

3 February 2021

WHO Thailand Situation Report

21,249
(+795)
Confirmed

79
(+0)
Deaths

7,169
Hospitalized

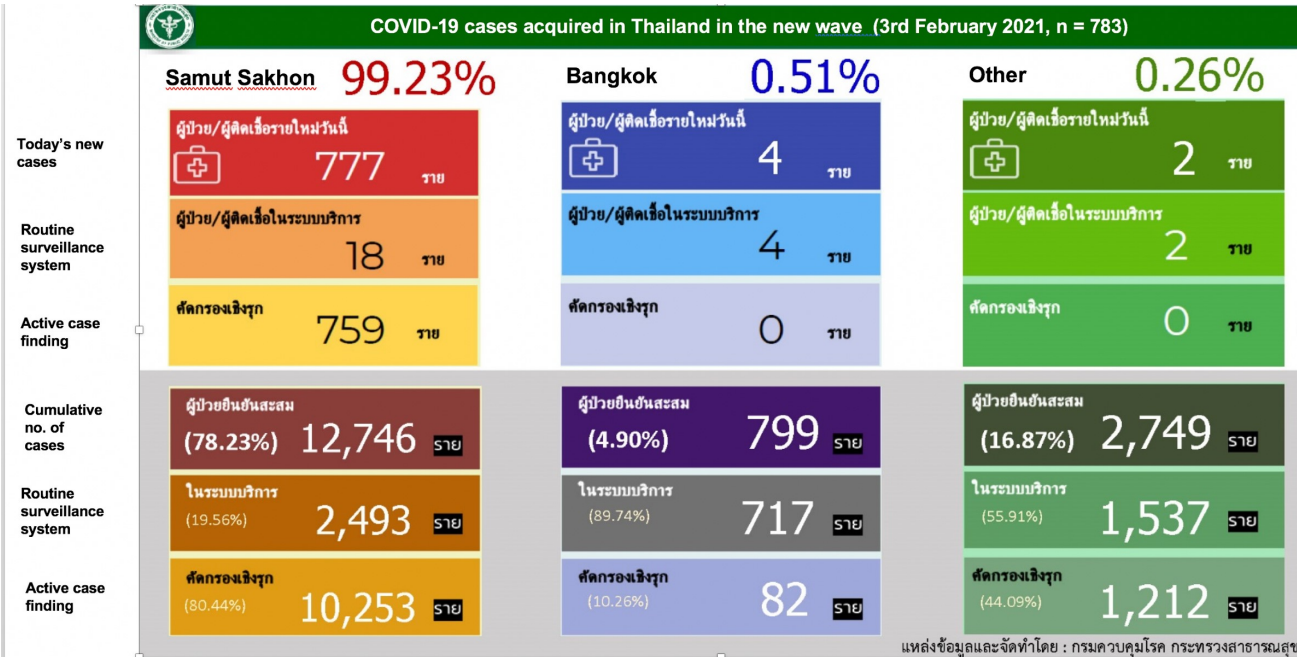
14,001
(+784)
Recovered



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SPOTLIGHT

- 795 new cases (up 3.7% from previous day's cumulative total) of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand bringing the total number of cases to date to 21,249.
- Of these, 65.9% (14,001) have recovered, 0.4% (79) have died, and 33.7% (7,169) are receiving treatment or are in isolation. **No new deaths were reported today.**
- The 795 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include
 - 12 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities.
 - 24 cases detected through the routine surveillance system linked to occupational risk, visiting crowded places or contact with confirmed cases in Bangkok (4), Tak (1), Maha Sarakham (1) and Samut Sakhon (18). Of these, 13 are migrant workers and 11 are Thai nationals.
 - 759 cases including migrant workers (667) and Thai nationals (92) identified through active case finding in Samut Sakhon (759). This brings the cumulative total in this group to 11,547 cases.
- Of 7,169 cases who are receiving treatment, 2,085 are in conventional hospitals and 5,084 are in field hospitals.
- During the new wave (between 15th December 2020 and 3rd February 2021), 17,012 confirmed cases have been reported, of which 4,747 were detected through the routine surveillance system, 11,547 were detected through active case finding and 718 were in individuals who entered Thailand from other countries.
- COVID-19 cases acquired in Thailand in the new wave have been reported in 63 provinces. No additional provinces reported new cases today. No new cases have been reported in 46 provinces in the past seven days.
- The 10 provinces reporting more than 50 cumulative cases in the new wave are Samut Sakhon (12,746), Bangkok (799), Chonburi (649), Rayong (580), Samut Prakan (360), Chanthaburi (221), Nonthaburi (166), Ang Thong (113), Pathum Thani (87), and Nakhon Pathom (78).
- Of 783 cases reported in Thailand today, more than 99% were detected in Samut Sakhon, 0.5% in Bangkok and 0.3% in other provinces.



UPDATE FROM THE CCSA

Infection from public transport system?

Although a few cases reported in Thailand have reported using public transport systems; the majority of these people were actually contacts of confirmed cases. Although there is no clear evidence to conclude that there was transmission of infection through use of the public transport system, it is still important that all possible precautionary measures are applied

The Maha Sarakham Cluster

- A total of 21 cases of COVID-19 have been reported linked to the Maha Sarakham Cluster (17 in Maha Sarakham, 3 in Ratchaburi and 1 in Khon Kaen)
- Certain districts of Maha Sarakham have been announced as maximum controlled areas and 7 venues have been closed to control the spread of the disease.

EXPLAINER: MAINTAINING COVID-19 PREVENTION CONTROL MEASURES AT SCHOOLS

School operators are duty-bound to ensure the safety of students and staff at all times. With the threat of Covid-19 still at large, the WHO strongly recommends the strict implementation of these administrative policies.

- Set attendance and entry rules; cohorting (keeping students and teachers in small groups that do not mix, also referred to as bubble, capsule, circle, safe squad); staggering the start of school, breaks, bathroom, meal and end times; alternate physical presence (e.g. alternate days, alternate shifts)
- Infrastructure: Reorganize physical space or its use, identifying entry/exits and marking direction of walking, handwashing facilities, building environmental design clues ("nudging") to facilitate appropriate use of space
- Maintain a clean environment: frequent cleaning of surfaces and shared objects
- Ensure age-appropriate use of masks where physical distancing cannot be maintained; this includes ensuring the availability of masks
- Symptom screening by parents and teachers, testing and isolation of suspected cases, as per national procedures; stay-at-home when sick policies.



Click [here](#) to see WHO's checklist on school reopenings

WHAT WHO IS DOING TO SUPPORT THAILAND

WHO Thailand supports the Royal Thai Government through the Ministry of Public Health, sharing information on 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.



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