

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the CCSA mid-day press briefing



World Health
Organization
Thailand

26 December 2020

WHO Thailand Situation Report



6,020
Confirmed



60
Deaths



1,808
Hospitalized



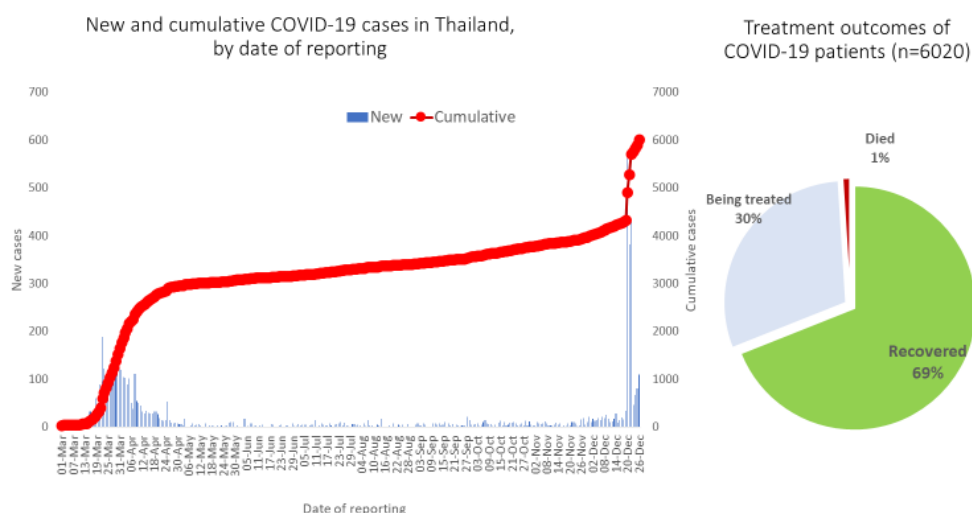
4,152
Recovered



THAILAND
SITUATION
UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT

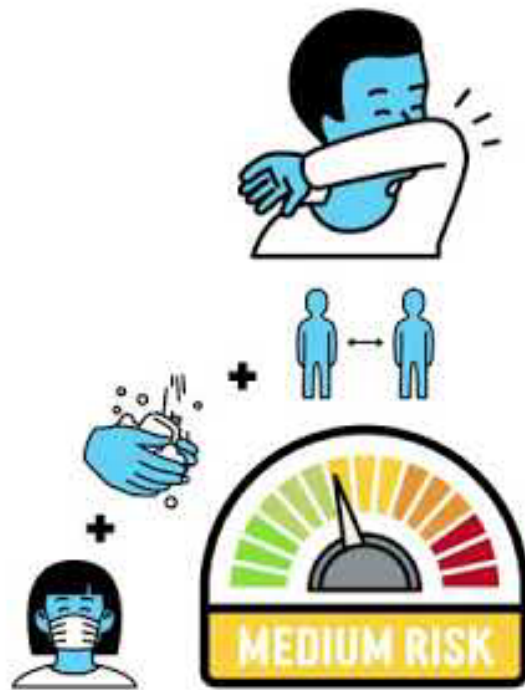
- On the 26th of December 2020, 110 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were reported by the Ministry of Public Health. The total number of cases reported in Thailand is currently 6,020.
- Of these cases, 69% (4,152) have recovered, 1% (60) have died and 30% (1,808) are still receiving treatment. No new deaths were reported.
- The 110 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include 16 individuals who entered the country recently and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities. There are 64 new cases classified as 'domestic transmission' including 60 that are linked to the Samut Sakhon event and four under investigation. The remaining 30 cases are in migrant workers in Samut Sakhon who have been identified through contact tracing and active case finding.
- COVID-19 cases linked to the event in Samut Sakhon have now been reported in 33 Provinces.
- A new structure for the CCSA published in the Royal Gazette includes an agency called CCSA MoI (CCSA Ministry of Interior). Authority will be decentralized to Provincial Governors to decide on the local COVID-19 control measures.
- A nationwide ban on large events and other 'mass gatherings' is now in place.
- Rapid tests that require a blood sample and that can provide results within 30 minutes will be used in high risk groups (both Thai and migrants) in Samut Sakhon to supplement the nasopharyngeal swab tests that have been used to date.
- The 100 (plus) bed field hospital in the Central Shrimp market, Samut Sakhon has now been in operation for 24 hrs. Patients with mild symptoms are being sent to this field hospital while individuals with severe symptoms will be admitted to hospitals designated to receive COVID-19 patients.
- Consideration is being given to converting a sport centre / stadium into a medical care unit that could accommodate up to 500 patients at a time.
- Guidelines are being disseminated on 'new-normal' living for migrants, in Burmese, Lao and Khmer languages. In addition, the CCSA press briefing will be made available from now on in Burmese as well as in sign language. Information in multiple languages will also be made available through Thai PBS and social media outlets. Examples of specific guidance includes procedures for quarantine at home and for mothers who are breastfeeding.
- A MorChana application is being developed to expand functionality including the ability to track movement of users and so provide a travel history.
- International travel still requires mandatory quarantine on arrival. There is good collaboration in managing quarantine facilities, including not only government sectors but also with the private sector (i.e. Agoda, TAT).



ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

- It was emphasized again that there is no evidence COVID-19 can be transmitted through eating seafood. Seafood should be cooked well and served hot, with all standard sanitary precautions being followed
- It is important that members of the public continue to follow preventive measures including distancing, regular handwashing, avoiding touching the face, wearing masks when visiting crowded places and coughing only into a folded elbow or a tissue (which should be disposed of safely).

COMBINE THESE PRECAUTIONS TO LOWER YOUR RISK



Reminder: The COVID-19 virus does spread directly from person-to-person when a COVID-19 case coughs or sneezes, producing droplets that reach the nose, mouth, or eyes of another person. These droplets may also land on objects and surfaces surrounding the infected person. It is possible that someone may become infected by touching a contaminated surface, object, or the hand of an infected person and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes. For further information on how COVID-19 is spread, please see the link <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-how-is-it-transmitted>

WHAT WHO IS DOING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THAILAND

WHO Thailand supports the Royal Thai Government through the Ministry of Public Health, sharing information on key developments, guidelines and scientific updates. WHO also supports the wider UN response, including working with key partners 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](#).

World Health Organization Country Office for Thailand
4th Fl., Permanent Secretary Bldg.3 Ministry of Public Health,
Nonthaburi Thailand, 11000

Media queries sethawebsite@who.int and kanpirom@who.int



For latest updates and resources, please visit: