

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the CCSA mid-day press briefing

5 April 2021

WHO Thailand Situation Report

29,321
(+194)
Confirmed

95
(+0)
Deaths

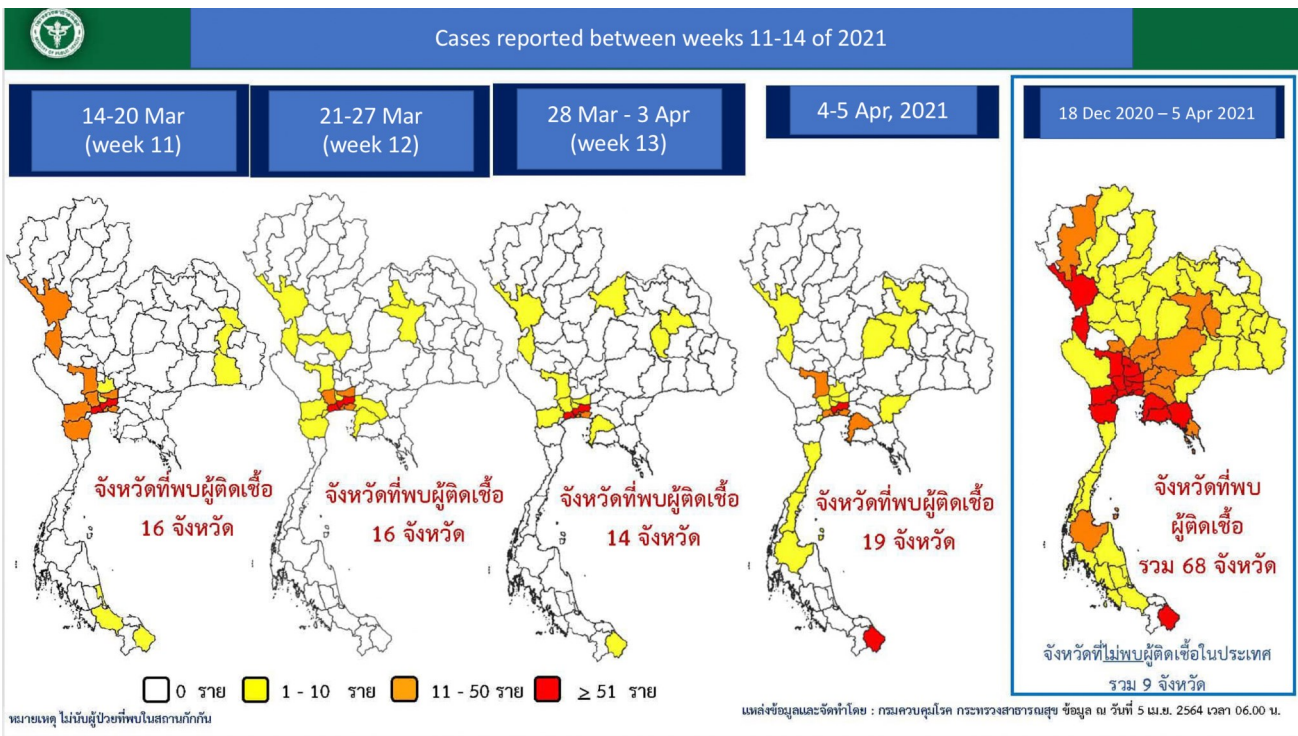
1,386
Hospitalized

27,840
(+66)
Recovered

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SPOTLIGHT

- 194 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 29,321. **No new deaths were reported today.**
- Of the cases reported in Thailand, 95% (27,840) have recovered, 0.3% (95) have died, and 4.7% (1,386) are receiving treatment or are in isolation (939 are in conventional hospitals and 442 in field hospitals).
- The 194 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include
 - 12 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities.
 - 87 cases detected through the routine surveillance system linked to occupational risk, visiting crowded places or contact with confirmed cases in Bangkok (36 Thais, 2 Vietnamese, 2 Japanese, 2 Lao, 1 Indian, 1 Canadian, 1 Myanmar national), Samut Prakan (8 Thais and 1 Cambodian), Chonburi (1 Thai, 6 Japanese), Suphanburi (7 Thais), Samut Sakhon (2 Thais, 2 Myanmar nationals), Nonthaburi (4 Thais), Prachuap Khiri Khan (2 Thais), Chaiyaphum (2 Thais), Chumphon (2 Thais), Tak (1 Myanmar national), Samut Songkhram (1 Thai), Sa Kaew (1 Thai), Narathiwat (1 Thai), and Pathum Thani (1 Thai).
 - 95 cases identified through active case finding in Narathiwat (79 Thais, 1 Malaysian, 2 Myanmar nationals, and 13 people of unknown nationality). This brings the cumulative total in this group to 16,188 cases.
- Of the 182 cases acquired in Thailand, 4 were detected in Samut Sakhon, 46 in Bangkok and 132 in other provinces.
- During the new wave (between 15 December 2020 and 5 April 2021), 25,084 confirmed cases have been reported, of which 7,519 were detected through the routine surveillance system, 16,188 through active case finding, and 1,377 are individuals who entered Thailand from other countries. At present, 23,663 have recovered, 1,386 are receiving treatment, and 35 have died.
- During the new wave, new cases have been reported in 68 provinces in Thailand.
- The 16 provinces reporting more than 50 cumulative cases in the new wave are Suphan Buri (54), Ayutthaya (65), Samut Songkhram (74), Petchaburi (90), Narathiwat (103), Ang Thong (125), Nakhon Pathom (181), Nonthaburi (211), Tak (218), Chantaburi (221), Samut Prakan (445), Rayong (584), Chonburi (673), Pathum Thani (767), Bangkok (2,315), and Samut Sakhon (17,166).



UPDATE FROM THE CCSA

• The Narathiwat Cluster

As of 3 April, 2021, the Department of Disease Control (DDC) has reported that 214 samples have been collected at Narathiwat Prison, of which 112 tested positive. This includes 88 prisoners, 23 officers, and 1 nurse. All close contacts are being traced and a field hospital has been activated at Narathiwat Prison. The situation is reportedly under control.

