# Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the CCSA mid-day press briefing



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# **WHO Thailand Situation Report**











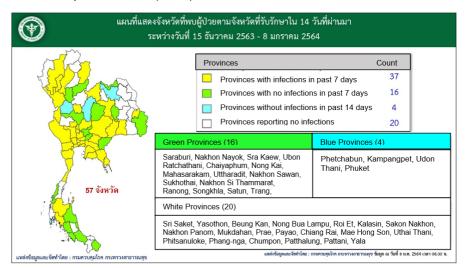
THAILAND SITUATION UPDATE

# **SPOTLIGHT**

- On the 8th of January 2021, 205 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 9,841.
- Of these, 53% (5,255) have recovered, 0.7% (67) have died, and 46% (4,519) are still receiving treatment or under isolation.
- The 205 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include 9 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities and 7 individuals who entered Thailand through the land border.
- The 205 new cases reported today also include 131 'local transmissions', details of which are as follows:
  - 123 cases are linked to occupation, visiting crowded places or had contact with confirmed cases, including Samut Sakhon (37), Loei (4), Ang Thong (4), Lopburi (1), Buriram (1), Chonburi (11), Nakhon Pathom (4), Pathum Thani (1), Lamphun (1), Suphanburi (1), Surat Thani (1), Chiang Mai (4). Samut Songkhram (1), Bangkok (29), Krabi (1), Samut Prakan (22).
  - 8 cases are under investigation and verification including those in Samut Prakan (3), Ang Thong (3), Bangkok (1),
    Nakhon Pathom (1).
- The remaining 58 cases reported today are migrant workers and in the Thai population who were identified through contact tracing and active case findings in Samut Sakhon (21), Chonburi (21), Rayong (7), Chanthaburi (9). This brings the cumulative total in this group to 2,742 cases.
- Locally transmitted COVID-19 cases have now been reported in 57 provinces. One additional province Buriram reported cases (1) today.
- No new deaths reported today.

Spatial distribution of new cases during the past 14 days (15th December 2020 – 8th January 2021) show that:

- 37 provinces reported cases in the past 7 days (yellow)
- o 16 provinces reported no cases in the past 7 days (green)
- o 4 provinces reported no cases in the past 14 days (blue)
- o 20 provinces have no reported cases (white)



Active surveillance is ongoing across the country. In Public Health Region 7 (Khon Kaen, Maha Sarakham, Kalasin, Roi Et provinces), the surveillance systems involve active case finding in risk settings (vendors in seafood markets, entertainment venues, and migrant workers), screening among pneumonia patients, and screening at ARI clinics. Six cases have been reported in Khon Kaen (5) and Maha Sarakham (1).

#### **UPDATE FROM CCSA**

- Regulations to comply with disease control. To discourage withholding or deliberately misinforming disease control officers of, for example, travel information that could result in the delay or obstruction of case investigations and thereby result in further transmission, could be in breach of the Communicable Diseases Act through regulation no.17 under the Emergency Decree.
- More than 2 million new downloads of the Mor Chana mobile application were made yesterday, bringing the cumulative number of registrations to 3.69 million.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (through the Thailand International Collaboration Agency TICA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health has provided assistance to support neighbouring countries - Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos – to contain the virus. This includes development of a model for low-cost COVID laboratories to increase trace and test capacity in Myanmar, using digital technology to raise awareness on disease prevention on both sides of the border, providing online medical consultation, on-line tracing and treatment of severely ill patients, establishing an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), developing a public health knowledge bank on COVID-19 (tica-thaigov.mfa.go.th), and supporting medical supplies (PPE, oximeters and emerging antiviral drugs (Favipiravir).
- A summary of provincial COVID-19 control measures in English can be found on the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) newsroom website https://www.tatnews.org

## ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

Members of the public are encouraged to download the Mor Chana app to facilitate rapid contact tracing and case investigation and to be able to self-assess risk of infection and to receive timely notification and information if they visited places where there have been confirmed cases. Data from the app is stored and displayed anonymously, in accordance with the Data Protection Law. Data will be active only during the pandemic and is used entirely for public health/medical purposes only.



## 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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