Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health

9 May 2020

WHO Thailand Situation Report

THAILAND
SITUATION IN THE PAST 24 HOURS

3,004 Confirmed (84 new)
56 Deaths (1 new)
161 Hospitalized
103 Health care staff cases
2,787 Recovered

SPOTLIGHT

- On the 9th of May 2020, four 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 3,004.
- One case is a 36 year old Thai female from Bangkok who had close contact with an infected person. A second case is a 28 year old Thai female who worked in a shopping mall in Phuket.
- The additional two cases (a 41 year old Thai female and a 44 year old Thai male) were detected through active case finding in Yala; both cases had contact with people who had returned from Malaysia.
- One new death was reported today, in a 68 year old male Bangkok resident who developed symptoms on 19th March, was confirmed with COVID-19 on 22nd March and developed complications including sepsis and kidney failure.
- Of the 3004 cases reported, 1631 are male and 1373 are female. Of this total, 2787 people (92.8%) have recovered, 161 (5.4%) are still receiving treatment and 56 (1.8%) have died.
- To date, 68 of 77 provinces have reported cases. A total of 44 previously affected provinces have no new cases reported in the past 28 days.

COVID-19 cases in Thailand, by date of reporting

Source: MoPH, 9 May 2020

UPDATES FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Active Case Finding in Bangkok

- Public Health authorities in Bangkok have identified the following target groups for Active Case Finding: healthcare workers, taxi drivers, public bus drivers, delivery persons, new prisoners, migrant workers and slum residents.
- Khlong Toei Community is considered a slum area; it has 45 ‘sub-communities’ with a total population of around 120,000. Active case finding through screening identified 275 individuals who met the case definition for a PUI (person under investigation), but no laboratory confirmed positive cases were identified.
• Samples are also being collected from urban communities, including housing estate and condominiums. To support outreach to these potentially vulnerable groups, community volunteers have been recruited to work with Bangkok Metropolitan Authority health volunteers as well as NGO networks and monks at local temples.

**ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public are advised to cancel or delay non-essential cross-provincial travel. If it is necessary to travel, the travelers need to prepare documents or other proof of why they need to cross provincial boundaries. They also need to check before travel about the travel restrictions and quarantine requirements of their destination Province.

Individuals travelling across provincial boundaries by train, are required to fill out either a travel form online, or a paper form available at the train station ticket office: this is to certify the need for travel and to help with possible contact tracing in the future.

There’s no health care without health workers.

• Amid the easing of restrictions around COVID-19, it would be easy to lose perspective on how many people have made enormous sacrifices to keep us safe and healthy.
• In the hospital. At the clinic. With the community. Our health workers stand up to COVID-19 for us.
• Even as infections fall, it is vital that we remember that we are not “back to normal”. We must remember that we have to adapt to the new “normal”.
• Healthcare workers are risking their own lives and working tirelessly to contain #COVID19.
• Respect their achievements and prevent another spike in infections and a return to strict restrictions by continuing to wash your hands, maintain respiratory hygiene and continue physical distancing. It’s the least you can do.

**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.

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