SPOTLIGHT

• On the 2nd May 2020, 6 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand (MoPH), bringing the total number of cases to 2,966. No deaths were reported today.

• Of all reported cases, more than 92% (2,732) have recovered, about 1.8% (54) have died, and 6% (180) are receiving treatment.

• Two cases were identified in people entering Thailand (from India and Japan); both are held in State Quarantine.

• Two cases are close contacts of previously confirmed cases (in Bangkok and Phuket) and two cases were detected through active case finding in Phuket.

• No new cases were identified in healthcare workers.

• To date, 68 of the total 77 provinces have reported cases. 29 of these 68 provinces have not reported any new cases during the past 28 days.

• From 18th April to 1st May, 6,229 people entered Thailand through land borders and were held in local quarantine.

• The daily report for 2nd May showed that 625 people violated the curfew the law (550 were outside home during the curfew and 75 had social gatherings).
UPDATE ON THE ADJUSTMENT OF RESTRICTIONS

• Following the extension of the Emergency Decree, the Government published Directives # 5 and 6 on 1st May to provide guidance for the implementation of phase 1, effective 3rd May, including:
  • The sale of alcohol sale is allowed from 3rd May, but consumption must be at home and gatherings are not allowed. Provincial Governors have authority to ban such sales according to the local situation
  • Travel between provinces should be avoided or delayed; anyone crossing provincial boundaries will be screened at checkpoints. Provincial Governors have authority to require quarantine for people travelling from provinces where new cases are still being reported
  • Restaurants and food outlets in shopping malls can open, but only take-home service is allowed
  • Business operators must follow guidance issued by the Department of Health (DoH)
    • Five key measures are: cleaning, wearing masks, provision of hand washing stations, physical distancing, and limiting the number of people.
    • Additional measures are: temperature screening, reducing time spent in close contact, 1 metre spacing for queuing, increasing ventilation
    • An online platform “Thai stop COVID” is available at http://stopcovid.anamai.moph.go.th for business operators to self-assess whether or not they meet DoH guidance.
    • Monitoring of businesses will be done randomly. Members of the public are encouraged to contribute to monitoring the adherence to guidance by business operators
  • The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration reiterated that collaboration from the public is key. Decisions to move to subsequent phases of re-opening will depend number of new cases and number of people violating curfew
  • MoPH recommendations for individual behaviour after re-opening include:
    • All people (especially older “at risk people“) should only leave home when necessary and avoid unnecessary travels
    • Avoid close contact with others, especially any mass gathering
    • Wear a mask every time going outside home and wash hands frequently

ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

WHAT WHO IS DOING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THAILAND

WHO Thailand is in frequent direct contact with the Royal Thai Government through the Ministry of Public Health, sharing information on key developments, guidelines and scientific updates.

WHO supports the wider UN response, including working with key partners and the Ministry of Public Health to support migrant populations in Thailand. WHO also provides information and advice to staff of the UN system in Thailand.

MEDIA

WHO Thailand’s website, Twitter and Facebook accounts, regularly provide content on all aspects of the outbreak in Thailand and around the world. Media queries can be directed to sethawebmaster@who.int and kanpirom@who.int