

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the CCSA mid-day press briefing

15 March 2021

WHO Thailand Situation Report

27,005
(+78)
Confirmed

87
(+1)
Deaths

684
Hospitalized

26,234
(+80)
Recovered

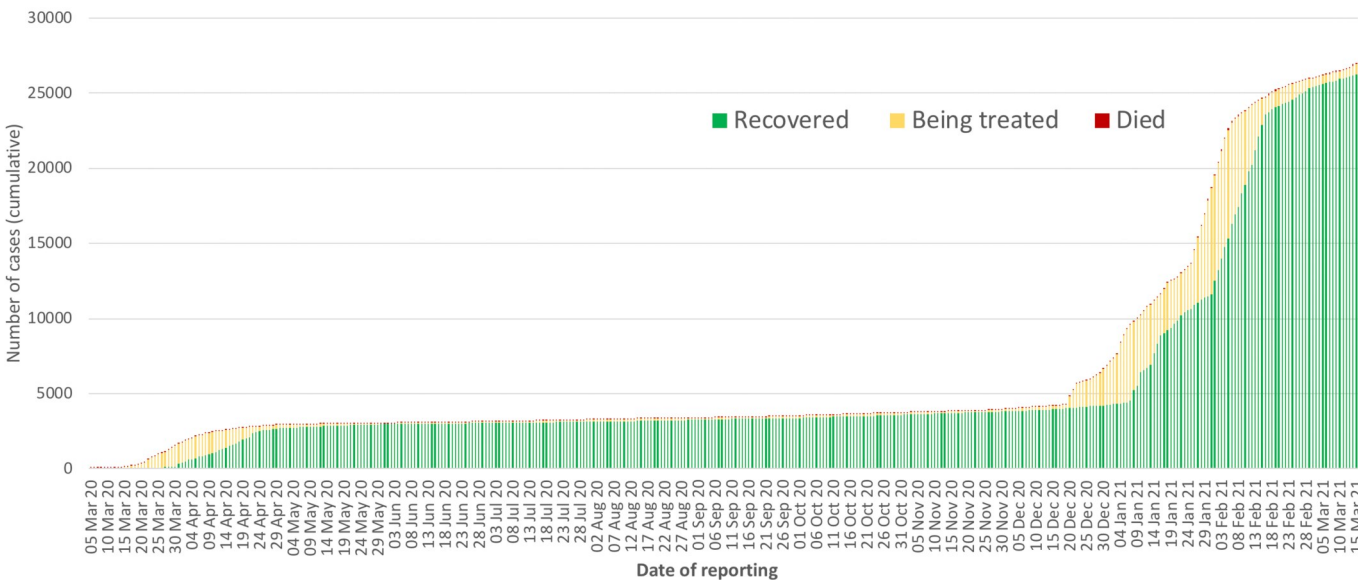


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SPOTLIGHT

- 78 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 27,005. **One new death was reported today.**
 - Of the cases reported in Thailand, 97.2% (26,234) have recovered, 0.3% (87) have died, and 2.5% (684) are receiving treatment or are in isolation (484 are in conventional hospitals and 200 in field hospitals).
 - The 78 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include
 - 4 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities.
 - 15 cases detected through the routine surveillance system linked to occupational risk, visiting crowded places or contact with confirmed cases in Tak (5 Thais, 4 Myanmar nationals), Samut Sakhon (2 Thais, 1 Myanmar national), Bangkok (1 Thai), Samut Prakan (1 Thai), and Suphan Buri (1 Thai).
 - 59 cases identified through active case finding, in Pathum Thani (1 Lao national), Samut Sakhon (4 Thais, 32 Myanmar nationals) and Bangkok (22 under case investigation). This brings the cumulative total in this group to 15,024 cases.
 - Of 74 cases acquired in Thailand, 39 were detected in Samut Sakhon, 23 in Bangkok and 12 in other provinces.
 - During the new wave (between 15 December 2020 and 15 March 2021), 22,768 confirmed cases have been reported, of which 6,587 were detected through the routine surveillance system, 15,024 through active case finding, and 1,157 are individuals who entered Thailand from other countries. At present, 22,057 have recovered, 684 are receiving treatment, and 27 have died.
- No new cases have been reported in 63 provinces in the past week.**
- The 14 provinces reporting more than 50 cumulative cases in the new wave are Samut Sakhon (16,727), Bangkok (1,140), Pathum Thani (714), Chonburi (657), Rayong (584), Samut Prakan (367), Chanthaburi (221), Nonthaburi (195), Tak (183), Ang Thong (125), Nakhon Pathom (123), Samut Songkhram (71), Ayutthaya (58), and Phetchaburi (53).

COVID-19 cases in Thailand, by date of reporting



Source: MoPH, 15 Mar 2021

UPDATE FROM THE CCSA

• Vaccines

- ◇ Between 28 February – 14 March 2021, 46,598 people in Thailand have been vaccinated.
- ◇ According to the European Medicines Agency (EMA), there is no indication that the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is linked to an increased risk of blood clots.
- ◇ Private entities who wish to import COVID-19 vaccines for use in Thailand must have an import license and must apply for a registration of such vaccine with the Thai FDA. Assessment and approvals for emergency use will take about 30 days and the use of vaccines must be administered by health facilities only. To date, no private hospitals have submitted a request to the Thai FDA.

• The situation in Bangkok

According to the Department of Disease Control, the index case of the Bang Khae District markets cluster was a 21-year-old Thai male who owns 4 chicken and egg stalls at the Wonder Market and had high exposure with other vendors as he is the organizer of an illegal loan scheme. The index case developed symptoms on 1 March and tested positive on 5 March. On 7 March, the Wonder Market was closed for cleaning.

EXPLAINER: VACCINES AND ADVERSE EVENTS

The coronavirus pandemic has triggered an unprecedented yet coordinated effort to accelerate the development and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines. Since December 2019, manufacturers, in collaboration with laboratories, have worked tirelessly on the development of safe and effective vaccines that must undergo strict safety trials that involve a large number of people (15-20,000) in multiple countries around the world.

These vaccines have so far proven to be safe and efficacious. As of March, around 350 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered globally with very rare adverse events reported. In cases where adverse events occurred, vaccination was briefly suspended until causality assessments conducted by the national regulatory bodies of Europe, the US and other countries proved that the cases were not related to COVID-19 vaccines. Only then did vaccination resume.

Meanwhile, Thailand's Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has upgraded its national vaccine post-marketing safety surveillance in order to respond to any Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) with COVID-19 vaccines. Through enhanced detection and reporting procedures, the kingdom's AEFI experts committee is working closely with national and international expert groups such as the World Health Organization to continuously monitor vaccine safety, assess the causality of events - if any - and to ensure access to the latest information on COVID-19 vaccine safety for the public.

Thailand launched its COVID-19 vaccination plan on 28 February, and so far no serious AEFI cases have been reported among the 40,000 who have already received the vaccine.

The truth about COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccines that are authorized for emergency use by WHO go through an extensive review. This provides a stamp of quality, safety, efficacy, and manufacturing quality.



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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