Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) WHO Thailand Situation Report – 11 April 2020

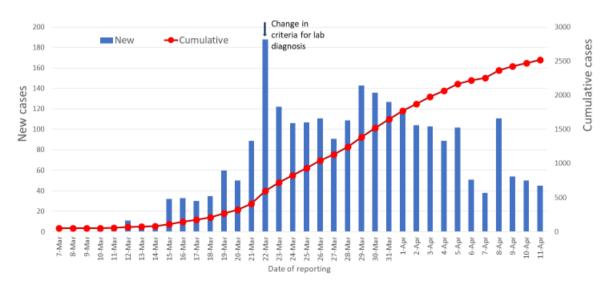


Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health

HIGHLIGHTS

- On the 11th of April 2020, 45 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, bringing the total number of cases to 2,518.
- Of the newly reported cases, twelve cases were identified in people returning from outside Thailand.
- To reduce transmission from imported cases, all persons returning from other countries will be quarantined in statearranged venues.
- An additional two healthcare workers are included in the newly reported cases, bringing the total number to 86 (3.4% of all cases).
- To protect healthcare workers and the healthcare system, it is essential that everyone complies with measures to reduce transmission of COVID-19.
- A total of 23 of the new cases are close contacts of previously confirmed cases, mainly among family members. Four of the new cases are reported in individuals who either attended crowded places, or whose work brings them into contact with large numbers of people.
- 68 of 77 provinces have now reported laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19. The Provinces with the highest numbers of cases are Bangkok (1280), Phuket (172), Nonthaburi (148), Samut Prakan (106) and Yala (77). The nine Provinces that currently have no reported cases are Ang Thong, Bueng Kan, Chai Nat, Kamphaeng Phet, Phichit, Nan, Ranong, Singburi and Trat.

New and cumulative COVID-19 cases in Thailand, by date of reporting



Source: MoPH, 11 April 2020

UPDATE ON MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND:

- The Immigration Bureau has announced visa exemptions for foreign nationals. Information in different languages is available
- According to the Ministry of Interior, at least 47 Provinces have a ban on the sale of alcohol. to reduce the risk of social gatherings at home or in a community.

THAILAND SITUATION in the last 24 hours

2,518 confirmed (45 new)
35 deaths (2 new)
1,348 people hospitalized
86 healthcare staff infected (2 new)
65 severe cases
1,135 recovered

KEY MESSAGES FROM THE NEW WHO GUIDANCE ON FACE MASKS IN THE COMMUNITY:

- It is critical that medical masks and respirators be prioritized for health care workers.
- The use of nonmedical masks made of other materials (e.g., cotton fabric) in the community setting
 has not been well evaluated. There is no current evidence to make a recommendation for or against
 their use in this setting.

ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC



Protecting yourself and your loved ones over Songkran

Dr Panpimol Wipulakorn, Director-General, Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health has suggested that to adapt to the current challenges of COVID-19, celebrations should include physical distancing.

She has discouraged people from returning to their home towns to visits their parents and grandparents. Given that this is such a special time of year in which children wish to pay respects to their elders, she suggests the theme of this year's celebration of Songkran is "we may be

• Greetings and well-wishes should be sent through online or by telephone.

physically separate but but our hearts are still connected".

- For those staying in the same house with their parents, please practice physical distancing when paying respects.
- Gifts to parents and grandparents should be sent though delivery services, not in person.

WHAT WHO IS DOING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THAILAND

WHO Thailand remains in frequent direct contact with the Royal Thai Government through the Ministry of Public Health, sharing information on key developments, guidelines and scientific updates.

WHO supports the wider UN response, including working with key partners and the Ministry of Public Health to support migrant populations in Thailand. WHO also provides information and advice to staff of the UN system in Thailand.

MEDIA

WHO Thailand's <u>website</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u> accounts, regularly provide content on all aspects of the outbreak in Thailand and around the world. Media queries can be directed to <u>sethawebmaster@who.int</u> and <u>kanpirom@who.int</u>

USEFUL LINKS

- The Thailand COVID19 situation report is available in Thai and English at http://covid19.th-stat.com/en.
- For regular updates on WHO's response in Thailand, please visit <u>www.who.int/thailand</u>
- For global figures and technical advice from WHO please <u>visit</u>.