

Thailand situation update on 30 May 2020

1. International Situation

As of 30 May 2020, there were a total of 6,047,626 confirmed cases with 53,741 patients in critical condition and 367,172 COVID-19 deaths across more than 210 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 (1,793,530), Brazil (468,338), Russia (396,575), Spain (285,644), England (271,222), Italy (232,248), France (186,835), Germany (183,019), India (174,020) and Turkey (162,120). The 16th is the People's Republic of China (84,127 cases, as well as 1,083 and 45 cases in the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, respectively).

2. The Disease Situation in Thailand

2.1 Surveillance Protocol for COVID-19

The accumulated data from 3 January to 29 May 2020 showed that among 39,532 flights, there were a total of 4,445,282 passengers screened. Among those, 1,352 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI). Outside of the airports, 147,681 people from 2,658 ships were screened at seaports between 1 January and 29 May 2020, and two people met the PUI criteria. There were 1,975,351 people screened at ground ports between 1 February to 29 May 2020. Between 30 January to 30 May 2020, a total of 186,975 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 1,354 people.

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

On 30 May 2020 at 18:00, Thailand announced that 4,173 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 191,920 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
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI) divided by ports	191,920
• Detected from the airport screening	1,352
• Detected from seaports	2
• Sought medical services on their own at hospitals	190,478
• Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao	88

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Situation	Total number of PUI
Confirmed cases	3,077
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	2,963
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergoing Treatment 	58
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths 	57
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,077
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imported Cases 	633
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	140

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

In Thailand, there have been 3,077 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Among the confirmed cases, 2,963 patients have recovered and returned home, and 57 patients have died.

A 14-day State Quarantine measure has been implemented by the government for travelers entering Thailand from abroad. On 29 May 2020, one additional case was reported, and the total number of cases at designated quarantine areas increased to 140 cases. There were 62 cases among Thai people returning from Indonesia, 17 cases from Kuwait, 10 cases from Pakistan, seven cases from America, seven cases from Qatar, seven cases from Saudi Arabia, five cases from the United of Arab Emirates, four cases from Malaysia, three cases from Egypt, three cases from Russia, three cases from India, two cases from England, two cases from Kazakhstan, two cases from Japan, one case from the Netherlands, one case from Bahrain, and one case from Philippines. 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 29 cases quarantined in Bangkok, 24 cases in Chonburi, 22 cases in Songkhla, 18 cases in Satun, 14 cases in Samut Prakan, 13 cases in Pattani, 9 cases in Yala, 8 cases in Narathiwat, and 3 cases in Krabi.

On 8 May 2020, 65 confirmed cases were found at the immigration quarantine unit at Sadao district in Songkhla province (37 cases were Burmese, 20 cases were stateless Rohingya, 3 cases were Vietnamese, 2 cases were Malaysian, 1 case was Yemeni, 1 case was Cambodian, and 1 case was Indian).

The median age of the confirmed cases is 37 years old (ranging from 1 month to 97 years old). 1,685 cases are male, and 1,392 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.2:1).

In terms of nationality, 2,740 cases are Thai, 56 are Burmese, 35 are Chinese, 29 are French, 24 are British, 20 cases are Stateless Rohingya, 12 are Russian, 13 are American, 11 are Japanese, nine are Indian, nine are German, eight are Canadian, eight are Italian, six are Swedish, six are Belgian, six are Swiss, five are Danish, five are Filipino, five are Singaporean, four are Pakistani, four are Australian, four are Malaysian, four are Vietnamese, three are South Korean, three are Indonesian, three are Cambodian, two are Kazakh, two are Brazilian, two are Laos, two are New Zealander (one case is Maori), two are Spanish, two are

Israeli, two are Albanian, one is American-Samoa, one is Malian, one is Kuwaiti, one is Serbian, one is Tunisian, one is Taiwanese, one is Dutch, one is Palestinian, one is Portuguese, one is Finnish, one is Mexican, one is Ukrainian, one is Yemeni, one is Liberian, one is Thai-Indian, one is Iranian, one is Uzbek, one is Hungarian, and data is not available for the remaining 14 cases.

140 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 2,937 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). 1,588 cases sought medical treatment by themselves, 1,189 cases were tracked via case investigation and defined as “close contacts”. A total of 55 confirmed cases were found from the active case finding measures.

3. Thailand Precautions

- The Phuket Communicable Disease Committee has a resolution for people who travel from risk areas (8 provinces including Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Narathiwat, Yala, Krabi, Prachin Buri, Samut Prakan and Chiang Mai) to Phuket, they need to strictly follow the measures by implementing home quarantine for 14 days upon arrival to Phuket in order to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 in the area.
- The National Statistics Office and the Thailand Development Research Institute in collaboration with UNICEF Thailand conducted a survey via an online platform regarding the impacts of COVID-19. The results reflect the 4 main policy implementations as follows:
 1. The respondents expressed a need to reduce implementing the lockdown of cities as much as possible, i.e. invest in building the capacity to detect, investigate and follow up suspected cases including how to quarantine patients in order to be ready for the second wave of the outbreak. In addition, physical distancing efforts and maintaining cleanliness need to be intensively continued.
 2. The government must continually improve the recovery policy, including the process to ensure that recovery is thoroughly uninterrupted, especially for those with low incomes
 3. There should be policies that allow people and the private sector to better adapt to the situation for a long period of time, such as adjusting working hours, changing careers, etc.
 4. There should also be efforts to relieve psychological effects, to alleviate anxiety and stress from the consequences of the COVID-19 epidemic, especially for those who are not able to adjust during the difficult time.

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

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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.