On 8th of May 2020, eight 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 3,000.

Three cases were detected through active case finding, including a Thai male from Yala province who had contact with a confirmed case from Malaysia.

Five of the confirmed cases were detected at the immigration detention centre Songkla, all among females aged 19-30 years old.

No deaths were reported today.

Tomorrow, there will be four scheduled repatriation flights for Thai nationals from Japan, the Netherlands and Vietnam.

The Ministry of Transport reports that reductions and suspensions of bus and train routes are ongoing. Preventive measures such as temperature screening, wearing masks and physical distancing are applied in all modes of public transportation, including the BTS and MRT. This will increase passengers’ commuting times.

Passengers undertaking inter-provincial travel should be prepared and aware that travel restrictions vary from province to province.

Passengers can call the Transportation hotline: 1356 (all modes of transport) or 1584 (land transport only).
UPDATES FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn donated medical equipment to Mahasarakam and Nongbua Lumpoo hospitals via the Chaipattana Foundation.
- The Department of Thai traditional and alternative medicine encourages people to eat nutritious food with high fiber content to boost the immune system. Research on Fah Ta Lai Jone Thai herb is in the clinical trial phase (Trial in human). It is a collaboration between the Department of Medical Sciences, MoPH, Bamrasnaradura Infectious Disease Institute, Siriraj Hospital and the Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine, MoPH.

ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

While the government is assessing the possibility of relaxing restrictions such as curfew and allowing certain kinds of businesses to reopen, it is important to remember that the danger of COVID-19 infection has not passed and that this period of re-opening creates new risks.

It is crucial that members of the public continue to practice physical distancing, maintain hand and respiratory hygiene and wear masks where appropriate.

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.

USEFUL LINKS

- The Thailand COVID19 situation report is available in Thai and English, please visit.
- For regular updates on WHO’s response in Thailand, please visit.
- For global figures and technical advice from WHO, please visit.