

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the CCSA mid-day press briefing

29 March 2021

WHO Thailand Situation Report

28,773
(+39)
Confirmed

94
(+1)
Deaths

1,366
Hospitalized

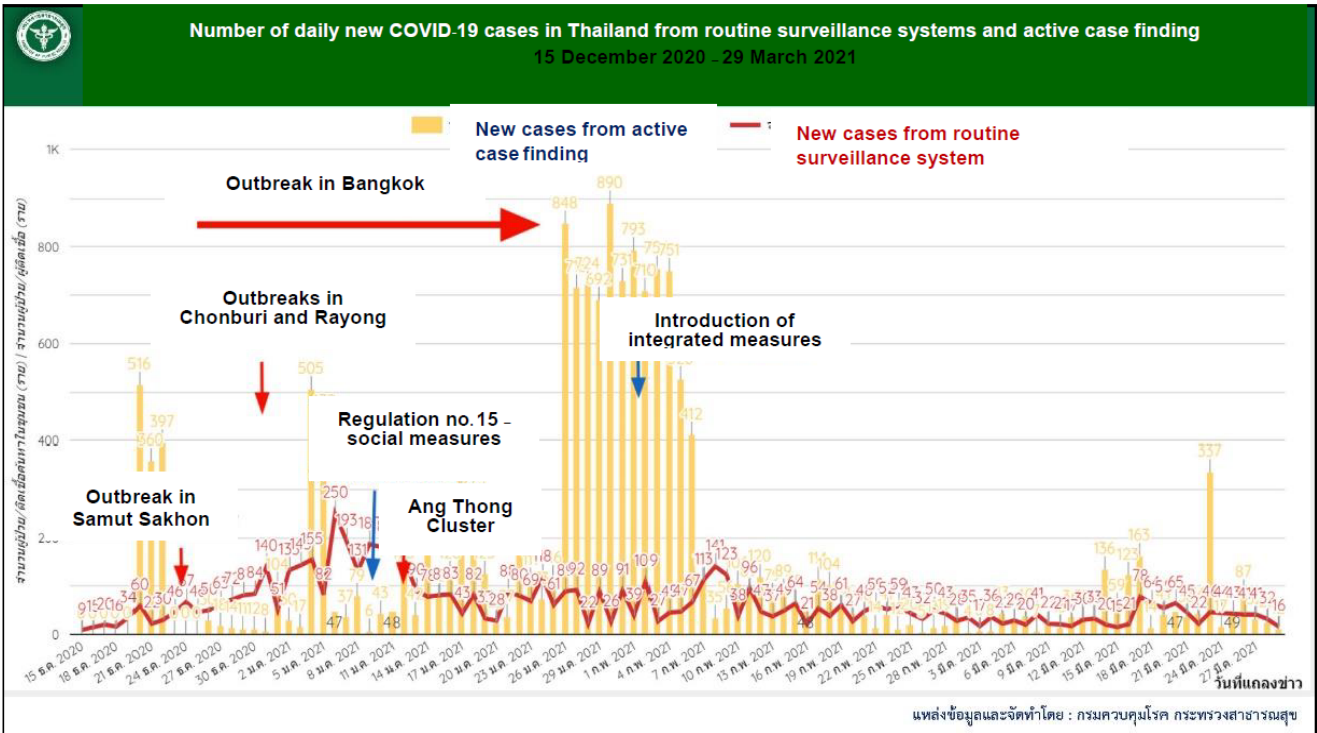
27,313
(+74)
Recovered



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SPOTLIGHT

- On 29 March, 39 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 28,773. **One new death was reported today.**
- Of the cases reported in Thailand, 94.9% (27,313) have recovered, 0.3% (94) have died, and 4.8% (1,366) are receiving treatment or are in isolation (996 are in conventional hospitals and 370 in field hospitals).
- The 39 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include
 - 11 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities.
 - 16 cases detected through the routine surveillance system linked to occupational risk, visiting crowded places or contact with confirmed cases, in Bangkok (9 Thais), Kalasin (1 Thai), Maha Sarakham (1 Thai), and Samut Sakhon (3 Thais, 1 Myanmar national).
 - 12 cases identified through active case finding, in Bangkok (3 Thais, 2 Myanmar nationals, 1 Lao), Ratchaburi (1 Thai) and Samut Sakhon (5 Myanmar nationals). This brings the cumulative total in this group to 16,052 cases.
- Of the 28 cases acquired in Thailand, 10 were detected in Samut Sakhon, 15 in Bangkok and 3 in other provinces.
- During the new wave (between 15 December 2020 and 26 March 2021), 24,536 confirmed cases have been reported, of which 7,200 were detected through the routine surveillance system, 16,052 through active case finding, and 1,284 are individuals who entered Thailand from other countries. At present, 23,136 have recovered, 1,366 are receiving treatment, and 32 have died.
- During the new wave, new cases have been reported in 67 provinces in Thailand. **One additional province – Kalasin – reported a new case (1)**
- The 15 provinces reporting more than 50 cumulative cases in the new wave are Samut Sakhon (17,093), Bangkok (2,148), Pathum Thani (763), Chonburi (658), Rayong (584), Samut Prakan (412), Chanthaburi (221), Tak (214), Nonthaburi (198), Nakhon Pathom (171), Ang Thong (125), Phetchaburi (90), Samut Songkhram (73), and Ayutthaya (64), Ratchaburi (51)



UPDATE FROM THE CCSA

The situation in Kalasin Province

- Today, Kalasin reported a COVID-19 patient for the first time in the new wave.
- This is a 35-year-old woman who had travelled to Bangkok for a few days and had close contact with a friend who is a vendor in Bang Khae District market and was a confirmed case. She self-reported at a hospital in Kalasin after knowing that her friend tested positive.

