

# Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

## WHO Thailand Situation Report – 25 March 2020

Data as reported by the Thai Ministry of Public Health on 25 March 2020

### HIGHLIGHTS

- On the 25th of March 2020, 107 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand (MoPH), bringing the total number of cases to 934.
- Nine cases are linked to previous clusters involving pubs and Boxing stadiums. Fourteen cases are close contacts of other cases and four are related to religious events in Malaysia.
- Eleven cases are related to foreigners and Thais returning from abroad or those working with international travelers.
- Two healthcare providers have become infected and 67 other cases remain under investigation.
- COVID-19 cases are now widely distributed in Thailand's provinces. The MOPH asks all persons coming from Bangkok to report to the designated Communicable Diseases Officers in their sub-district, remain at home, and maintain a distance of at least 1 meter from other persons.
- Of the 934 COVID-19 cases reported in Thailand, 70 have recovered, 860 are receiving treatment in healthcare settings. About 20% of cases did not have symptoms at the time they were tested. Four cases are in serious condition and four have died.
- There is now a cumulative total of 13,027 Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) in Thailand since the COVID-19 outbreak began, including 6,736 people being actively investigated or treated. This group includes people being treated for other conditions who are no longer suspected of having COVID-19 infection.

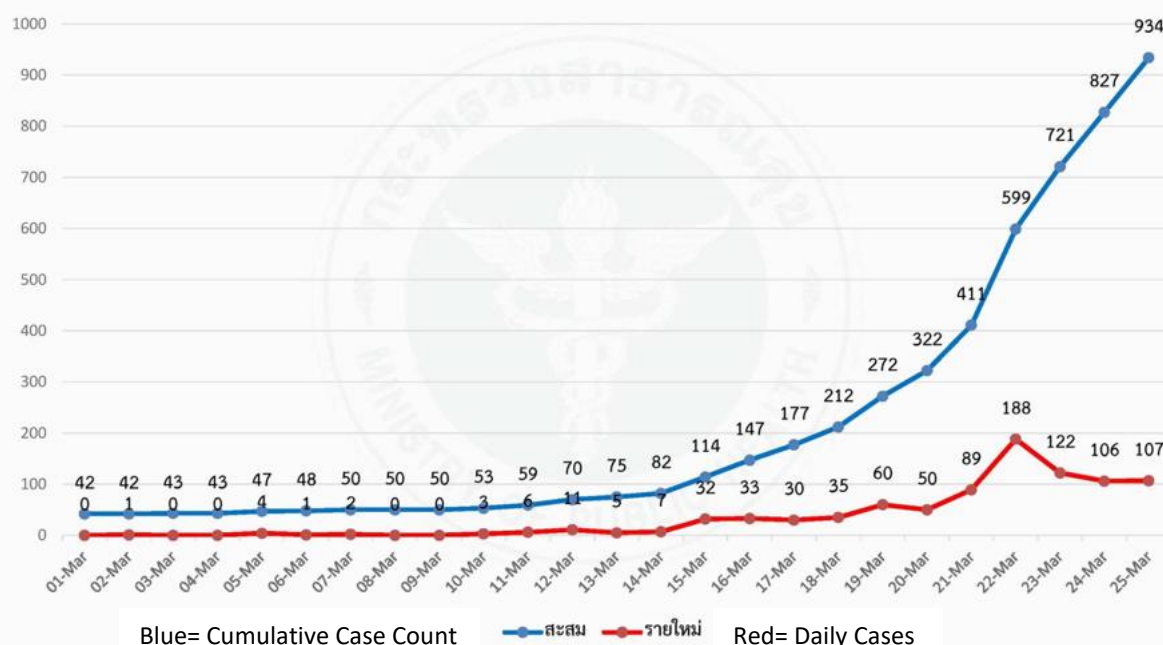
### THAILAND SITUATION IN NUMBERS

total and new cases in last 24 hours

934 confirmed (107 new)  
4 deaths, 4 severe cases  
860 persons receiving treatment.



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- Prime Minister Prayuth Chan Ocha issued a National Emergency Decree effective 26<sup>th</sup> March until April 30<sup>th</sup>. This decree authorizes certain government agencies to effect or enforce specific actions necessary to reduce transmission of the pandemic virus and bring the epidemic under control. The public is requested to remain inside their homes and to limit all social contacts. The MOPH urges the workers of retail business in Bangkok not to travel to their hometowns to prevent the spread of coronavirus to their families. The National Communicable Disease Committee has asked all provincial Governors to implement screening, case finding and disease prevention measures at district and sub-district levels. Testing, isolating positive cases and tracing their contacts to limit ongoing transmission of the virus, is an essential public health response at this moment. These activities, combined with strict social distancing measures, are the best tools currently available to combat the pandemic.

