

# Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health



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## WHO Thailand Situation Report



**3,017**  
Confirmed  
(0 new)



**56**  
Deaths  
(0 new)



**117**  
Hospitalized



**2,844**  
Recovered

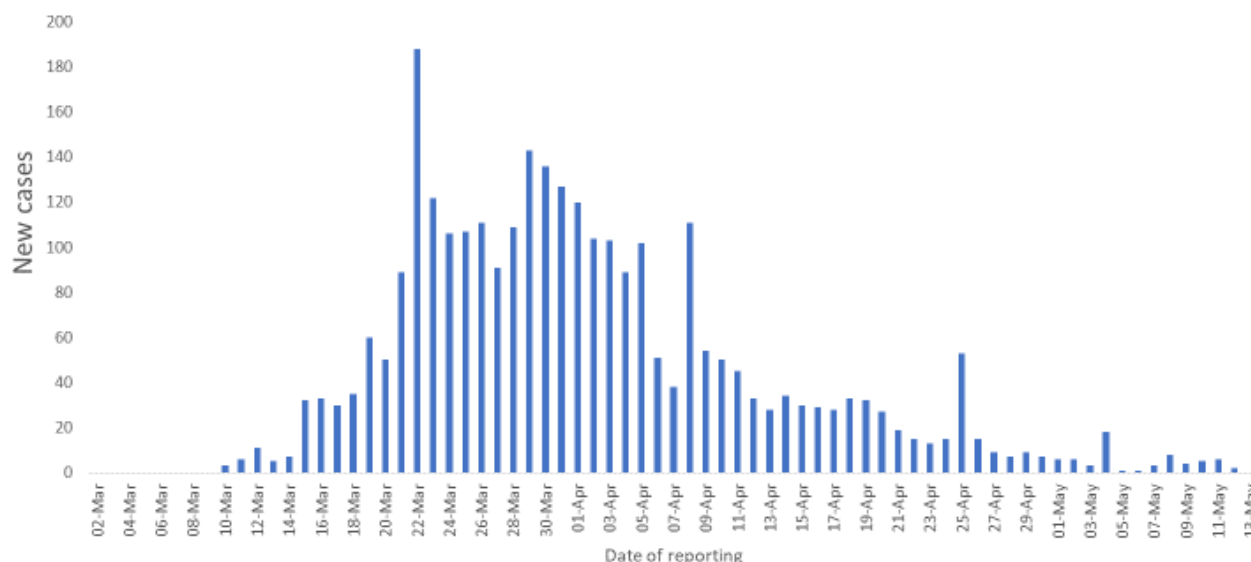


**THAILAND  
SITUATION  
IN THE PAST  
24 HOURS**

## SPOTLIGHT

- On the 13th of May 2020, no new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand (MoPH). This is the first time since the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 that there were no new cases. The total number of cases stands at 3,017.
- No deaths were reported today.
- To date, 68 of 77 provinces have reported cases. Nine provinces have never reported any cases. A total of 50 provinces have reported no new cases in the past 28 days. Only 18 provinces have ongoing cases (reported in the past 28 days).
- The majority of cases in the past two weeks were detected among individuals in Immigration Detention Centres, in people who have had close contact with previously confirmed cases, Thai returnees from abroad being held in quarantine, and those visiting crowded places. Many have also been detected through active case finding in the community.

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



Source: MoPH, 13 May 2020

## UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE FOR COVID-19 SITUATION ADMINISTRATION

- As 'low-risk' public venues reopen, the CCSA has requested service providers and the public to strictly follow the recommended health measures such as hand hygiene, avoiding touching eyes, nose, mouth, respiratory etiquette, wearing face masks and physical distancing.

- The National Office of Buddhism has arranged free food distribution both at the temples and using mobile services. Canteens have been established in 77 provinces across country, benefiting more than 200,000 people. This project is also being implemented in more than 500 Buddhist temples abroad.
- The CCSA referred today to the WHO recommendations on the criteria that should be in place before countries transition away from physical distancing measures that have been in place.
- While the figures of zero deaths and zero new cases today is good news, the CCSA reminds the public not to let their guard down and to remain vigilant.

# The 6 steps

## WHAT THEY ARE?

These are criteria that any country should use to keep transmission of COVID-19 low and at manageable levels.

These steps can help countries gradually lift restrictions in phases. This will allow some resumption of economic and social life, while minimizing the risk of disease.

## WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

The six criteria outline what should be in place before transitioning away from these measures currently in place, such as physical distancing and "shutdowns".

This "slow and strategic" response is necessary because the virus spreads rapidly and outbreaks can occur quickly.

There are no new vaccines or medicines to prevent or treat COVID-19. Physical distancing measures and movement restrictions are effective in slowing the spread of the virus by limiting contact between people. If these measures are lifted too early or too quickly it is likely to lead to a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases.

## WHAT THEY ARE NOT.

These six steps do not guarantee that COVID-19 will not re-emerge or increase. Without vaccines or medicines, our societies must balance the need and hardship of physical distancing measures to control COVID-19 and the need to resume important activities in our lives. As these six criteria are applied, decisions about when and where to move away from restrictions should be based on real-time assessments of disease activity. Measures should be lifted in a phased, step-by-step manner.

## The World Health Organization has outlined six criteria that each country should meet before lifting restrictions:

- 1 Transmission of the coronavirus is under control.
- 2 The health system is able to detect, test, isolate and treat every case and trace every contact.
- 3 The risk of outbreak hotspots is minimized in vulnerable settings like health facilities.
- 4 Workplaces, schools and other essential places have preventative measures in place.
- 5 Measures are in place to manage the risk of importing new cases.
- 6 Communities are fully educated, engaged and empowered to adjust to the new norms.

**"Why can't we just lift the lockdown?"**

Speculation about lifting of restrictions that are currently in place to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus is hot topic in media. It is important that restrictions are lifted slowly and strategically, with a tapering off of restrictions that will hopefully avoid a new cycle of outbreaks.

**"While COVID-19 accelerates very fast, it decelerates much more slowly,"** warns WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "We need to be aware that measures such as physical distancing only slow the spread of the virus", broad, but do not eradicate it."

Even after cases peak or reach low levels, we will not be able to return to normal, and will need to keep adjusting our strategies according to the latest evidence. "These decisions should be based on human health and guided by how the virus behaves," said Dr. Tedros. "Our global interconnectedness means the risk of re-introduction and emergence of the disease will continue. *We need to prepare for a 'new normal' which will require all of us to re-check our behaviors for the foreseeable future.*"

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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.



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