

Thailand situation update on 22 August 2020

1. International Situation

As of 22 August 2020, there were a total of 23,134,006 confirmed cases with 61,710 patients in critical condition and 803,430 COVID-19 deaths across more than 213 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 (5,796,727), Brazil (3,536,488), India (2,979,562), Russia (951,897), South Africa (603,338), Peru (576,067), Mexico (549,734), Colombia (522,138), Spain (407,879), and Chile (393,769). The 34th is the People's Republic of China (84,939 cases, as well as 4,658 and 46 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 as of 21 August 2020 showed that 7,233,642 people had passed through the international ports of entry. Of those, 2,747 people met the case definition criteria of patients under investigation (PUI), as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Screening passengers at ports of entry

Ports of Entry	Total number of screened people	Total number of PUI
Total number	7,233,642	2,747
• Airport screening* (44,339 flights)	4,565,021	2,729
• Seaports**	166,648	2
• Ground ports***	2,243,338	16
• Renewing passports at the Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty at Chaengwattana Road****	258,635	0

Remark: Includes data starting from *January 3rd, **January 1st, ***February 1st, ****January 30th

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

On 22 August 2020 at 12.00, Thailand announced that 1,122 additional people met the criteria for PUI, raising the total to 404,647 PUI, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Results of screening implementation to detect patients with suspected symptoms of COVID-19

Situation	Total number of PUI
Total number of laboratory tests	792,918
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who met the PUI criteria 	404,647
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Active Case Finding 	9,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returnees under state quarantine 	69,581
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who did not meet the PUI criteria 	308,915
Total number of people who met the criteria of patients under investigation (PUI)	404,647
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detected from ports of entry 	2,747
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought medical services on their own at hospitals (127,983 cases in private hospitals, and 273,829 cases in public hospitals) 	401,812
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notified by hotel residences, the Erawan Medical Center, local universities, tour groups and U-Tapao 	88
Confirmed cases	3,390
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovered and discharged from hospitals 	3,221
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Treatment 	111
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths 	58
Characteristics of Infection in Confirmed cases	3,390
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Transmission 	2,444
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imported Cases 	946
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated Quarantine Places* 	453

Notice: *Quarantine measures for travelers from abroad have been in effect since 3 April 2020

The median age of the confirmed cases is 36 years old (ranging from 1 month to 97 years old). 1,899 cases are male, and 1,491 cases are female (the ratio of male to female is 1.23:1). In terms of nationality, 3,044 cases are Thai, 337 cases are foreigners, and data is not available for the remaining 9 cases.

208 cases were reported with underlying diseases and 3,182 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

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health opens Phitsanulok Psychiatric hospital. The hospital aims to take care of people with mental health, psychiatric and drug problems in the Lower Northern region and to be a center for the study of studying psychiatry for related medical students and professional nurses in order to prepare for the rise of mental health and psychiatric problems affected by social, environmental, stress, and COVID-19 epidemic which has its impact on physical and mental health.
- CCSA stated about the way to organise the sport competition that this issue has been frequently consulted with many stakeholders since it related to the daily life and health security of people including the economic system. Therefore, with the concern about the health - related issues, CCSA categorized the type of sports into 2 main types such as 1. indoor sports and 2. outdoor sports. CCSA elucidated that the indoor sports playing in the close venues are risk for the disease transmission, i.e. boxing stadium. Whereas, the outdoor sports which do not have the noise of shouting or cheering up such as Golf have a low risk for the spread of the virus.

4. Risk Communication to the Public

- In case of traveling to areas and across areas by public transport, the public transport operator must prepare the system and comply with the disease control measures, i.e. cleaning the vehicle, screening passengers, encouraging passengers to wear a mask, limiting bus services during certain periods, arranging distance between seats, and limiting the number of passengers. Customers must wear a mask at all times while traveling, refrain from talking and eating on public transport, and register each time they enter/leave the service area.

- For other business places/enterprises, operators are recommended to keep the areas clean, encourage people to wear a mask, limit the number of customers in accordance with the COVID-19 control measures.

- For people visiting crowded places or closed areas such as meeting rooms, department stores, and movie theatres, they are recommended to wear a mask, keep a distance of at least 1-2 meters from other people, and limit contact with other people to be only for a short period of time.



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- 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.