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

To reduce the risk of contracting the virus that causes COVID-19 observe the following:

- Remain inside your home. Leave your home **only** for essential activities (e.g. medical care, purchase food).
- Maintain a distance of at least 1 meter from all other persons at all times.
- Frequently wash your hands, especially after contact with ill people or their environment. An alcohol-based hand rub is also effective
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- If unwell, wear a cloth or paper mask. Do not use N95 respirators as supplies are limited and they are critically needed for healthcare workers.
- Cover coughs & sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing and frequently wash your hands.
- Do not shake hands, embrace, share eating utensils or smoking devices with other people.
- Avoid contact with people suffering any symptoms of acute respiratory infection.
- Keep all commonly touched surfaces clean. Advice on cleaning practices and the survivability of the SARS-CoV-2 virus on surfaces & in different settings is available [here](#).

## MEDIA

- WHO Thailand continues to receive media queries about the outbreak and through its [website](#) provides relevant content on a regular basis to the public and other constituencies. Media queries can be directed to [sethawebsite@who.int](mailto:sethawebsite@who.int) and [kanpirom@who.int](mailto:kanpirom@who.int)
- WHO Thailand's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts post useful information on hygiene and protection, such as when and how to use masks, as well as relevant WHO technical guidelines and other content related to the novel coronavirus situation in Thailand and globally.

## WHO THAILAND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

WHO Thailand's strategic objectives to support Thailand's response are to:

- Limit transmission to citizens and health care workers
- Train and equip healthcare facilities to manage large numbers of COVID-19 patients
- Address crucial unknowns regarding clinical severity, extent of transmission, viral shedding, treatment options, and accelerate the development of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines
- Communicate risk and event information to all communities and counter misinformation
- Minimize social and economic impact through multisectoral partnerships

## PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

### What Thailand is doing

- On March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm Bangkok time, WHO Thailand will offer a webcast titled “Urgent Insights from Wuhan”. Two senior Chinese physicians with first-hand experience responding to the Wuhan outbreak will discuss clinical and hospital management. All Thai doctors, administrators and healthcare workers are asked to participate. [www.who.webex.com](http://www.who.webex.com) Meeting #492695827
- Thailand has strong capacities for case detection, risk assessment, case investigation, laboratory diagnosis, clinical management, infection prevention and control, and risk communication.
- With WHO support, the National Institute of Health of Thailand is supporting specimen testing for other countries as requested.
- Visitors to Thailand traveling from affected areas are being screened on arrival. Possible illnesses may be reported to the Department of Disease Control using the 1422 hotline.
- The Ministry has introduced a self-reporting online tool, available in Thai, English and Chinese, which can be accessed [here](#).

### What WHO is doing in 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 and provides relevant information and advice to staff of the UN system in Thailand.

## USEFUL LINKS

- For regular updates on WHO's response in Thailand, access the **WHO Thailand website**: [www.who.int/thailand](http://www.who.int/thailand)
- For the latest worldwide figures and technical advice about the outbreak, including how to protect yourself, access WHO Headquarters' website: [www.who.int](http://www.who.int) including [daily global situation reports](#) and WHO's technical support worldwide to the COVID-19 response.
- The **International Health Regulations (IHR)** can be viewed [here](#).
- For the latest on the Thai government response, access the **Department of Disease Control, Thai Ministry of Public Health COVID-19 landing page**. \*
- The Department of Disease Control Hotline is 1422 (dialed from within Thailand).
- The **Thai Communicable Diseases Act** (revised in 2015) is available [here](#).
- For a comprehensive COVID-19 global case-tracker, access the **Johns Hopkins University's Centre for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE)**: in [English](#) and [Thai](#).
- [Global research](#) on novel coronavirus COVID-19
- **The Global Health Network - Coronavirus Outbreak Knowledge Hub** - a pop-up area on [The Global Health Network](#) serves as a knowledge hub and access to guidance on COVID-19.  
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For more information or queries on WHO Thailand's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, or our work more widely, contact [sethawebsite@who.int](mailto:sethawebsite@who.int), visit [www.who.int/Thailand](http://www.who.int/Thailand), and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)