

## Thailand situation update on 7 April 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 7 April 2020, there were a total of 1,350,060 confirmed cases with 47,431 patients in critical condition and 74,843 COVID-19 deaths across more than 206 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 (367,650 cases), Spain (136,675), Italy (132,547), Germany (103,375), France (98,010), the People's Republic of China (82,699 cases, as well as 915 and 44 cases in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, respectively), Iran (60,500), England (51,608), Turkey (30,217) and Switzerland (21,712).

### 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 36,695 flights, there were a total of 4,390,744 passengers screened. Among those, 568 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). For the screening protocol outside the airports, 132,385 people from 1,417 ships were screened at sea ports between 1 January and 6 April 2020 and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,772,647 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 6 April 2020. Between 30 January to 7 April 2020, a total of 146,032 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 570 people.

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

On 7 April 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 1,192 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 27,049 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>	27,049
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from the airport screening (Suvarnabhumi: 160, Don Mueang: 41, Phuket: 8, Chiang Mai: 3)</li> </ul>	568
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detected from seaports</li> </ul>	2

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Situation	Total number of PUI
<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>	26,391
<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>	2,258
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered and discharged from hospitals</li> </ul>	888
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergoing Treatment</li> </ul>	1,343
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deaths</li> </ul>	27
<b>Severe cases (including undergoing treatment)</b>	61

In Thailand, there have been 2,258 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 888 patients have recovered and returned home, 27 patients have died, and 61 are in critical condition undergoing treatment.

The median age of the confirmed cases is 37 years old (ranging from 1 months to 86 years old). 1,221 cases are male, and 989 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.3:1) and gender data is not available for 48 cases.

In terms of nationality, 1,949 are Thai, 33 cases are Chinese, 22 are French, 20 are British, 11 are Japanese, 10 are Russian, nine are American, eight are Canadian, eight 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, two are Kazakh, 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, one is Brazilian, one is Israeli, and data are not available for 104.

Underlying diseases were found in some of those cases including hypertension (16 cases), allergy (15 cases), diabetes (6 cases), other NCDs (11 cases), asthma (7 cases), dyslipidemia (2 cases), psoriasis (1 case), salivary gland cancer (1 case), paranasal sinus disease (1 case), COPD (1 case), multiple underlying diseases (15 cases), stroke (1 case), epilepsy (1 case), thyroid disease (2 cases), thrombocytopenia (1 case), myasthenia gravis (1 case), and valvular heart disease (1 case), There were 2,175 cases reported without any underlying disease. 40 cases were detected from the screening protocol at airports (one case was found within the

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group of Thai workers returning from Wuhan), 1,397 cases sought medical treatment by themselves, 821 cases were tracked via case investigation and defined as close contacts.

### 3. Thailand Precautions

- The Prime Minister announced COVID-19 as the priority on the national agenda and ordered an increase in the budget for the Budget Expenditure Transfer Act B.E. 2563. He also gave clarification that the Bank of Thailand will use 900 billion baht to facilitate financial management moves to boost the economy. There are also arrangements for an emergency decree to allow the Government to secure and able to seek a one trillion baht loan.
- The Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Army Headquarters has provided staff to assist at the COVID-19 screening checkpoints including military police who will be trained before operating at the local level. For the border guard force stationed at checkpoints, there will be staff appointed for government service. Moreover, 1st Army Area is requested to send a list of military personnel and military medical officers who are under the age of 50 to prepare for any operations that may be asked by the Ministry of Public Health.
- The Vice President of the Senate Standing Committee on Public Health emphasized the important factors determining the number of infections including knowledge, understanding and discipline of people in the nation, avoiding unnecessary travel outside their residences, wearing face masks, and maintaining a distance of two meters away from others.
- If people continue to go to crowded places such as entertainment venues, places where they drink and eat together, and parties or meals at beaches and parks, the number of infections will not be reduced.
- The Cabinet agreed upon the proposal made by the Ministry of Education regarding the adjustment of the date to open the first semester of educational institutes in 2020. The opening date will be postponed from 16 May 2020 to 1 July 2020. In addition, the Ministry of Education will adjust the teaching format to be in line with the determined courses of each educational level and will closely coordinate with the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA).
- The Cabinet agreed upon the draft announcement of the Ministry of Finance regarding customs exemptions for imported equipment used for the treatment, diagnosis and prevention of COVID -19.
- The Ministry of Public Health reported about using hotels as temporary field hospitals, and currently many hotel owners have shown interest in joining this project but they must pass the standard assessment and be approved for healthcare workers by the Department of Medical Services. In Bangkok, there are two hotels which are certified and passed the assessment i.e. Princeton Bangkok Hotel with 270 rooms and is already taking care of 50 people with COVID-19 and The Palazzo Hotel with 439 rooms available.
- Phrae province announced to close the province from 10 April 2020 to 17 April 2020 and prohibit entering and exiting the province. Exceptions include cases that request permission and have the document that informs of their business according to the

specified main route. However, Phrae province will announce again the details of the specified main route that can be used to enter and exit.

#### 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.