Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the CCSA mid-day press briefing



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WHO Thailand Situation Report







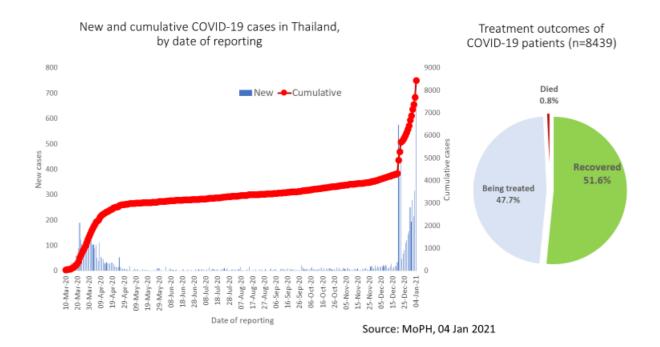




THAILAND SITUATION UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT

- On the 4th of January 2021, 745 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 date to 8,439.
- Of these, 51.6% (4,352) have recovered, 0.8% (65) have died (one new death was reported today), and 47.6% (4,022) still receiving treatment or under isolation.
- The 745 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include 16 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities.
- The 745 new cases reported today also include 152 cases classified as 'local transmission', as follows:
 - 60 cases are linked to occupational risk and visiting crowded places, including Surat Thani (1), Samut Songkhram (2), Ang Thong (12), Ayutthaya (1), Bangkok (27), Nonthaburi (1), Nakhon Pathom (2), Pathum Thani (9), Phetchaburi (1), Prachup Khiri Khan (1) and Phichit (3).
 - 92 cases are under investigation and verification including Bangkok (1), Samut Sakhon (36), Samut Prakan (20), Rayong (17), Chonburi (13) and Chanthaburi (5)
- The remaining 577 cases reported today are in migrant workers who were identified through contact tracing and active case finding, including Samut Sakhon (505), Chai Nat (1), Rayong (25), Chonburi (22), Chanthaburi (22) and Trat (2). This brings the cumulative total in this group to 2,037 cases.
- More than 500 cases were detected through active case finding in one factory in Samut Sakhon. This is a result of collaboration between public and private sectors.
- Locally transmitted COVID-19 cases have now been reported in 54 provinces. One additional province Prachuap Khiri Khan reported a new case today.
- It is very important that members of the public continue to follow all 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).

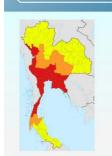


UPDATE FROM THE CCSA

The Prime Minister has signed the order 1/2021, announcing 28 provinces as highly controlled areas from 4th January 2021, onwards until further notice.

Regulation no. 16 under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree has also been signed providing 8 measures to be implemented from 4th January 2021, 6.00a.m onwards.

'Maximum control zones" of 28 provinces in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19



- BangkokTakNonthaburi
- Pathum Thani
- Ayuttaya Saraburi Lop Buri
- Sing Buri
- Ang Thong
 Nakhon Nayok

- Sa KaeoSamut PrakanChanthaburi
- Chon Buri
- **APRD** RayongChumphon
- Ranong Kanchanaburi
- Nakhon Pathom
 Ratchaburi
- Suphan Buri
- Prachuap Khiri Khan
- Phetchaburi
 Samut Songkhram
 Samut Sakhon
- Prachin Buri
- Information regarding province-specific measures are available on the Ministry of Interior webpage www.MOICOVID.com (mostly in Thai language) and The Tourism Authority of Thailand News room (TAT News room) website https://www.tatnews.org/ (available in English language).
- Other Information regarding COVID-19 are also available from the following sources:
 - Department of Disease Control website: https://covid19.thstat.com/en
 - COVID-19 Centre Facebook @informationcovid19
 - National News Bureau of Thailand Twitter @nbtworldnews
 - Thai Government Public Relations Department Twitter @prdthailand



Regulation Issued with Measures to Remedy the Emergency Situation

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In effect from 06.00 hr on 4 January 2021 onwards



The use of buildings and premises of schools and all other educational institutions, situated in the maximum control zones, for teaching or any activities with many participants is prohibited, except for teaching and learning electronically or through long-distance communication and for activities of public interest, with the permission of the Bangkok Governor or



The organizing of activities at risk of spreading the disease in the maximum control zones is forbidden, except the activities carried out by the authorities or those allowed by them.



The Bangkok Governor or Provincial Governors are empowered to order the closure of entertainment places, pubs, bars, and karaoke venues, located in the maximum control zones.



The following activities in the maximum control zones can be carried out under

- 1) The sales of food or beverages; the use of these services must be rearranged in accordance with measures set by the Government,
- 2) The sales of liquor in food shops or other shops; consumption of liquor and alcoholic beverages in these shops is prohibited, and
- 3) Department stores, shopping centers, community malls, trade exhibition centers, convention centers, exhibition halls, convenience shops, supermarkets, or similar places can be opened as usual, with strict measures against the disease.



The Bangkok Governor or Provincial Governors may order the closure of venues, limit activities, or prohibit the carrying out of certain activities at risk of spreading COVID-19 in their respective areas.



Officials have been instructed to screen inter-provincial travel, especially the travel from the maximum control zones, depending on the suitability of each area. The public is requested to suspend their inter-provincial travel; in case of necessity, they must give an explanation and show evidence to the authorities.



Entrepreneurs have been asked to give cooperation by considering the form of their operations for the time being, such as working outside their workplaces and introducing staggered shifts or hours, in order to reduce the large numbers of operators and people travelling for work. This measure will help reduce the risk of COVID-19 infections.



A special committee has been told to consider relaxing measures to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 infections, screen these measures, and submit its proposal to the Prime Minister for approval. It may also propose additional activities as appropriate for the situation.

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.

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