Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the CCSA mid-day press briefing



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WHO Thailand Situation Report







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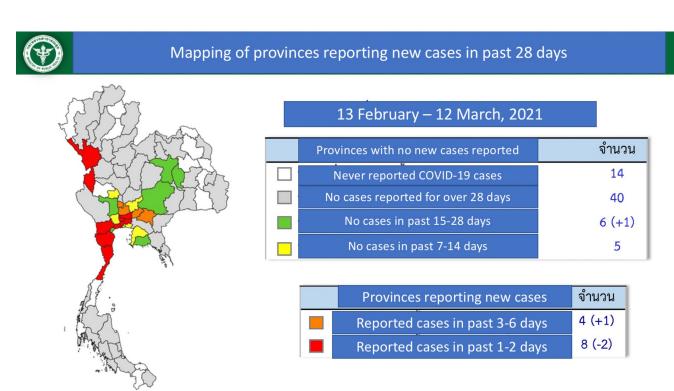




THAILAND SITUATION UPDATE No. 160

SPOTLIGHT

- 81 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 26,679. **No new death was reported today.**
- Of the cases reported in Thailand, 97.7% (26,056) have recovered, 0.3% (85) have died, and 2% (538) are receiving treatment or are in isolation (412 are in conventional hospitals and 126 in field hospitals).
- The 81 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include
 - ♦ 11 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities and 3 individuals who entered Thailand through the land border.
 - ♦ 30 cases detected through the routine surveillance system linked to occupational risk, visiting crowded places or contact with confirmed cases in Bangkok (1 Thai, 2 Myanmar nationals, 1 Lao, 1 unknown), Pathum Thani (4 Thais, 2 Myanmar nationals, 1 Cambodian), Phetchaburi (2 Thais), Tak (2 Myanmar nationals) and Samut Sakhon (1 Thai, 13 Myanmar nationals).
 - 37 cases identified through active case finding, in Tak (3 Myanmar nationals), Pathum Thani (2 Thais, 10 Myanmar nationals, 1 Cambodian) and Samut Sakhon (5 Thais, 16 Myanmar nationals). This brings the cumulative total in this group to 14,795 cases.
- Of 67 cases acquired in Thailand, 35 were detected in Samut Sakhon, 5 in Bangkok and 27 in other provinces.
- During the new wave (between 15 December 2020 and 12 March 2021), 22,442 confirmed cases have been reported, of which 6,519 were detected through the routine surveillance system, 14,795 through active case finding, and 1,128 are individuals who entered Thailand from other countries. At present, 21,879 have recovered, 538 are receiving treatment, and 25 have died.
- No new cases have been reported in 65 provinces in the past week.



UPDATE FROM THE CCSA

Vaccines

During 28 February – 11 March, 40,140 people have been vaccinated. No severe adverse events have been reported. Health authorities have encouraged the public to download the Mor Prom LINE application.

Re-opening

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended a meeting in Phuket to discuss preparations for the re-opening of the tourism industry, expected to begin on 1 October. The private sector requested clarification on the distribution of vaccines and whether foreign tourists who have been vaccinated will need to undergo quarantine. Local residents and business operators requested expansion of vaccination through private hospitals to ensure at least 70% of Phuket's population will be vaccinated.

UPDATE ON ASTRAZENECA VACCINE

A few countries in the European Union have suspended use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine based on reports of rare blood coagulation disorders in persons receiving the vaccine. A full investigation is underway. The Ministry of Public Health also announced the brief suspension of the AZ vaccine rollout in Thailand initially planned for today.

WHO's Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) systematically reviews any reports/concerns related to COVID-19 vaccine safety, and meets every two weeks to advise WHO on any new safety signals or concerns related to these vaccines.

The GACVS is carefully assessing current reports on the Astra Zeneca vaccine. As soon as WHO has gained a full understanding of these events, the findings and any changes to current recommendations will be immediately communicated to the public.

Vaccination against COVID-19 will not reduce deaths from other causes. Deaths from causes unrelated to vaccination will continue to occur, including after vaccination,

As of 9th March, over 268 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered since the start of the pandemic, based on data reported to WHO by national governments. No deaths have been attributed to COVID-19 vaccination to date.

EXPLAINER: VACCINE DISTRIBUTION





Find out how COVID-19 vaccines will reach you in this episode of Science in 5.

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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