



The Ministry of Public Health has issued a new announcement, defining five more countries as dangerous communicable disease areas for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The "Announcement Regarding the Areas Outside the Kingdom Which Are Considered Dangerous Communicable Disease Areas for COVID-19 is in effect from 23 April 2020 onwards, after it was published in the Royal Gazette on 22 April 2020.

In this announcement, the five countries include Malaysia, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, the Republic of Indonesia, and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Ministry of Public Health in early March 2020 defined four countries as dangerous communicable disease areas. The four countries include the Republic of Korea, the Peoples Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions), the Republic of Italy, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The new announcement brings the number of dangerous communicable disease areas for COVID-19 outside the Kingdom to nine. It was issued, as Thailand is facing a high risk of COVID-19 from travelers from the countries sharing borders with Thailand. The announcement will enable the Kingdom to effectively contain the spread of the virus.

The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration on 22 April 2020 reported 15 new cases of COVID-19 in Thailand bringing the total to 2,826, and one new death adding the toll to 49. The number of recovered cases is 244 bringing the total to 2,352. The number of patients, who are still receiving medical treatment dropped to 425.

Thirty-six provinces have reported no new COVID-19 cases over the past 14 days. Although Thailand has seen a downward trend in the number of new cases, it will continue to strictly implement various measures to fight the disease.