



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 News release

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Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, two cases recovered and were discharged (a total of 2,798 cases have recovered or 92.74% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 163 were being treated in hospitals (5.40% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, two new COVID-19 cases were confirmed (both had a history of close contact with previous cases, one in Bangkok and one in Narathiwat province) which brought the total number to 3,017 cases and the total of deaths remained at 56 cases. There were no reports of deaths for today.

From the report of the new confirmed cases today, both confirmed cases had a history of contact with a confirmed case in the family. Family members who leave the residence represent a risk of spreading the disease in the family. In addition, the Ministry of Public Health strictly requires people to follow the Ministry's measures when they enter-exit their residence by wearing a face mask/cloth mask, frequently washing hands or alcohol gel, and keeping 1-2 meters of space between each other. People who need to work outside should wash their hands and clean themselves immediately when they return to their residence. An area should be designated for placing personal stuff that is taken to public areas (e.g. shoes, bags, used clothes) to decrease the chance of spreading the disease via fomites.

The cases who were infected by family members were mainly husband-wife, parents-children, and other close contact persons. The most important measures to prevent the disease are to keep physical distancing, avoid close contact such as hugs or kisses and to not cough and sneeze towards each other. If you feel sick, you must wear a hygienic mask and separate yourself, personal items, and food from others to prevent transmission in your family.