

Special Announcement of COVID-19 On 15 March 2020

1. The situation on 15 March 2020 at 8.00 a.m.

1. There are currently 76 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) being actively treated in hospitals, 37 cases have recovered and have been sent home, and there has been one death, which brings the total number of COVID-19 cases detected in Thailand thus far to 114.

2. From 3 January to 15 March 2020 at 11.00 A.M., the total number of patients under investigation (PUI) was 6,176 people. Of those, 258 PUI were detected from screening at ports of entry, and 5,918 people sought medical services on their own at hospitals. 4,223 cases have recovered and returned home, but a few of these cases who have been sent home and are being continually monitored. Most of the PUI were infected with seasonal influenza, and 1,953 PUI are still being admitted to hospitals for further testing.

3. As of 7:00 a.m. on 15 March 2020, since 5 January 2020 the international situation involves 147 countries, two special administrative regions of China, and cruise ships, there were 155,817 confirmed cases and 5,814 deaths. 80,824 of these confirmed cases and 3,189 of these deaths are from the People's Republic of China.

2. MOPH reported 32 new cases of COVID-19, 2 cases were discharged, advising not to visit crowded areas.

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) has confirmed 32 new confirmed cases of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as 2 cases were discharged and returned to their homes. Moreover, they also advised not to visit crowded places and avoid traveling abroad during this situation.

Dr. Sukhum Karnchanapimai, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Public Health and his team stated about the COVID-19 situation that there was a Ministry of Public Health meeting with Mr. Anutin Charvirakul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health, as the chairman on 14 March 2020. They discussed government management measures for the next offer to the Prime Minister to control the disease such as decreasing the number of entering travelers, closing crowded or high risk entertainment spots and ceasing aspects of public activity due to the previous report about patients related to entertainment spots and restaurants.

Today, 32 new confirmed cases have been reported who were associated with public places as follows:

- 1st group was associated with a boxing stadium: 9 cases
 - 2nd group was associated with a nightlife spot: 8 cases
 - 3rd group was associated with travel groups: 3 cases
 - 4th group was associated with people returning from abroad: 7 cases
 - 5th group had contact with a confirmed case (restaurant owner): 2 cases
 - 6th group were already undergoing the investigation process: 3 cases
- Laboratory results from 51 tests are still pending

There were 2 cases who fully recovered and were discharged, a 29 year-old Thai man and a 22 year-old Thai woman treated at the Bamrasnaradura Infectious Disease Institute. There are currently 37 patients who recovered, 76 patients admitted at hospitals and 1 death. The total number of confirmed cases is 114.