

## The Wuhan novel coronavirus which has been detected in Thailand

1. Where the traveller was from in China (Local Chinese Media have reported the source of the outbreak being a now closed fish market in Wuhan)

According to the Ministry of Public Health, the traveller is from Wuhan, China.

2. Some reports are stating that the traveller was diagnosed on entry, is this the case? Was there an infection risk to other passengers?

The Ministry of Public Health said the 61-year-old Chinese woman was found to be infected with the new strain of coronavirus when she arrived in Thailand on Wednesday, 8 January. The Chinese woman was treated in an isolation ward at Bamrasnaradura Infectious Diseases Institute in Nonthaburi province. Her infection with the new coronavirus was confirmed on Sunday, 12 January.

As of 13 January, the Ministry said the ill Chinese woman was recovering, and now had no fever or any respiratory symptoms. If doctors gave her a clearance she would be allowed to go home in a few days.

3. How the virus was identified in the patient?

Thailand's health officials have been checking passengers from Wuhan arriving at Suvarnabhumi, Don Mueang, Phuket and Chiang Mai airports since 3 January.

From 3-12 January, health officials have been checking a total of 9,122 passengers and crews on 58 direct flights from Wuhan, China to the four Thai airports. They had found 12 ill passengers who justified being quarantined, including four passengers who seek medical treatments at private hospital. The passengers had been treated and discharged from hospital.

Of the 12 ill passengers, nine were identified with specific type of symptoms. These include five with Influenza A, one with Influenza B, one with Influenza C, one with H Influenzae, and one with Coronavirus OC43 (the ill Chinese woman).

4. In which area did the traveller stay?

The traveller was detected at the airport, and was sent to the isolation ward at Bamrasnaradura Infectious Diseases Institute upon arrival.

Thai health officials also monitor health situation of 29 other passengers who had close contact with the ill Chinese woman.

5. What Healthcare facility they were treated in in Thailand?

Bamrasnaradura Infectious Diseases Institute.

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