• The entertainment venue cluster in Bangkok and the vicinity

◇ An increasing number of new cases were linked to entertainment venues; the outbreak has spread to many provinces including Bangkok, Chonburi, Nakhon Pathom, Pathum Thani, Loei, Chiangmai and Chumphon.

◇ The DDC has reported that the following risk factors may have been responsible for the widespread infections at entertainment venues: poor ventilation, crowded spaces, no masking, no physical distancing, sharing drinks and food, laughing and shouting, bar-hopping and crossing to other nearby provinces, e.g. from Bangkok - Nakhon Pathom.

◇ With reference to Article 9 of the Emergency Decree, officers have the authority to inspect and temporarily shut down premises to control the transmission of COVID-19. The CCSA Operations Centre will be proposing three levels of control measures, details of which are as follows:

- If there are confirmed cases linked to any entertainment venue or local businesses, the premises have to be closed for at least 14 days.
- If there are linkages between confirmed cases and entertainment venues within the same zone eg. Thong Lor zone, all the entertainment venues in that zone will be closed.
- The Governor and Disease Control Officers have the authority to close entertainment venues in an entire province if the situation gets out of control, i.e. sporadic cases are detected in the province linked to entertainment venues.

• Vaccines

◇ In a bid to revitalize the tourism sector, starting 1 April, foreign tourists who have been vaccinated will be quarantined for only 7 days. Pilot destinations where this policy will be applied include Phuket, Krabi, Phang-Nga, Chonburi, Chiang Mai and Koh Samui. This is part of the government's effort to revitalize the tourism sector.

◇ The vaccination rollout is still ongoing in Thailand. Masking is still strongly advised even after vaccination. As of 4 April 2021, the MoPH has given over 257,000 doses of vaccines: 213,948 people have received the 1st dose and over 43,000 have received the 2nd dose.

ANALYSIS

The upsurge in case numbers and spread of infection seen in relation to entertainment venues, taken together with the identified risk factors for infection indicate that individuals are placing themselves and others at risk by neglecting to apply all possible preventive measures.

It is very important that members of the public continue to follow all preventive measures including distancing, regular handwashing, avoiding touching the face, wearing masks when visiting crowded places and coughing only into a folded elbow or a tissue (which should be disposed of safely).



Knowing how vaccines are tested and approved is key to understanding their safety. Here's an easy way of appreciating this process.

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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