The new outbreak in Saphan Sung District, Bangkok

- New cases have been reported in a market in Saphan Sung District in Bangkok.
- The index case is a meat vendor (male, 39 years) who had been to Pathum Thani Province to buy meat for selling in the market in Saphan Sung. He had onset symptoms on 11th March and tested positive on 18th March. Infection was also reported in his wife who is a meat vendor at the same market and had no symptoms. Seven (7) other high-risk contacts were reported living in the same household.
- Infection was also reported in a lottery seller (female, 57 years old) who worked in the vicinity of the Saphon Sung Market. She had onset symptoms on 17th March and tested positive on 22nd March. Four (4) other family members tested positive, including an older person (80 years) and a child (4 years).

EXPLAINER: Thai-Myanmar cross border cooperation

Information on the COVID-19 pandemic in a neighboring country is useful for planning control measures. Thailand shares a 2,416-kilometer land border with Myanmar. Many Myanmar and Thai citizens work or have families in the neighbouring country. Until September 2020, Myanmar had reported few cases and no deaths. That changed in October 2020 as COVID case numbers climbed steeply through until December. Although cases numbers declined a little at the beginning of 2021, in the last week of January an average of 367 cases were still being reported per day. 2021. Since 1 February 2021 the political situation has continued to hamper detection and testing. By early March, an average of 1,637 tests and 19 cases were reported daily: this declined further to 1,574 tests and 16 daily cases by mid-March. As of March 28, Myanmar reported a total of 142,385 COVID cases and 3,206 confirmed deaths. Although Myanmar is a participant in COVAX, a global initiative aimed at equitable access to [COVID-19 vaccines](#) led by [UNICEF](#), [Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance](#), the WHO, the [Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations](#) and others, Gavi has indicated that Myanmar may not receive the initial allocation (4.24 million doses) of COVAX COVID-19 vaccines. WHO-Thailand staff are in contact with colleagues in Myanmar, helping to provide Thailand with intelligence on the situation there.



If you already got your COVID-19 vaccine, are you wondering when the immunity kicks in and how long it lasts? Can you still catch COVID-19 and can you infect others?

How long do you need to take precautions after vaccination?

WHO's Dr Kate O'Brien answers these queries in '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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