

Thailand situation update on 7 May 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	156,749,120	862,351	
Deaths	3,271,443		2.09%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number*
Total number of new cases	2,044
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	4
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	0
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	1,820
• Cases found from active case finding	220
Total number of confirmed cases	78,855
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	2,721
• Cases found outside quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	3,357
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	75,498
• Cases found from active case finding	23,167
Total number of confirmed cases	78,855
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals - Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	49,172 (62.36%) 2,377
• Undergoing treatment	29,320 (37.64%)
• Deaths - New deaths	363 (0.46%) 27

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Type of Screened People and PUI	Total Number
Total number	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	8,379,537
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	544,327
Total number of laboratory tests	2,119,433
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who met the PUI criteria 	1,692,023
<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	1,692,023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detected from ports of entry 	5,196
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (348,548 cases in private hospitals, and 1,293,158 cases in public hospitals) 	1,686,739
<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)

Characteristics of Deaths (276 deaths)	Wave: 1 Jan - 14 Dec 2020 (60 deaths)	Wave: 15 Dec 2020 - 31 Mar 2021 (34 deaths)	Wave: 1 April 2021 - now (182 deaths)
Case Fatality Rate (CFR) in each age group			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20-39 years old 	0.20%	0.02%	0.11%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40-59 years old 	2.10%	0.02%	0.74%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60+ years old 	6.50%	2.60%	3.74%
Percentage of COVID-19 deaths of patients with underlying diseases including obesity, elderly patients and pregnant patients			
	64%	100%	87%

Average number of days between the onset of symptoms and the date of receiving treatment (Minimum-Maximum)

	3.5 (0-19)	1.2 (0-8)	2 (0-12)
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3. Thailand Implementations

- The Department of Medical Services, by the Institute of Boromarajonani National Narcotics Treatment and Rehabilitation Program, warned the drug addicts that gathering for drug use or alcohol drinking would make them stay in closed areas for a long time that would be risky for COVID-19. Moreover, sharing the devices would increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading. They are advised to stay home and not to gather in risk areas, take a rest, take care of themselves, and take the opportunity to quit drugs, alcoholic drinks, and tobacco.
- The Ministry of Public Health joined hands with the BMA and the network in proactive testing in 4 risk groups in Bangkok including 1) The ongoing cluster with the target of testing 9,300 people per week, 2) People in 6 districts of BMA with a target of 3,000 people per day, and 3) Home Quarantine at 1,750 people per week, and 4) Local Quarantine at 1,800 people per week. The total target is 26,000 people per week. Currently, there had been 1,298 new cases found in Bangkok and surrounding areas, while other provinces had a declining trend with 604 new cases. Therefore, there was a need to strengthen the measures in these areas by active case finding, high-risk contact tracing, isolation of infected people for treatment according to their symptom levels as soon as possible. These were the active actions to reduce risk of disease spreading through contact among family members and friends.
- Sheikhul Islam leader (Chief of the Muslim) in Thailand announced measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus 2019 regarding the Eid al-Fitr (No. 5/2021) in the 6 Strict and Maximum Control Area (Red area) provinces. It requested all to refrain from praying at the mosques and the Provincial Islamic Committee to notify caretakers of all mosques to inform everyone in the communities to pray at home within the families using the same customs at the mosque. In addition, people were advised to refrain from gathering meals and activities that include groups such as visiting relatives and visiting the cemeteries. For the Control Area (Orange Area) in 45 provinces and the Highest Surveillance Area (Yellow Area) in 26 provinces, the Provincial Islamic Committees consider the measures with the Provincial Governors as appropriate.
- The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health revealed the National Communicable Disease Committee No. 5/2564 meeting's 3 resolutions: 1) The Ministry of Public Health, together with the Ministry of Interior, Office of the National Economic and Social Development, the Federation of Thai Industries, Board of Trade of Thailand and the private sector, would provide vaccination service for a total of 16 million working-age population. Additional vaccination posts, beside the 82 government hospitals in Bangkok and approximately 300 provinces in other provinces, would be set up at facilities such as factories and convention centers. There may also be vaccination mobile units in the future, 2) Approved the Sinovac

vaccination guideline for people aged 60 years and over, 3) Issued the Subordinate Legislation of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) on comparison of fine in the case of not wearing surgical masks or cloth masks in the public. There would be appropriate reduction of fine or exemptions to reduce the burden on people. However, the public was requested for cooperation to always wear masks in public especially in crowded places. In addition, there was a new appointment of staff of the Department of Corrections and police officers as the Communicable Control Officers according to the Act.

- Loei Provincial Prison closed and refrained from relatives visiting at the regular visiting rooms from 6 May 2021 until the COVID-19 situation improved. Relatives could contact and visit the prisoners through the LINE application by making reservations via ID Line @dst735se or call 042-811491 ext. 609 or send postal mail and postal money order (ordinary). In case of money deposits and purchase of goods, prisoners could do so at the Loei Provincial Prison.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

According to the COVID-19 situation monitoring on 7 May 2021, Thailand has had 78,855 confirmed cases. There are 2,044 new cases reported today of which 2,040 cases are from local transmission. Provinces with an increasing number of cases during the past week include Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Samut Prakan, Chonburi, and Pathum Thani. Clusters were found in crowded communities and business establishments with reports of outbreaks in many areas. Therefore, active surveillance in hospitals and active case finding in high-risk areas at the community level need to be continuously carried out. If infected people are detected, the investigation teams have to conduct high-risk contact tracing and bring them to be tested according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Public Health. For other provinces where the outbreak situation has begun to decline, surveillance among people traveling from outside the area, especially those with a history of traveling from Bangkok and surrounding areas. These people should be requested to strictly isolate themselves at the local quarantine facilities or at home to observe symptoms for 14 days without going out into the communities. If anyone develops fever or respiratory symptoms, he or she must immediately notify the public health officers or the village health volunteers in the areas to receive COVID-19 testing for immediately.