

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

WHO Thailand Situation Report – 12 April 2020

Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health

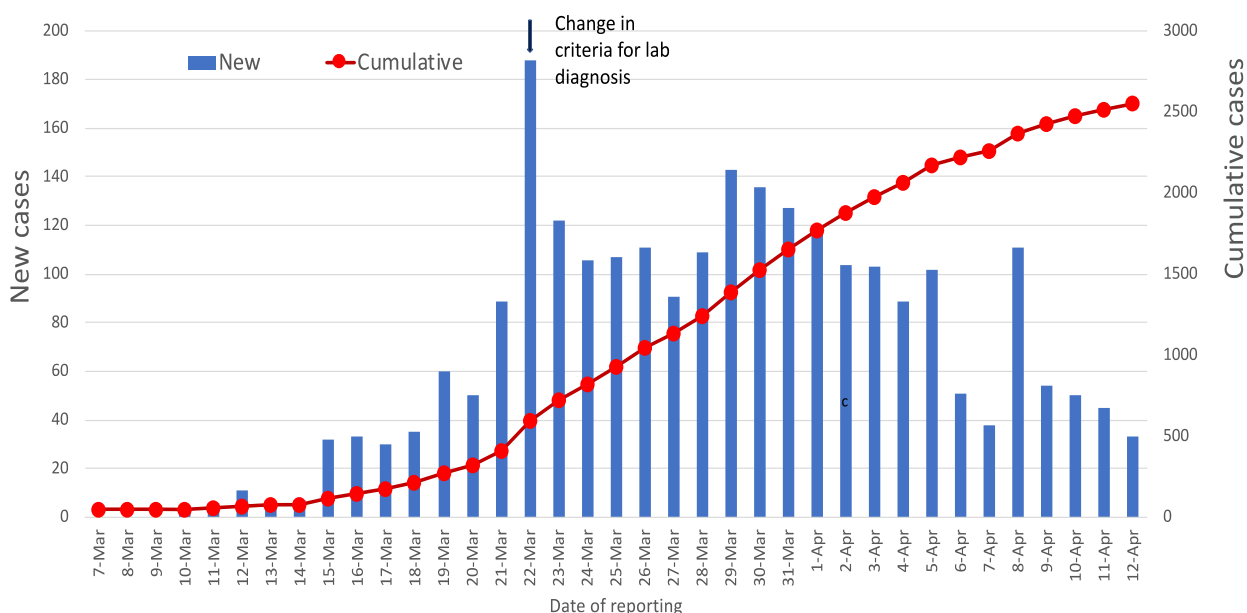
HIGHLIGHTS

- On the 12th of April 2020, 33 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, bringing the total number of cases to 2,551.
- Almost 50% (1,218) have recovered, 1% (38) have died, and about 53% (1,348) are receiving treatment. The majority of patients currently in hospitals have mild symptoms.
- Of the newly reported cases, three 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 state-arranged venues.
- An additional 7 healthcare workers are included in the newly reported cases, bringing the total number to 93. (3.6% 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 17 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. The three provinces with the highest numbers of cases are Bangkok (1294), Phuket (176) and Nonthaburi (148).

THAILAND SITUATION in the last 24 hours

2,551 confirmed (33 new)
38 deaths (3 new)
1,348 people hospitalized
93 healthcare staff infected (7 new)
65 severe cases
1,218 recovered

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



Source: MoPH, 12 April 2020

UPDATE ON MEASURES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND:

- The Department of Health Service Support manages 1,040,000 Village Health Volunteers (VHVs) across the country and an additional 15,000 public health volunteers in Bangkok. VHVs conduct home visits, provide health education, deliver medicines, and make reports to public health authorities.
- VHVs have been provided with surgical and cloth masks, face shields, biohazard bags, and alcohol gel. Between 2nd and 26th March, VHVs visited 3.3 million households. Between 27th March and 11th April, VHVs visited 8 million additional households to support case finding efforts.

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 physically separate but but our hearts are still connected".

- Greetings and well-wishes should be sent through online or by telephone.
- 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 through 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 [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](#).