

Thailand situation update on 15 October 2021

1. International Situation

	Total Number	Daily Increase	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Confirmed cases	240,462,717	441,558	
Deaths	4,898,986		2.04%

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

Situation	Total Number
Total number of new cases	10,486
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	42
• Cases found in prisons	167
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	10,444
• Cases found from active case finding (Local transmission)	700
7-day average of daily confirmed cases from positive PCR tests over total PCR tests given	14.68%
Total number of confirmed cases	1,762,190
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	1,636,461 (92.56%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	10,590
• Undergoing treatment	107,606 (6.41%)
• Deaths	18,123 (1.03%)
- New deaths	94
Daily Number of new Vaccinations (Doses)**	583,994
• First dose	343,822
• Second dose	219,841
• Third dose	420,331
Total number of Vaccinations (Doses)**	52,579,803
• First dose	36,239,806

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

by Emergency Operations Center, Department of Disease Control

• Second dose	24,502,527
• Third dose	1,837,470

Screening, Testing, and PUI	Total Number
Total number of people screened	
• Ports of entry (Airports, ground ports, and seaports)	9,281,372
• People renewing their passports at the Immigration Bureau, Chaeng Watthana	701,053

Remark: *PUI (Patients Under Investigation) ** Updated on October 13th, 2021

Characteristics of Deaths (18,123 deaths)	Wave: 1 Jan - 14 Dec 2020 (60 deaths)	Wave: 15 Dec 2020 - 31 Mar 2021 (34 deaths)	Wave: 1 April 2021 - now (18,029 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%	1.02%
• 60+ years old	6.50%	2.60%	7.77%
• < 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%	90%

3. Thailand Implementations

The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration approved the plan to re-open the country on November 1, 2021 to welcome travelers who have completed immunization from five low-risk countries entering Thailand. However, there is no additional list of countries to be announced for this plan. Starting October 16, 2021, the curfew in the dark red zone will be reduced to 23.00 – 03.00. A high strict control area or dark red zone will be reduced from 29 provinces to 23 provinces.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs revealed the registration for a travel certificate to Thailand that has developed the Thailand Pass system for Thai and foreign travelers. Thai and foreign travelers can register, fill in information and download documents prior to entering the country. This system supports the policy of ease of travel after the reopening of the country

as well as the replacement for the issuance of COE documents. It can reduce the process of filling and uploading documents of travelers before entering Thailand.

The Ministry of Public Health, led by the Minister of Health, has been actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in four southern provinces. A target has been set that 70% of people will be vaccinated by October 2021. The implementation of disease prevention measures in those areas has been achieved using 4 measures as follows: 1. DMHTT and Universal Prevention; 2. Pfizer vaccine for controlling the spread of 3 strains; 3. Covid Free Settings, and 4. Active case finding in communities with ATK.

4. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

There are over 240 million cases worldwide related to COVID-19. The number of daily infections is likely to decrease if compared to August, but still at the level of more than 300,000 people a day. There are still a large number of outbreaks in countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia and Turkey. The ASEAN region also has a declining trend. The outbreak is still very high in the Philippines and Malaysia, where there are more than 7,000 daily cases. In Thailand, there were 1,733,327 cumulated cases of the outbreak. There are currently 10,277 new cases in 77 provinces and 167 new cases in prisons. The daily number of infected persons has tended to decrease, particularly in Bangkok and surrounding areas, but remains at a level of more than nine thousand cases per day. New cases continue to occur in large numbers in the central, and southern regions, particularly in border areas.

The provinces hardest hit by this wave are Bangkok, Samut Prakan, Chon Buri, Samut Sakhon and Nonthaburi. In addition, new clusters are still found in workplaces and community sources that can spread the disease at the household unit. Deaths from this wave of outbreaks were 18,029 which represents a mortality rate of 1.04%. Most deaths were among the elderly and those with chronic diseases who had not been vaccinated.

Regarding the current vaccination situation in Thailand, over 63.6 million doses have been administered and over 25 million people have received two or more doses of the vaccine. This week, the trend in the number of infected people has decreased but is likely to remain above 8,000 cases. While COVID-19 restrictions have begun to be relaxed, there should still be ongoing surveillance of patients with symptoms that meet the case definition for COVID-19. Cluster investigations need to be implemented to identify places at risk of outbreaks, risk factors and accelerated disease control measures. In addition, there must be communication with the public to follow the prevention and control measures especially in the highest control and strict areas such as wearing masks, frequently washing hands, working from home as much as possible, reducing unnecessary travel especially in risky areas that have a lot of people, and receiving the vaccine when it is made available to your target group. Its return is expected for the re-opening of the country in November 2021.