


Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)


Data as reported by the CCSA mid-day press briefing


8 March 2021

WHO Thailand Situation Report


26,441
(+71)
Confirmed


85
(+0)
Deaths


579
Hospitalized

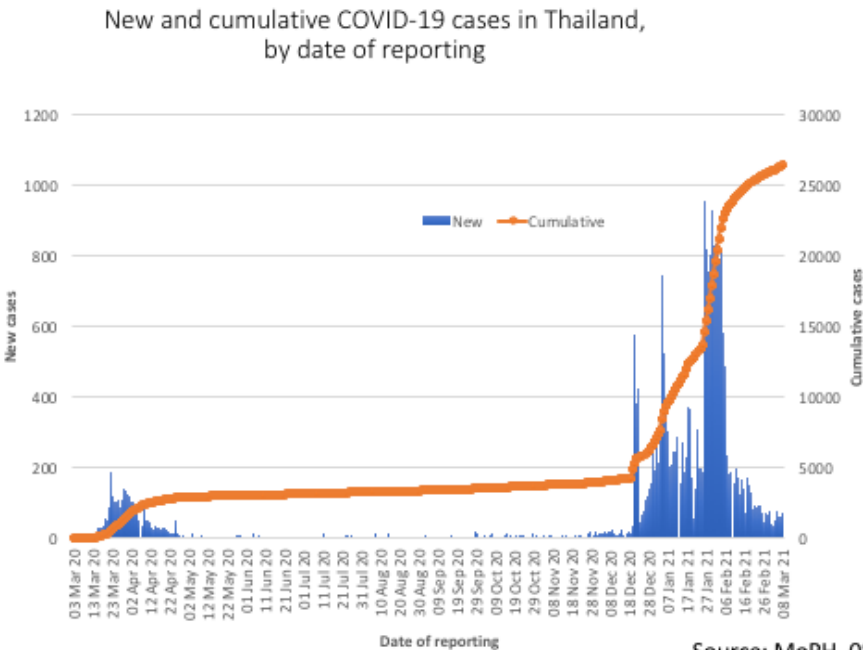

25,777
(+33)
Recovered



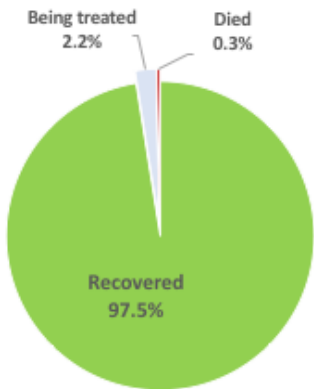
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SPOTLIGHT

- 71 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand bringing the total number of cases to date to 26,441. **No new death was reported today.**
- Of the cases reported in Thailand, 97.5% (25,777) have recovered, 0.3% (85) have died, and 2.2% (579) are receiving treatment or are in isolation (460 are in conventional hospitals and 119 in field hospitals).
- The 71 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include
 - 23 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities.
 - 41 cases detected through the routine surveillance system linked to occupational risk, visiting crowded places or contact with confirmed cases, in Bangkok (1 Thai), Pathum Thani (1 Thai), Prachin Buri (3 Thais), Tak (2 Burmese nationals) and Samut Sakhon (16 Thais, 18 Burmese nationals).
 - 7 cases identified through active case finding, in Pathum Thani (1 Thai) and Samut Sakhon (5 Thais, 1 Burmese). This brings the cumulative total in this group to 14,688 cases.
- Of 48 cases acquired in Thailand, 83% were detected in Samut Sakhon, 2% in Bangkok and 15% in other provinces.
- During the new wave (between 15 December 2020 and 8 March 2021), 22,204, confirmed cases have been reported, of which 6,429 were detected through the routine surveillance system, 14,688 through active case finding, and 1,087 are individuals who entered Thailand from other countries. At present, 21,600 have recovered, 579 are receiving treatment, and 25 have died.
- No cases have been reported in 66 provinces in the past week.
- The 13 provinces reporting more than 50 cumulative cases in the new wave are Samut Sakhon (16,467), Bangkok (992), Pathum Thani (666), Chonburi (657), Rayong (584), Samut Prakan (366), Chanthaburi (221), Nonthaburi (181), Tak (177), Ang Thong (123), Nakhon Pathom (120), Samut Songkhram (71), and Ayutthaya (57).



Treatment outcomes of COVID-19 patients (n=26441)



Source: MoPH, 08 Mar 2021

UPDATE FROM THE CCSA

• Vaccines

- ◇ As of 6 March, 25,864 individuals have been vaccinated and 116,000 doses have been distributed to 14 provinces.

The cabinet recently approved a budget for an additional 35 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines from AstraZeneca. A distribution plan for vaccines is being developed whereby economic and key tourism provinces will be priorities. Frontline workers will include not only public health and medical staff but also immigration officers, police and military officers, as well as staff at various types of quarantine facilities.

- ◇ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs proposed the implementation of a vaccine passport which has been discussed at the regional level. At present, there are no international guidelines on this issue. In the meantime, Thailand can issue a vaccine certificate for those who have been inoculated.

• Relaxation of measures

- ◇ The next general CCSA meeting on 15 March will discuss further relaxation of measures.
- ◇ The following issues have been discussed and are being considered by relevant ministries:
 - ◆ Further revision of area designation for phase 2 starting from 1 April.
 - ◆ Measures during Songkran Day celebrations (Thai New Year).
 - ◆ Relaxation of quarantine rules for foreign tourists who have already been vaccinated, with an initial consideration for top tourism destinations in Thailand such as Phuket and Krabi.
 - ◆ Extension of the Emergency Decree to 31 May and implementation of the Communicable Disease Control Act from 1 June.
 - ◆ Implementation of phase 3 starting from 1 October.

EXPLAINER: Addressing myths surrounding COVID-19 vaccines



Dr. Katherine O'Brien shoots down myths on COVID-19 vaccines with science and facts.

The truth about COVID-19 vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines trigger the body's natural immunity to respond to the virus, so that it can fight real infection in the future.



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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