

Thailand situation update on 24 September 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	231,444,750	500,588	
Deaths	4,743,971		2.05%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number
Total number of new cases	12,697
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported) 	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found in prisons 	170
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission) 	11,313
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cases found from active case finding (Local transmission) 	1,203
Total number of confirmed cases	1,537,310
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total recovered and discharged from hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals 	1,393,902 (90.67%) 13,540
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing treatment 	127,392 (9.33)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New deaths 	16,016 (1.04%) 132

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) 	9,157,368
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana 	686,824
Total number of laboratory tests	3,562,665

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

• People who met the PUI criteria	3,132,830
• Returnees in quarantine facilities/centers	84,101
• People who did not meet the PUI criteria	345,734
Total number of people who met the criteria of PUI	3,132,830
• Detected from ports of entry	6,184
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (911,433 cases in private hospitals, and 2,195,191 cases in public hospitals)	3,126,558
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups, and U-Tapao	88

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation)

Characteristics of Deaths (16,016 deaths)	Wave: 1 Jan - 14 Dec 2020 (60 deaths)	Wave: 15 Dec 2020 - 31 Mar 2021 (34 deaths)	Wave: 1 April 2021 - now (15,922 deaths)
Case Fatality Rate (CFR) in each age group			
• 15 - 39 years old	0.20%	0.02%	0.13%
• 40 - 59 years old	2.10%	0.02%	1.05%
• 60+ years old	6.50%	2.60%	7.94%
• <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 Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) has announced the closure of the Budsarakam Field Hospital after its 130 days of operation. This is due to the implemented prevention and control measures that have resulted in a continuously decreasing trend of daily new COVID-19 confirmed cases. During the past 1 - 2 weeks of September 2021, the cases at the hospital have dramatically decreased to approximately 5 cases per day while other patients have fully recovered and discharged from the hospital. Therefore, all supplies and equipment will be moved out starting September 20, 2021. The mission is scheduled to be completed on September 30. The area will be returned to the Impact Arena on October 1, 2021.
- The National Communicable Disease Committee has given approval to the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) to reduce the quarantine period for travelers from abroad in the pilot tourism areas. The committee has also acknowledged the COVID-19 vaccination plan to achieve its target during October and December 2021.
- Loei Province has announced the opening of Phu Kradueng National Park on October 1, 2021 in the form of COVID Free Setting. Tourists must have a complete vaccination as scheduled or take the RT-PCR or ATK tests for no more than 3 days and strictly follow the COVID-19 preventive measures according to the Ministry of Public Health.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

According to the COVID-19 situation monitoring, as of September 24, 2021, Thailand has had 1,537,310 cumulated confirmed cases. Today there are 12,697 new cases with 132 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.