HIGHLIGHTS

- On the 21st of April 2020, 15 new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, bringing the total number of cases to 2,826.
- Of these, more than 83% (2,352) have recovered, about 1.7% (49) have died, and 15% (425) are receiving treatment.
- Only one case was in a person returning from outside Thailand; likely reflecting restrictions on entry.
- Ten of the new cases are close contacts of previously confirmed cases. Four cases either attended crowded places or had occupational exposure to large numbers of people, or to foreigners.
- To date, 68 of the total 77 provinces have reported cases. The three provinces that have reported the most cases are Bangkok (1,451), Phuket (193) and Nonthaburi (152).

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

Medical supplies [Surgical masks]:
As of April 22nd, 41,566,850 masks were delivered to hospitals and other authorities for COVID-19 including:
- Ministry of Public Health: 25,853,050
- Ministry of Interior: 15,535,800
- Royal Thai Armed Forces: 178,000

Medical supplies [N95 respirators]:
As of April 22nd, the Ministry of Public Health had distributed 193,060 N95 respirators to hospitals nationwide.

Medical supplies [PPE]:
As of April 22nd the Ministry of Public Health had distributed 78,462 sets of PPE to hospitals nationwide.

COVID-19 cases in Thailand, by date of reporting

Source: MoPH, 22 April 2020
**MITIGATING THE IMPACT ON SOCIETY**

**Mental Health**

Surveys conducted by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) in the Ministry of Public Health show a high percentage of respondents who report having raised levels of stress, especially health care workers.

Stress is a normal reaction to the COVID-19 situation and may affect groups differently, including the general public, people who are quarantined, healthcare workers and those at risk of mental health problems.

The Ministry of Public Health encourages people suffering from stress to seek help from counsellors at their hospitals or through their mental health hotline services #1323.

The Department of Mental Health is providing support to the public, including:

- A mobile application ‘Mental Health Check Up’ for self-assessment of stress level
- Phone calls to the general public to assess stress levels and provide support
- A mental health programme ‘Baan Pa lang Jai’ on Sundays (via ThaiPBS channel)
- An on-line concert (scheduled for 25th April, from 10.00-18.00hrs.)
- Engaging celebrities to communicate with the public.

**ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC**

Choose a limited time each day when you will check #COVID19 updates.

Constantly listening to media coverage about #coronavirus can make you more anxious and upset. #MentalHealth

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be the top – and sometimes the only – story in media, it is easy to be overwhelmed by the constant barrage of information from around the world.

It is only natural to feel anxious and concerned as we try to process all this information.

It is important to manage both the amount and quality of information you consume.

Set one or two specific times of the day to get information about the outbreak and ensure it is from a trusted and reliable source such as the WHO or your local health authority.

Fight your fears by learning the facts. WHO’s Mythbusters series is a great resource which will help you to sort the facts from fiction.

What who is doing to provide support to Thailand

WHO Thailand is 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 sethawebmaster@who.int and kanpirom@who.int.

USEFUL LINKS

- The Thailand COVID19 situation report is available in Thai and English
- Regular updates on WHO’s response in Thailand
- Global figures and technical advice from WHO

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