

Thailand situation update on 23 September 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	230,944,162	602,814	
Deaths	4,734,191		2.05%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number
Total number of new cases	13,256
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported) 	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found in prisons 	478
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission) 	10,620
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found from active case finding (Local transmission) 	2,143
Total number of confirmed cases	1,524,613
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total recovered and discharged from hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals 	1,380,362 (90.54%) 13,829
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing treatment 	128,367 (9.46)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New deaths 	15,884 (1.04%) 131

Screening, Testing, and PUI	Total Number
Total number of people screened	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports) 	9,152,380
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	686,824

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

Total number of laboratory tests	3,556,049
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	3,126,225
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returnees in quarantine facilities/centers 	84,090
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who did not meet the PUI criteria 	345,734
Total number of people who met the criteria of PUI	3,126,225
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	6,184
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (911,433 cases in private hospitals, and 2,195,191 cases in public hospitals) 	3,119,953
<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 (15,884 deaths)	Wave: 1 Jan - 14 Dec 2020 (60 deaths)	Wave: 15 Dec 2020 - 31 Mar 2021 (34 deaths)	Wave: 1 April 2021 - now (15,790 deaths)
Case Fatality Rate (CFR) in each age group			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 - 39 years old 	0.20%	0.02%	0.13%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 - 59 years old 	2.10%	0.02%	1.05%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60+ years old 	6.50%	2.60%	7.95%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <1 year old (2 deaths) 			
Percentage of COVID-19 deaths that consist of elderly patients, patients with underlying diseases including obesity, or pregnant patients			
	64%	100%	89%

3. Thailand Implementations

- The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) together with private hospitals have implemented the free of charge active case finding in Bangkapi district that has many crowded communities. The service aims to rapidly detect infected cases and isolate them from the communities. This active searching will help detect those asymptomatic cases and isolate them to prevent spreading of COVID-19 to their family members and communities. Infected cases will rapidly get proper treatment.
- The COVID-19 vaccination center at Bang Sue Grand Station has announced the AstraZeneca booster dose service for people who received 2 doses of Sinovac vaccine at the center in May 2021. The booster dose service will be provided from 24 September 2021 onward.
- Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Research Innovation has published the guideline and criteria on the opening of higher education institutions across the country in November 2021. The institutions will be opened when the local COVID-19 situation has improved and strict measures including immunization, prevention, surveillance, and treatment are in place.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

Based on the COVID-19 situation monitoring on September 23, 2021, Thailand has had 1,524,513 cumulated confirmed cases. Today, there are 13,256 new cases with 131 deaths of whom most are at-risk groups of severe illness. Therefore, these groups of people are encouraged to receive vaccination service as soon as possible when it becomes available. Responsible officers are assigned to closely monitor the infection situation. In addition, the public are advised to maintain strict disease prevention measures such as wearing masks, washing hands, keeping physical distance from others and avoiding unnecessary travel, especially to high-risk areas.