease is not greater than normal. Most patients have few or no symptoms (about 90%). However, all patients must be hospitalized. Now, more infected cases have been found. In the past, there were measures to close the risk areas and entertainment venues since April. On April 13, the Prime Minister ordered government agencies to work from home after the Songkran holiday until the end of April and the private sectors were asked for cooperation as well. This will help in controlling the disease.
- The Royal Thai Police has indefinitely postponed the entrance examinations for military preparation students until the situation of the epidemic is recovered. The original date was to be held on 17 Apr 64 at Ramkhamhaeng University, Huamark, Bangkok. The date, time, and place of the examination will be informed later. For more information, applicants and parents can access the Royal Police Cadet Academy website www.rpca.ac.th or call 034-312009.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

On April 14, 2021, 1,335 new daily COVID-19 confirmed cases were found as this day demonstrated both the highest number of infected cases in one day and the first day that the number of daily cases exceeded 1,000 per day. 99.32% of them are domestic infections. According to the situational assessment, it is estimated that the number of infected people may rise as many as 1,500 per day over the next two days, mostly caused by having close contact with patients. Due to the measures for the closure of entertainment venues in high-risk areas, the number of infected cases with a history of going to entertainment venues has decreased, especially in the Bangkok area, but patients from the sporadic entertainment places may be found continuously for at least 10 days. After this, more close contact cases will be found with some being exposed in the 3-4th cycle which shows a wider spread of the infection. The studies in Denmark, Switzerland and the United State of

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by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

America found that the B.1.1.7 strain is able to spread more than other 43-90%. The infection rate will be wider and faster and also depends on other factors such as age, gender, and social status. All people should comply with the preventive measures such as wearing a mask, washing hands and keeping distance. Moreover, all people should measure their body temperature when traveling to various risk locations, avoid traveling to vulnerable areas, monitor your own symptoms after entering risky places, COVID-19 testing when suspected symptoms are shown, use the Thai application "Mor Chana" to register in various locations, and not go out when working at home. A medical treatment is required for those with a positive result of the COVID-19 laboratory test to help reduce the spread of the disease.