

Update Information – Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, Thailand
(as of January 27th, 2016 at 1700 pm)

Situation - January 27th, 2016

1. One laboratory confirmed case detected (remained the same). The patient is male, 71 years old Omani.
2. A total of 40 persons classified as “High Risk Contacts” were identified, 12 persons (without any symptoms) had been leaving Thailand with properly procedures and well connected to relevant officials in countries of citizenship. Twenty-two (22) persons are under clinical observation in designated facilities.
3. Global situation of MERS, World Health Organization (WHO) reported 1626 cases in 26 countries, with total 586 deaths.
4. Avoid the rumor and mis-information, please regularly follow the information providing by Ministry of Public Health. Call 1422 for further inquiry.

General Advice by Ministry of Public Health: Travelers from the Middle East countries who have fever, cough are required to see the doctor at hospitals and provide full travel history

Director General of the Department of Disease control, Dr. AmnuayKajeena, said the patient is under medical care in the isolation room at Bamrassnaradura Infectious Institute, no fever, mild difficult breathing and is still remain on oxygen support via nasal route. He is able to walk and eat as normal.

Dr. Amnuay added that all the 40 persons under supervision reported no symptoms, all the tests were negative for MERS. Twelve persons have been leaving Thailand, with proper procedures and well connected to relevant officials in countries of citizenship, as by International Health Regulation. Other 28 persons are in the country, under observation and care by MOPH which consist of one relative, 2 taxi drivers, 4 hotel staffs, 11 hospital staffs and 10 passengers (4 Thais, 6 Foreigners), 6 other foreigners are located and in the process of observation.

In additions, the on-going surveillance by Bureau of Epidemiology and relevant organizations further identified 4 more persons for investigation (1 Turkish, 2 Omani and 1 Thai). All tests were negative, without infection. It is important to advice that all travelers from the Middle East are required to see and report to the doctor immediately, particularly if having fever, cough and should wear respiratory mask. To prevent spreading of viruses to general public, do not use the public transportation. Call 1422 (or 1669) for more information and helps.