

Thailand situation update on 18 April 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	141,373,888	743,057	
Deaths	3,025,596		2.14%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	1,767
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	1,477
• Cases found from active case finding	288
Total number of confirmed cases	42,352
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,605
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,234
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	39,118
• Cases found from active case finding	20,268
Total number of confirmed cases	42,352
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	28,683 (67.73%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	113
• Undergoing treatment	13,568 (32.03%)
• Deaths	101 (0.24%)
- New deaths	2

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	8,245,991
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	521,252
Total number of laboratory tests	1,847,951
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,420,541
<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	1,420,541
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	4,986
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (323,464 cases in private hospitals, and 1,092,003 cases in public hospitals) 	1,415,467
<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 reported that currently the total number of vaccinated people are 608,521 people from 77 provinces with 526,706 receiving their first dose and 81,815 completed their second dose. On April 17, 2021 Thailand had received a new lot of 1 million doses of Sinovac vaccine which will be distributed to every province throughout the country for 1. the front line medical and public health officers (599,800 doses), 2. disease control and prevention in red areas like Bangkok and surrounding provinces (100,000 doses), 3. People with underlying diseases (157,200 doses), and 4. non-public health sector government officers for example

police officers, soldiers, attorneys and those who have to contact many people (54,320 doses).

- The Department of Corrections, Ministry of Justice revealed that the correctional hospital has set up a testing center for coronavirus 2019, which provides COVID testing for correctional officers and personnel under the Ministry of Justice, government agencies, and the people with a risk history of disease exposure in order to reduce the burden and congestion in hospitals under the Ministry of Public Health. Also, it can reduce the risk of spreading infection to people who come to hospitals. The services are available at the administrative building, Correctional Institution, Correctional Hospital, Ngamwongwan road, Ladyao Subdistrict, Chatuchak District, Bangkok on official days from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 0-2953- 3999 ext. 1345. COVID testing services are limited to the number of 100 per day for general people.
- The Bangkok Governor visited a field hospital (Arawan 2) to check its readiness for accommodating the COVID-19 patients. Located at the Bangkok Arena Stadium in Nong Chok District, this forth field hospital of Bangkok province has its capacity of 400 beds: 150 for male and 250 for female. The facility is scheduled to open on April 19, 2021. The infected persons who would like to be quarantined at the field hospitals under BMA can contact the Erawan hotline 1669 or MoPH hotlines 1330 or 1668.
- The spokesperson of the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) asked for cooperation from all companies, entrepreneurs or other agencies to implement a work from home policy to reduce the movement of its employees. The entrepreneurs should join hands together and use this opportunity to do a big cleaning and make a surveillance plan for all staff in the organization to abide by strictly.
- Ministry of Public Health: the Director-General of the Department of Disease Control said that there are currently around 500,000 Favipiravir tablets to treat COVID-19 patients with a usage rate of 10,000 tablets and this number is considered sufficient. The Minister of Public Health has ordered and assigned the Government Pharmaceutical Organization to purchase an additional 1 million tablets of Favipiravir and it is expected to deliver at the end of this month or early next month.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

From the analysis on COVID-19 patients with pneumonia between 1-16 April 2021, Thailand found a total of 9,196 confirmed cases reported to the Coward surveillance system where 58 cases had severe symptoms. The daily number of severe cases varied with the increasing number of infected cases. The majority of

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

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the severe patients were male aged over 40, accounting for 70.69 % while the top three regional health offices with the highest prevalence rates being the 13, 4 and 6 areas, respectively. The top 6 provinces with most severe cases were Nong Khai (9.1%), Trang (8.3%), Tak (4.8%), Chaiyaphum (4.4%), Chiang Mai (4.0%) and Nakhon Si Thammarat (4.0%). Therefore, vaccination coverage in these susceptible populations remains an important measure in reducing the severity of the disease and vaccines should be inoculated to cover them as soon as possible. In addition, all can cooperate in implementing preventive measures such as wearing masks, washing hands, social distance, etc., including measuring body temperature when traveling to any places, avoid traveling to all risk places and observing their symptoms after visiting any risk locations. People should test for COVID -19 when suspected symptoms are present, scan Thai application "Mor Chana" to register in various locations, working at home. If infection is detected, people should seek medical treatment immediately.