

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

WHO Thailand Situation Report – 13 April 2020

Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health

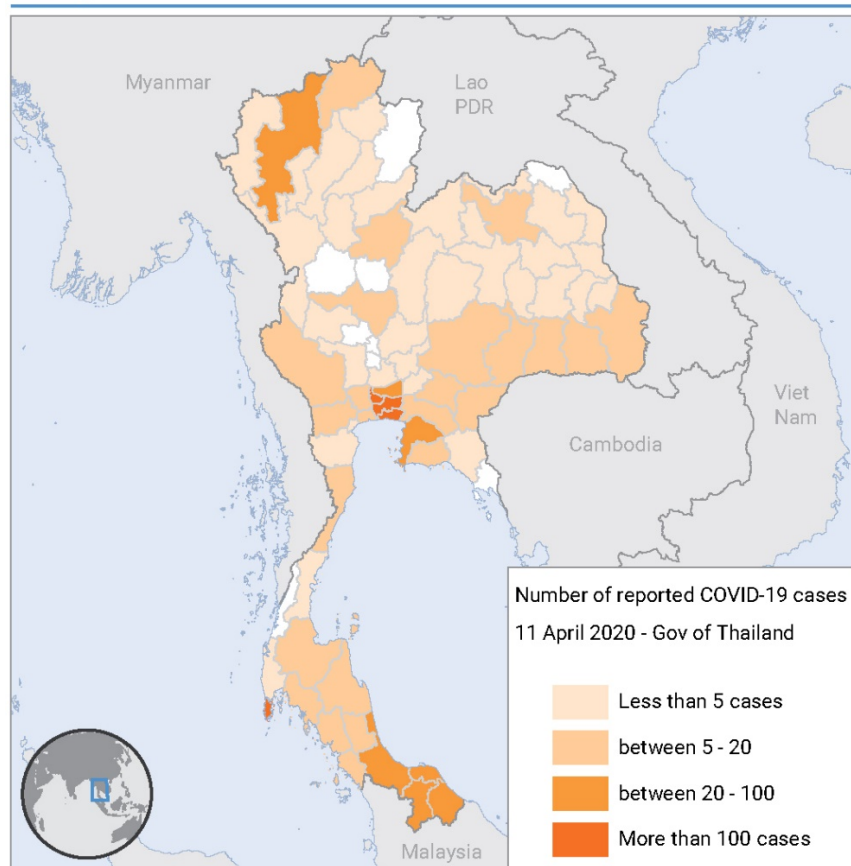
HIGHLIGHTS

- On the 13th of April 2020, 28 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, bringing the total number of cases to 2,579.
- 50% (1,288) have recovered, 1.5% (40) have died, and 48.5% (1,251) are receiving treatment. The majority of patients currently in hospitals have mild symptoms.
- Of the newly reported cases, four were identified in people returning from outside Thailand. To reduce transmission from imported cases, all persons returning from other countries will be quarantined in state-arranged venues.
- An additional three healthcare workers are included in the newly reported cases, bringing the total number to 102 (4% of all cases). Currently, approximately 50% of these infections are related to patients not disclosing a history of possible exposure to COVID-19. 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 18 of the new cases are close contacts of previously confirmed cases, mainly among family members. Three 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 three provinces with the highest numbers of cases are Bangkok (1306), Phuket (182) and Nonthaburi (148).

THAILAND SITUATION in the last 24 hours

2,579 confirmed (28 new)
40 deaths (2 new)
1,251 people hospitalized
102 healthcare staff infected (3 new)
1,288 recovered

THAILAND: COVID-19 cases (as of 11 April 2020)



Map Sources: UN Cartographic Section, Royal Thai Survey Dept., Gov. of Thailand

UPDATE ON MEASURES FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THAILAND:

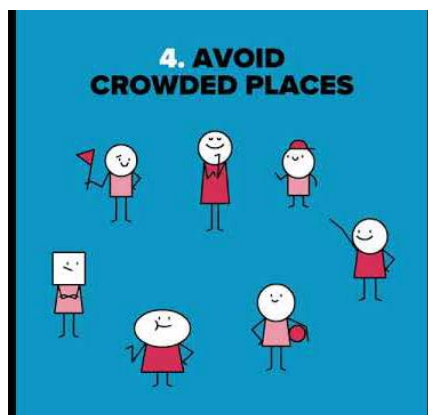
Laboratory and testing capacity

- As of 13th April, a total of 93 laboratories are certified for COVID-19 testing, including:
 - Bangkok and municipality – 43 laboratories (21 public and 22 private)
 - Provinces – 50 labs (44 public and 6 private hospital/laboratories)
- As of 10th April, a total of 100,498 samples were tested for COVID-19. During 4th -10th April alone, approximately 19,000 samples were tested.

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



You may have noticed in the news that the number of cases in Thailand appears to be tapering off.

This is good news but it is not cause for complacency.

We need to ensure that we do not let down our guard: it is vital that we all continue to follow health advice on hand and respiratory hygiene as well as physical distancing.

Please watch (and share) our video to remind yourself of the seven basic steps to keeping yourself and others safe from COVID-19.

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 [website](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts, regularly provide content on all aspects of the outbreak in Thailand and around the world. Media queries can be directed to sethawebsite@who.int and kanpirom@who.int

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 www.who.int/thailand
- For global figures and technical advice from WHO please [visit](#).