Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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WHO Thailand Situation Report







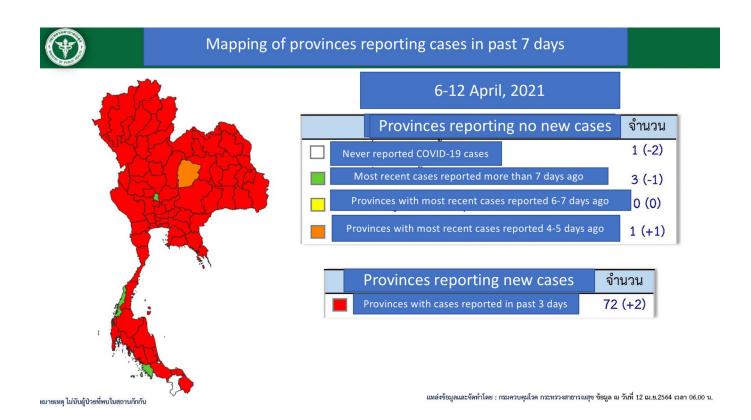




THAILAND SITUATION UPDATE No. 171

SPOTLIGHT

- 985 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 33,610. No new deaths were reported today.
- Of the cases reported in Thailand, 84% (28,248) have recovered, 0.3% (97) have died, and 15.7% (5,265) are receiving treatment or are in isolation (4,683 are in conventional hospitals and 582 in field hospitals).
- The 985 laboratory-confirmed cases reported today include
 - 5 individuals who arrived recently in Thailand and were diagnosed in quarantine facilities.
 - 634 cases detected through the routine surveillance system linked to occupational risk, visiting crowded places or contact with confirmed cases.
 - ♦ 346 cases identified through active case finding.
- Of the 985 cases, 142 were detected in Bangkok, 163 in Bangkok's vicinity areas and 680 in other provinces.
- During the new wave (between 15 December 2020 and 12 April 2021), 29,373 confirmed cases have been reported, of which 10,067 were detected through the routine surveillance system, 17,877 through active case finding, and 1,429 are individuals who entered Thailand from other countries. At present, 24,071 have recovered, 5,265 are receiving treatment, and 37 have died.
- During the new wave (between 15 December 2020 and 12 April 2021), new cases have been reported in 73 provinces in Thailand.
- The 14 provinces reporting more than 50 cumulative cases in the latest wave (1-12 April, 2021) are Supanburi (56), Rayong (58), Phuket (60), Nakhon Pathom (60), Nonthaburi (68), Sa Kaew (94), Pathum Thani (101), Samut Sakhon (131), Prachuab Khirikhan (193), Narathiwat (295), Samut Prakan (359), Chonburi (477), Chiang Mai (629), and Bangkok (1,431).



UPDATE ON CURRENT SITUATION

The vaccines currently available in Thailand are efficacious against the new variant of the SARS CoV-2 virus known as the B.1.1.7 first detected in the United Kingdom, according to Dr. Yong Poovorawan of Chualongkorn University's Faculty of Medicine.

Vaccine rollout

- ♦ 570,052 cumulative number of doses have been administered in Thailand Number of those who received the 1^{st} dose = 498,791 (more than 200,000 of HCWs and VHVs) Number of those who received the 2^{nd} dose = 71,261
- ♦ On Saturday, 10 April 2021, one million doses of Sinovac vaccines have arrived. They are going through inspection by DMSc and will be released in due course.

Bed Management

- ♦ According to Dr. Somsak Akksilp, Director-General of the Department of Medical Services, the Government's policy is still very clear - all COVID-19 patients MUST be admitted to the hospitals - if new cases are reported by the thousands, the DMS can still manage it, but in the future, if this escalates to become tens of thousands, the situation may change and the policy may be revised.
- ♦ Home care for patients is not an ideal situation because the DG mentioned that pneumonia is detected in young patients. Clinicians are referring to this incident as 'happy' or 'walking' pneumonia, and symptoms can progress even though the young patients start off as being asymptomatic.

Key Message for the Public and the Media

- Contact tracing should be conducted to identify high-risk, low-risk and no-risk contacts. Not everyone will require testing. High-risk contacts = testing and self guarantine Low-risk contacts = self-observation
- ♦ In workplaces and condos where cases have been reported, surface cleaning is recommended, NOT spraying disinfectant.
- Having Thai Chana and Mor Chana applications will serve as practical tools for contact tracing
- ♦ Those who test positive and are waiting to be picked up can call 1669. The Erawan Center is managing patient transfer; however, patients can also self-drive and will be allowed to park at the hospital for 14 days. Self-isolation is crucial for those awaiting bed availability.



In today's edition of Science in 5, Dr. Maria Neira discusses what role ventilation plays in keeping us and our environment safe from COVID-19.

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.



The Thailand COVID19 situation report is available in Thai and English, please visit For regular updates on WHO's response in Thailand, please visit

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