

## Thailand situation update on 6 April 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 6 April 2020, there were a total of 1,277,224 confirmed cases with 45,902 patients in critical condition and 69,568 COVID-19 deaths across more than 205 countries, two Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China (Hong Kong and Macau), and on cruise ships. The ten countries with the most confirmed COVID-19 cases include: the United States (336,851 cases), Spain (131,646), Italy (128,948), Germany (100,123), France (92,839), the People's Republic of China (82,643 cases, as well as 891 and 44 cases in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, respectively), Iran (58,226), England (47,806), Turkey (27,069) and Switzerland (21,176).

### 2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

#### 2.1 Surveillance Protocol for COVID-19

The accumulated data from 3 January to 6 April 2020 showed that among 36,665 flights, there were a total of 4,389,350 passengers screened. Among those, 565 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). For the screening protocol outside the airports, 132,259 people from 1,386 ships were screened at sea ports between 1 January and 5 April 2020 and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,770,452 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 5 April 2020. Between 30 January to 3 April 2020, a total of 143,664 people who were renewing their passports were screened at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road. The total number of PUI from all ports is currently 567 people.

#### 2.2 Situation of Patients with Suspected Symptoms of COVID-19 in Thailand.

On 5 April 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 597 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 25,071 PUI, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Results of screening implementation to detect patients with suspected symptoms of COVID-19

Situation	Total number of PUI
<b>Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)</b>	25,857
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from the airport screening (Suvarnabhumi: 160, Don Mueang: 41, Phuket: 8, Chiang Mai: 3)</li> </ul>	565
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from seaports</li> </ul>	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (Private hospitals: 2,196 cases, Government hospitals: 2,221 cases)</li> </ul>	25,202

Situation	Total number of PUI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao</li> </ul>	88
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	2,220
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	824
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	1,370
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaths</li> </ul>	26
<b>Severe cases (including undergoing treatment)</b>	30

In Thailand, there have been 2,220 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 824 patients have recovered and returned home, 26 patients have died, and 30 are in critical condition undergoing treatment.

The median age of the confirmed cases is 37 years old (ranging from 5 months to 86 years old). 1,195 cases are male, and 958 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.25:1) and gender data is not available for 67 cases.

In terms of nationality, 1,920 are Thai, 33 cases are Chinese, 22 are French, 20 are British, 11 are Japanese, nine are American, nine are Russian, eight are Canadian, seven are Burmese, six are German, six are Italian, six are Swedish, five are Danish, five are Belgian, five are Swiss, four are Pakistani, three are South Korean, three are Singaporean, three are Australians, two are Portuguese, two are Indonesian, two are Spanish, two are Cambodian, two are Malaysian, two are Filipino, two are Albanian, one is Uzbek, one is Iranian, one is a New Zealander, one is Finnish, one is Ukrainian, one is Laos, one is Taiwanese, one is Serbian, one is Liberian, one is Vietnamese, one is Hungarian, one is Mexican, one is Tunisian, one is Thai-Indian, one is Dutch, and data are not available for 103.

Underlying diseases were found in some of those cases including hypertension (16 cases), allergy (15 cases), diabetes (6 cases), other NCDs (10 cases), asthma (7 cases), dyslipidemia (1 case), psoriasis (1 case), salivary gland cancer (1 case), paranasal sinus disease (1 case), COPD (1 case), multiple underlying diseases (13 cases), stroke (1 case), epilepsy (1 case), thyroid disease (1 case), thrombocytopenia (1 case), myasthenia gravis (1 case), and valvular heart disease (1 case). There were 2,142 cases reported without any underlying disease. 40 cases were detected from the screening protocol at airports, 1,372 cases sought medical treatment by themselves, 808 cases were tracked via case investigation and defined as close contacts, and one case was found within the group of Thai workers returning from Wuhan.

### 3. Thailand Precautions

- Prachuap Khiri-khan Province ordered that all citizens must wear surgical or cloth masks when going out of their residences. Violators are subject to a fine not exceeding 20,000 baht under the Communicable Disease Act 2015 (B.E. 2558).
- Surat Thani Province ordered to prohibit travel to Koh Samui Municipality, Koh Samui District exempt for 1) people holding a medical certificate with no evidence of SARS-

CoV-2 infection from a governmental hospital within 72 hours before departure 2) the transportation of essential goods for the consumption of agricultural products and livestock products, animal feed, liquefied gas, fuel, postage, medical equipment, money transportation of banks or financial institutions, vehicles for construction, maintenance components, vehicles for transporting parcels and publications, etc. and the persons as mentioned above with medical certificates. In the case of people traveling from risk areas or people suspected of being carriers, they will be quarantined for 14 days at the designated areas specified by the disease communicable disease control officers. Also, in the event where government officials need to travel in and out of the said areas, the head of the government agency shall issue a certificate of duties to be performed for those government officials with the government official identification cards to be inspected by the local officials.

- Mae Hong Son, Nan, Tak, Trat, Phuket, Satun, Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat provinces announced to prohibit people from entering and exiting between the provinces except for those who the disease control officers allow case by case. Entry to these nine provinces are closed except for reasons relating to medical treatment, disease prevention, the shipment of necessary goods, consumption goods, medical supplies, rescue cars, ambulances and government vehicles.
- Si Mum Mueang Market has adjusted the sale time of agricultural products from 24 hours/day to 4.00 am. - 10.00 pm. Trucks that deliver agricultural products between 10.00 pm. to 04.00 am. need to obtain permission given by the district office (where the transported goods departed from) mentioning that they were allowed to leave their residence.
- The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand has announced the Notification of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand on Temporary Ban on All International Flights to Thailand (No. 2) to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand hereby issues the following orders:
  1. According to the latest Notification of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand, the ban on international passenger flights to Thailand will be extended from 6 April 2020 at 17.00 UTC to 18 April 2020 at 17.00 UTC. All flight permits granted for the said period will be canceled.
  2. The ban does not apply to state or military aircraft, emergency landing, technical landing without disembarkation, humanitarian, medical or relief flights, repatriation flights and cargo flights.
  3. The passengers on board the aircraft leaving the airport of departure before entry into Thailand prior to enforcement of this notification will be subject to a 14-day quarantine under the Communicable Disease Act and the regulation under the Emergency Decree on the State of Emergency.

#### 4. Risk Communication to the Public

- The measures including disease screening, isolation, quarantine or quarantine for observation to control and prevent the disease are implemented among passengers departing from areas or countries affected by COVID -19.
- In cases where it is necessary to make contact with other people, please wear a mask and maintain a distance of at least 1 meter between yourself and the other person

when interacting with others. It is also recommended to only make contact with people for a short period.

- Regularly wash hands with water and soap or use alcohol gel. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands.
- Do not use or share personal stuff with others (i.e. handkerchiefs, glasses, and towels) since pathogens causing respiratory disease can be transmitted to other people through secretions.
- Avoid eating raw food.