

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health



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WHO Thailand Situation Report



4,907
Confirmed



60
Deaths



806
Hospitalized



4,041
Recovered



**THAILAND
SITUATION
UPDATE**

SPOTLIGHT

- On the 20th of December 2020, 576 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were reported by the Ministry of Public Health. The total number of cases reported in Thailand is currently 4,907.
- Of these cases, 82.4% (4,041) have recovered, 1.2% (60) have died and 16.4% (806) are still receiving treatment.
- No new deaths were reported
- The 576 new cases reported today represent the largest number of COVID-19 cases reported in Thailand to date, and include 41 imported cases and 535 locally transmitted cases. The case numbers for the two previous days are; for 18th December: total confirmed cases 4,297 (including 16 new cases) and for 19th December: total confirmed cases 4,331 (including 34 new cases)
- This significant increase in locally transmitted cases is due to extensive contact tracing and active case finding in relation to the outbreak in Samut Sakhon, which is still being actively investigated. The origin of the outbreak is currently not clear. Cases linked to this outbreak have also been detected in Bangkok and the situation is expected to evolve further.
- It is very important that members of the public continue to follow 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).




UPDATE FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- Measures to contain the outbreak in Samut Sakhon will include the following six steps.
 - Active case finding will continue in Samut Sakhon province. People visiting the province since December 1 are asked to monitor their symptoms for 14 days.
 - Pneumonia cases presenting to hospitals will be closely monitored following the surveillance measure.
 - Availability of medical supplies including PPE will be assured.
 - Call centres will be operating in every province.
 - COVID-19 focal points will be activated in all provinces.
 - Infection prevention and control will be strengthened in all healthcare facilities.
- Medicines are available for the treatment of over 8,000 COVID-19 positive patients. Over 2 million PPE sets, 3 million N-95 masks and 46 million surgical masks are stockpiled. Thailand also has capacity to produce up to 4 million surgical masks on a daily basis.
- Emergency Operating Centres have been activated in eight provinces neighbouring Samut Sakhon to support Provincial health teams to conduct active case finding for COVID-19 cases. Hospital beds are also available to treat cases, although to date only 40 cases related to the outbreak have needed hospitalisation.
- The Ministry of Public Health clarified that there is no evidence that seafood products contaminated with COVID-19 can cause infection in humans.


Avoid the Three C's

Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.




There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:

1




Crowded places
with many people nearby

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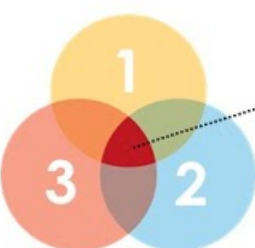


Close-contact settings
Especially where people have close-range conversations

3




Confined and enclosed spaces
with poor ventilation




The risk is higher in places where these factors overlap.

Even as restrictions are lifted, consider where you are going and #StaySafe by avoiding the Three C's.


WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?




Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces




Maintain at least 1m distance from others



When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes



Wear a mask if requested or if physical distancing is not possible

If you are unwell, stay home unless to seek urgent medical care.

WHAT WHO IS DOING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THAILAND

WHO Thailand supports the Royal Thai Government through the Ministry of Public Health, sharing information on key 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](#).
- For global figures and technical advice from WHO, please [visit](#).

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