

## Thailand situation update on 11 April 2020

### 1. International Situation

As of 11 April 2020, there were a total of 1,703,816 confirmed cases with 49,843 patients in critical condition and 102,892 COVID-19 deaths across more than 207 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 (503,177 cases), Spain (158,273), Italy (147,577), France (124,869), Germany (122,171), the People's Republic of China (82,999 cases, as well as 1,001 and 45 cases in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, respectively), England (73,758), Iran (68,192), Turkey (47,029) and Belgium (26,667).

### 2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

#### 2.1 Surveillance Protocol for COVID-19

The accumulated data from 3 January to 10 April 2020 showed that among 36,995 flights, there were a total of 4,394,239 passengers that were screened. Among those, 589 people met the case definition criteria for patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 134,0498 people from 1,529 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 10 April 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,788,710 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 10 April 2020. Between 30 January to 11 April 2020, a total of 151,913 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 591 people.

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

On 11 April 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 846 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 32,830 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>	32,830
• Detected from the airport screening	589
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	32,151
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

Situation	Total number of PUI
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	2,518
• Recovered and discharged from hospitals	1,218
• Undergoing Treatment	1,265
• Deaths	35
<b>Characteristic of Infection in Confirmed cases</b>	2,518
• Local Transmission	2,043
• Imported Case	475
- Designated Quarantine Places	47

Notice: The quarantine measures for travelers from aboard have been in effect as of 3 April 2020

In Thailand, there have been 2,518 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 1,218 patients have recovered and returned home, and 35 patients have died.

A 14-day State Quarantine measure has been implemented by the government for travelers entering Thailand from abroad. On 11 April 2020, 9 additional cases were reported, which brought the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas to 56 cases. 55 cases were Thai people returning from Indonesia and one case from America. All Thai people returning from abroad are required to comply with State Quarantine measures, meaning they have to quarantine in specific provinces; in total there are 2 cases quarantined in Narathiwat, 12 cases in Pattani, 7 cases in Yala, 18 cases in Songkhla, 16 cases in Satun, and 1 case in Bangkok.

The median age of the confirmed cases is 37 years old (ranging from 1 months to 86 years old). 1,320 cases are male, and 1,094 cases are female (ratio of male to female: 1.2:1). Gender data is not available for 104 cases.

In terms of nationality, 2,189 cases are Thai, 33 are Chinese, 22 are French, 20 are British, 12 are Russian, 11 are Japanese, 11 are Burmese, nine are American, eight are Canadian, six are German, six are Italian, six are Swedish, five are Danish, five are Belgian, five are Swiss, five are Singaporean, four are Pakistani, four are Indian, three are South Korean, three are Australian, 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, one is Palestinian, and data is not available for the remaining 114 cases.

Underlying diseases were found in some of these cases, including hypertension (18 cases), hypotension (1 case), allergies (15 cases), diabetes (7 cases), other NCDs (11 cases), asthma (7 cases), dyslipidemia (2 cases), thyroid disease (2 cases), psoriasis (1 case), salivary gland cancer (1 case), paranasal sinus disease (1 case), COPD (1 case), multiple underlying diseases (18 cases), stroke (1 case), epilepsy (1 case), thrombocytopenia (1 case), myasthenia gravis (1 case), valvular heart disease (1 case), and rheumatoid arthritis (1 case). There were 2,427 cases reported without any underlying disease. 40 cases were detected from the screening

protocol at airports (one case was found within the group of Thai workers returning from Wuhan). 1,582 cases monitor and prescribe to a medical treatment regimen for their underlying illness. 896 cases were tracked via case investigation and defined as “close contacts.”

### 3. Thailand Precautions

- The Ministry of Interior announced that the government is required to elevate COVID-19 control measures by patrolling and inspecting risk areas for spread of disease. The government is also required to increase strict enforcement laws to prohibit mass gatherings according to the Emergency Decree; mass gatherings can incur fines up to 40,000 baht and/or up to 2 years in prison.
- The Department of Medical Services has issued a notification saying that necessary information and personal history should be provided to healthcare workers or hospital staff for prevention, control, and treatment purposes. Patients who conceal information or give false information to healthcare workers or government hospital staff, and cause damage to the other people or the public, will be sentenced to either six months in jail and/or must pay a fine not more than 10,000 baht.
- The governor of Phetchaburi Province announced the prohibition of selling liquor everywhere within Phetchaburi. The rules are as follows:
  - 1) Close down liquor stores or prohibit the sale of category 1 and 2 liquor in stores that have a license to sell liquor under the Excise Act. This applies to any liquor stores located in department stores, large retail stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, restaurants, and cafes, and anywhere else that alcoholic beverages are sold. However, these stores can still sell other products.
  - 2) All beaches must be closed between 10 - 30 April 2020. Other seaside activities such as kite surfing, jet skiing, using banana boats, and any other water-related sports are prohibited until 30 April 2020 as well, including any form of social gathering along the beach. Beauty salons can remain open for service at this time, but must follow strict cleaning protocol measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 as recommended by the Ministry of Public Health.
- Krabi made an announcement regarding the identification of people diagnosed with COVID-19. Krabi has also added more measures that will be in effect between 10 to 30 April 2020, stating that if anyone develops COVID-19 like symptoms they must present themselves to a disease control officer (the district chief, district public health office, public health officer, sub-district headman, and village headman) and must not conceal the truth after diagnosis. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will receive 500 Baht per day for the duration of their time spent in treatment at the hospital until their recovery and discharge.

### 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.