

Thailand situation update on 15 April 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	138,927,001	820,052	
Deaths	2,987,914		2.15%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	1,543
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	1,161
• Cases found from active case finding	379
Total number of confirmed cases	37,453
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,595
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,224
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	34,229
• Cases found from active case finding	19,095
Total number of confirmed cases	37,453
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	28,383 (75.78)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	61
• Undergoing treatment	8,973 (23.96%)
• Deaths	97 (0.26%)
- 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) 	8,228,002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	518,987
Total number of laboratory tests	1,813,906
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,386,496
<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	1,386,496
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,970
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (313,661 cases in private hospitals, and 1,067,777 cases in public hospitals) 	1,381,438
<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 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health, Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul stated that the National Communicable Diseases Committee meeting had passed the resolution to declare 18 provinces as red areas and 59 provinces as orange areas, during a press release after chairing the Committee meeting. Along with this, there are also the limit for service hours for the restaurants as well as the temporary close down for pubs, clubs, and other places with the same kind of services, while the restaurants were prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages. Every dine-in place needs to set up their table according to

the social distancing measure or preferably selling only take-home food. In addition, people shall refrain from attending any parties and classroom activities with more than 50 people gathered, wearing masks, frequently washing their hands, and avoiding the crowded area. Also, there is a proposal for amusement parks including those smaller ones in the shopping malls to be temporarily closed down. For the service hour for the restaurants, it will be up until 9 PM in the red area and 11 PM in the orange area. This resolution will be presented to Thailand's Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) to be enforced until the end of April. With this, also pointed out that this is not a lockdown.

- The Spokesperson Office, Secretariat of the Prime Minister explained the COVID-19 situation management on 3 important topics which are
 1. Confirmation from the Ministry of Public Health that the vaccines using in Thailand are highly efficient and safe, and that people can get vaccinated to prevent the infection and improve their immunity.
 2. The current COVID-19 situation in Thailand is related to entertainment venues and has led to the spread of the disease to friends and communities. Hence, it is necessary to reduce the mobility of a person, close the risk locations and refrain from gathering activities.
 3. On bed administration for COVID-19 patients, the government had prepared enough beds to accommodate the patients especially cases in Bangkok and surrounding areas. The accommodating places are hospitals and hospitels which are the hotels that were adapted to treat COVID-19 patients, up until present the total number of beds available are around 6,000 including those in hospitals under the management of the Ministry of Defense which will be in the form of field hospitals. Also, the Department of Medicine is preparing to open the hospitel with the capacity of 450 beds and Ramathibodi Hospital will open two more hospitels with 100 beds in total. For Bangkok, two field hospitals were added, one in Bang Khun Thian with the capacity of 500 beds and one in Bang Bon with the capacity of 200 beds. Furthermore, there will be one more field hospital at Bangkok Arena which will hold 1,000 beds. For checking for available beds, people can call the health emergency hotline 1669, the Department of Medical Services Hotline 1668 (available from 8 AM - 10 PM), National Health Security Office (NHSO) hotline 1330, or through the Sabaidee bot on Line application.
- The Royal Thai Army informed the establishment of an army field hospital in the area to accommodate the infected people, troops and

families with a little or no symptoms, including those receiving treatment from the hospital and the symptoms have subsided in order to reduce the burden of public health hospitals in many provinces. Two Army field hospitals have already established: 1. Army Field Hospital (Thanarat Camp), Prachuap Khiri Khan Province, operated by the Infantry Center. Thanarat Camp Hospital can accommodate 69 beds, which are referral medical treatment from Hua Hin Hospital and university field hospital Rajamangala Technology for people who are infected from Hua Hin District, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province 2. Royal Thai Army Field Hospital (Kiakkai), Bangkok. The Kiakai reception building in Dusit District was adjusted to the field hospital operated by the Department of Military Welfare and Phramongkutklo Hospital, which can accommodate 86 beds. This field hospital only receives the patients with mild symptoms transferred from Phramongkutklo Hospital in order to reserve a hospital bed to support the patient with severe symptoms

- Thai Bankers' Association: The Thai Bankers' Association and member banks issued COVID-19 preventive measures for branch services according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Public Health and related government agencies as follows: 1. The bank may consider temporarily closing some branches for areas at high risk of epidemic outbreak, according to provincial or government announcements. Customers can still use the ATM service machine or make transactions via online channels as usual. Customers can check the list of branches that are closed on the bank's website. 2. Adjust the closing time of branches nationwide starting from April 16, 2021. Branches in department stores / branches that open for service 7 days, shall close no later than 5:00 p.m. Other branches shall close no later than 3:30 PM. 3. Limit service channels and the number of customers receiving services in each branch. 4. In case of the occurrence of infected employees at any branches or customers using the service, that branch needs to be closed to immediately sterilize and can reopen when the cleaning is done. The employees who are in close contact with the patient have to check for infection and quarantine themselves in the accommodation for a period of time according to the standards of the Ministry of Public Health. Employees who are not involved in contact with infection will be assigned to perform replacement tasks.
- The deputy governor of Nakhon Ratchasima revealed the progress of setting up a field hospital to accommodate the increasing number of COVID patients. The Chatchai Hall and Liptaphanlop Building and His

Majesty the King's 80th Birthday Anniversary Stadium were set up as the field hospital. Each building will have 100 beds, for a total 200 beds. It will be opened on April 16. Initially, the main hospital will be the receiving point for new infected patients about 5-7 days before diagnosis to monitor symptoms of lung infection. If patients have no symptoms or few symptoms. Later, they will be sent to the field hospital and they will be under the care of doctors and nurses throughout 24 hours.

- Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) asked for cooperation of people who had travelled to the provinces at risk to assess their risk through the BKK COVID 19 screening system at the website of BKK COVID 19 <http://bkkcovid19.bangkok.go.th/> which was created to record the information of people traveling to Bangkok. It only gathers the necessary information that will be useful in investigating the disease by the officers to prevent and control the spreading. It is easy to use and takes a short time to fill out. It takes only 2 simple steps which are scanning the QR CODE, and filling out the form on personal and travel information such as the province where you are from, traveling into Bangkok or passing Bangkok to another province. In the case of traveling to Bangkok specify a one-way or two way trip, specify area and returning date with essential reasons to show to staff at the screening point.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

On April 15, 2021, a total of 1,543 new cases of COVID - 19 were found, with more than 25.34 percent of those infected from visiting the entertainment venues in Bangkok and other provinces and 29.94 % had a recent history of closing contact with the previously confirmed cases. In comparison with the period before Songkran (April 9, 2021), 59.93 % got infection by going to the entertainment venues and 16.10 % were infected with a history of exposure with previous confirmed cases. This indicated that the infection from the entertainment venues in the country during the Songkran festival was decreased but the number of infected that exposed to the confirmed patents is increasing which some of them were contacted to previous infected persons with a history of traveling from other provinces. Thus, limiting travel and working from home policies are one of the important measures that will help reduce the spreading. In addition, after the Songkran Festival, it is possible that the number of infected cases in many provinces still continue for at least a week and may decline at least 1-2 weeks after the travel restrictions have been initiated. However, to reduce the number of

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infected cases, people are requested to comply with preventive measures such as wearing masks, washing hands, social distance, etc., including measuring body temperature when traveling to various locations, avoid traveling to risk places, observing their symptoms after traveling from the risk place, testing for COVID -19 when suspect symptoms are present. They are requested for scanning Thai Chana or Mor Chana applications to register when traveling to other places or working from home. If infection is detected, medical treatment is required immediately in order to reduce the spread of infection.