# Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) WHO Thailand Situation Report – 14 April 2020

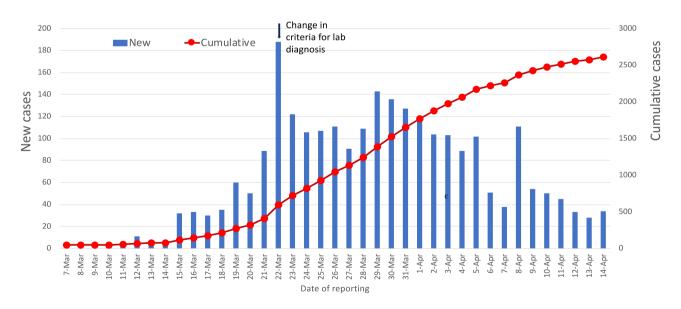


Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- On the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, 34 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, bringing the total number of cases to 2,613.
- Of these, more than 54% (1,405) have recovered, about 1.5% (41) have died, and about 45% (1,167) are receiving treatment.
- Of the newly reported cases, three 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.
- The total number of infected healthcare workers is 102 (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 27 of the new cases are close contacts of previously confirmed cases, mainly among family members. Two 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. Bangkok has the highest number of cases (1,311), followed by Phuket (186) and Nonthaburi (150).

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



Source: MoPH, 14 April 2020

#### 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 10<sup>th</sup> April, a total of 100,498 samples were tested for COVID-19. During 4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> April alone, approximately 16,490 samples were tested.

## THAILAND SITUATION in the last 24 hours

2,613 confirmed (34 new)
41 deaths (1 new)
1,167 people hospitalized
102 healthcare staff infected
(3 new)
1,405 recovered

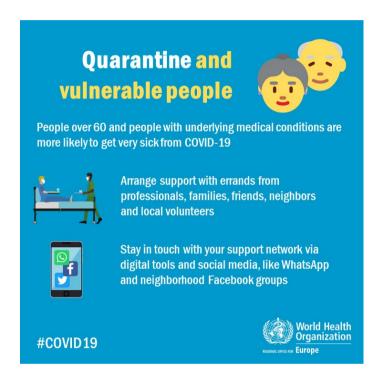
#### Bed occupancy and ventilator capacity at public hospitals

- The national public hospital bed capacity for COVID-19 is 4,820 beds; 3,800 of these beds are currently available.
- There is a total of 10,184 ventilator units nationwide and 2,855 units are currently available.

#### 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



The COVID-19 virus infects people of all ages, but some groups of people are at a higher risk of getting severe COVID-19 disease: older people and those with underlying medical conditions

It is essential that you protect yourself from COVID-19 in order to protect others, particularly those in vulnerable groups.

If a friend or family member becomes ill, please support them with practical help and stay in touch online or on the phone.

#### 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 Thail 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.