SPOTLIGHT

- On the 13th of May 2020, no new cases of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 were announced by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand (MoPH). This is the first time since the 10th of March 2020 that there were no new cases. The total number of cases stands at 3,017.

- No deaths were reported today.

- To date, 68 of 77 provinces have reported cases. Nine provinces have never reported any cases. A total of 50 provinces have reported no new cases in the past 28 days. Only 18 provinces have ongoing cases (reported in the past 28 days).

- The majority of cases in the past two weeks were detected among individuals in Immigration Detention Centres, in people who have had close contact with previously confirmed cases, Thai returnees from abroad being held in quarantine, and those visiting crowded places. Many have also been detected through active case finding in the community.

NEW COVID-19 CASES IN THAILAND, BY DATE OF REPORTING

Source: MoPH, 13 May 2020

UPDATES FROM THE CENTRE FOR COVID-19 SITUATION ADMINISTRATION

- As ‘low-risk’ public venues reopen, the CCSA has requested service providers and the public to strictly follow the recommended health measures such as hand hygiene, avoiding touching eyes, nose, mouth, respiratory etiquette, wearing face masks and physical distancing.
The National Office of Buddhism has arranged free food distribution both at the temples and using mobile services. Canteens have been established in 77 provinces across the country, benefiting more than 200,000 people. This project is also being implemented in more than 500 Buddhist temples abroad.

The CCSA referred today to the WHO recommendations on the criteria that should be in place before countries transition away from physical distancing measures that have been in place.

While the figures of zero deaths and zero new cases today is good news, the CCSA reminds the public not to let their guard down and to remain vigilant.

**ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The World Health Organization has outlined six criteria that each country should meet before lifting restrictions:

1. Transmission of COVID-19 is under control.
2. The healthcare system is able to detect, isolate, and treat every case and track contacts.
3. The risk of outbreaks in households is minimized.
4. Workers in schools and other essential public places have differential measures in place.
5. The national surveillance system is in place to monitor the risk of imported cases.
6. Communities and key service providers have the ability to adjust to the new normal.

No new reported cases and no new deaths from COVID-19 today is a positive sign.

However, all people living in Thailand need to remain vigilant. The virus causing COVID-19 can cause explosive outbreaks anywhere and anytime. We have seen this in Singapore, Japan and Korea.

Easing of restrictions and the reopening of certain low-risk venues means that we all must be extra careful in following basic measures such as regular hand washing, physical distancing and respiratory hygiene — to ensure that COVID-19 infection does not reappear.

Read the WHO’s recommendations on the criteria that any country should use to keep transmission of COVID-19 at manageable levels.

**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.

**USEFUL LINKS**

- The Thailand COVID19 situation report is available in Thai and English, please visit.
- For regular updates on WHO’s response in Thailand, please visit.
- For global figures and technical advice from WHO, please visit.

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