

# Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health



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## WHO Thailand Situation Report



**2,988**  
Confirmed  
(1 new)



**54**  
Deaths  
(0 new)



**187**  
Hospitalized



**103**  
Health care  
staff cases



**2,747**  
Recovered

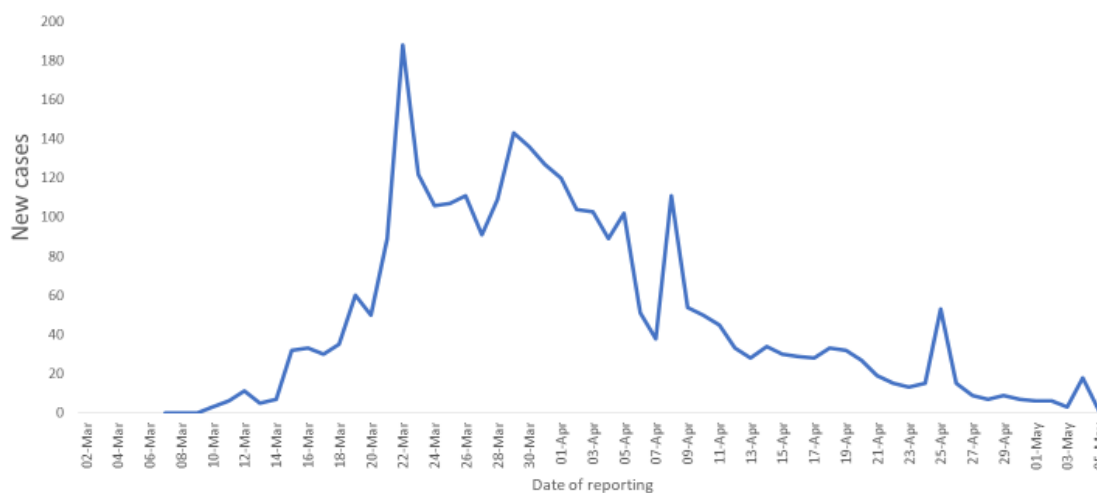


**THAILAND  
SITUATION  
IN THE PAST  
24 HOURS**

## SPOTLIGHT

- On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2020, only one new confirmed case was reported by the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), bringing the total number of cases to 2,988.
- The case is that of a 45-year-old Thai male from Narathiwat Province who has diabetes. He attended a religious event abroad, had close contact with confirmed cases and visited numerous places. Further investigation will be done.
- Zero deaths were reported today.
- The leading risk factors among new confirmed cases in the past two weeks were confinement in Immigration Detention Centres (60 cases) followed by close contact with previously confirmed cases (49), visiting crowded places (8) and working in crowded places (6). The last two factors are concerning, as restrictions are being eased on venues that are expected to draw crowds, such as markets.

### New COVID-19 cases in Thailand, by date of reporting



Source: MoPH, 5 May 2020

## UPDATES FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### Testing and laboratory standards

- Currently a total of 150 laboratories (public, university and private laboratories) are certified by the Department of Medical Science (DMSc) to perform COVID-19 tests using RT-PCR.
- Criteria for becoming certified laboratory for COVID-19 testing includes:
  - Medical technologists are experienced with RT-PCR tests and have passed the DMSc proficiency test
  - Facility has a RT-PCR machine and meets biosafety standards
  - The quality control systems and reporting systems as set by the Department of Disease Control (DDC) are in place.
- As of 5 May 2020, a total of 228,760 samples were tested nationwide. Last week, the average capacity was at 6,000 samples per week, a two-fold increase when compared with the first week of April.

# UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

## Monitoring compliance with required measures for various kinds of establishments/venues

- A number of multidisciplinary teams (police, military, local authorities and public health) were deployed across the country to monitor compliance with compulsory measures by eight types of establishments/venues after easing of restrictions. A total of 9,383 establishment/venues were monitored and found that overall, 4% were non-compliant. Restaurants and cafes were found to have the highest non-compliance rate at 6.7%, followed by sports centres at 4.7% and barbers/salons at 3.1%.

## Stigma and discrimination

- The government says that people in the community should be united and help each other since everyone regardless of profession or nationality and that no one should be stigmatized or discriminated against.
- Thailand acknowledges the contribution of workers from neighbouring countries to the economy and will leave no one behind. The government called on people to be inclusive and compassionate.

## Visakha Bucha Day (religious event and public holiday on 6 May)

- The Sangha Supreme Council of Thailand has issued a directive to all temples to cancel candlelight processions in order to avoid gatherings of people at temples.
- Temples are encouraged to organize live broadcasts instead.

# ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

## WHO SAVE LIVES: CLEAN YOUR HANDS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

### Hand Hygiene in the Community

You can play a critical role in fighting COVID-19

- Hands have a crucial role in the transmission of COVID-19.
- COVID-19 virus primarily spreads through droplet and contact transmission. Contact transmission means by touching infected people and/or contaminated objects or surfaces. Thus, your hands can spread virus to other surfaces and/or to your mouth, nose or eyes if you touch them.

### Why is Hand Hygiene so important in preventing infections, including COVID-19?

- Hand Hygiene is one of the most effective actions you can take to reduce the spread of pathogens and prevent infections, including the COVID-19 virus.
- Community members can play a critical role in fighting COVID-19 by adopting frequent hand hygiene as part of their day-to-day practices.

### Wash your hands

Wash your hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty.

If your hands are not visibly dirty, frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

Join the #SAFEHANDS challenge now and save lives! Post a video or picture of yourself washing your hands and tag #SAFEHANDS

- WHO calls upon policy makers to provide the necessary infrastructure to allow people to effectively perform hand hygiene in public places;
- to support hand hygiene supplies and best practices in health care facilities.

### Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands

- after coughing or sneezing
- before eating for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before visiting
- after toilet use
- after hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste

### Hand Hygiene in Health Care

Why is it important to participate in the WHO global hand hygiene campaign for the fight against COVID-19?

- The WHO global hand hygiene campaign **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** mobilizes people around the world to increase adherence to hand hygiene in health care facilities, thus protecting health care workers and patients from COVID-19 and other pathogens.
- Nurses and other health care workers are the front-line heroes saving lives from COVID-19. In alignment with the **Year of the Nurse and the Midwife**, the global hand hygiene campaign 2020 recognizes their critical role in the prevention of infections.
- The campaign also contributes to the **United Nations Secretary-General's Global Call to Action on WASH** in health care facilities.



5 May is **Hand Hygiene Day**, which mobilizes people around the world to increase adherence to hand hygiene in health care facilities, protecting health care workers and patients from infections.

This year, the campaign theme “**SAVE LIVES: Clean your hands**”, is aligned with the **Year of the Nurse and the Midwife**, and aims to recognize nurses and midwives as front-line heroes who deserve acknowledgement and appreciation, and highlight their critical roles in infection prevention.

The main goal of the Global Hand Hygiene Day campaign is to recognize that handwashing is one of the most effective actions you can take to reduce the spread of pathogens and prevent infections, including the COVID-19 virus.

# 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.



- 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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