Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health



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WHO Thailand Situation Report











THAILAND SITUATION IN THE PAST 24 HOURS

SPOTLIGHT

- On the 18th of May 2020, three 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 3,031.
- Of these, more than 94% (2,857) have recovered, about 1.9% (56) have died and about 3.8% (118) are receiving treatment.
- All three new cases had contact with previous confirmed cases. Two cases were reported in Bangkok and had contacts from the same workplace, while another case was reported in Phuket.
- No new deaths were reported today.
- The Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration highlighted that although movement within the country is allowed, travellers should stay vigilant and seek COVID-19 testing if they develop symptoms.

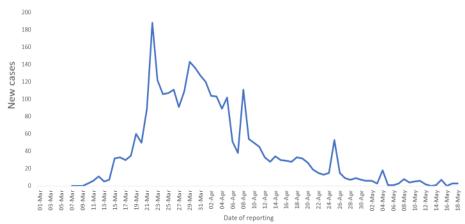
UPDATES FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MoPH monitoring of measures on relaxation of restrictions

Between 7th-15th May, the Ministry of Public Health, led by the Department of Health, monitored the implementation of measures at 2,375 venues allowed to open during phase 1.

Results show many positive aspects as well as areas for improvement:

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



Source: MoPH, 18 May 2020

- Markets: more than 95% of market owners, vendors and visitors always wore a mask.
 Some areas for improvement are: limiting the number of visitors (in 39% of venues inspected), limiting time spent in the venue (32%), cleaning toilets (17%), physical distancing of 1-2 meters (17%).
- Parks: the survey found park-goers' use of masks while talking was at 100%; cleaning of the park before and after opening hours (100%); and physical distancing (100%).
 Areas for improvement include: cleaning sports equipment and benches (insufficient in 8% of parks inspected); providing bins with lids and emptying bins everyday (5%)' providing sufficient hand-washing stations (3%).

Contact tracing through 'Thai Chana' digital platform

Results of the first day of implementation show good cooperation from business establishments and the public.

- As at 8.00p.m. of 17th May, the records show that 44,386 outlets across the country had registered via www.ไทยชนะ.com and 2,002,897 people had used this platform.
- Individuals scan QR codes when entering the outlets (no. of check ins yesterday: 2,658,754) and when leaving (no. of check outs: 1,845,191).
- Users also asess the outlets' adherence to the CCSA's orders and MoPH's guidance (no. of assessments: 1,258,261).

- The CCSA encouraged the public to use and download the 'Thai Chana' application.
- The English language version of this application will also be launched very soon. The CCSA reiterated that data and information from this platform will be used by the Department of Disease Control and MoPH for a limited period and for the purposes of contact tracing and treatment only. Data will not be shared with others.

Mental health

According to the Department of Mental Health (DoMH), the reported suicide mortality rate in Thailand during 2007-2018 was between 5.77 and 8.59 (per 100,000 population).

- The DoMH aims to reduce mental health impacts (stress, burnout, suicide, depression) of COVID-19 and has set a goal to maintain the suicide mortality rate in 2020 at 8 per 100,000 population.
- The DoMH will focus its effort in four target groups i.e.: health care workers; COVID-19 patients and their families; people with chronic non-communicable diseases; people who abuse drugs and alcohol.

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.



- 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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