

Thailand to Obtain 63 Million Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine (6/1/2021)



The Cabinet on 5 January 2021 acknowledged a report that Thailand had urgently ordered 63 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine from foreign countries.

The first shipment of 200,000 doses of vaccine is scheduled to arrive in Thailand in February from China's pharmaceutical manufacturer Sinovac Biotech. Medical personnel and other people in the maximum control zones, such as those in Samut Sakhon, Rayong, and Chon Buri, will be the first group to receive the vaccine.

The shipment of 800,000 doses of vaccine will arrive in March. Out of these doses, 200,000 will be offered to the first group for the second injection, while 600,000 doses will be offered to medical personnel, village health volunteers, and other people in the maximum control zones.

A shipment of one million doses will arrive in April. Out of these doses, 600,000 doses will be offered to the second group for the second injection and 400,000 doses to other personnel.

Thailand will obtain 26 million doses of vaccine in the middle of this year for various groups of the Thai population. It had earlier sought to secure these doses through the Advance Market Commitment from AstraZeneca, which has developed the vaccine in partnership with UK's Oxford University.

In addition, Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha had approved the purchase of another 35 million doses, bringing Thailand's total order of COVID-19 vaccine to 63 million doses.

All these doses must meet the criteria set by the Food and Drug Administration in Thailand and other countries involved.