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Lessening Quarantine for Safe Economic Recovery

**Proposals for Essential Short Stay arrivals,
with safety
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Summary

Achieving 'zero' was the result of a good plan and execution which brought safety. With a well-devised and tightly operated plan, we can move from 'zero' to manageable to allow entry for limited groups of arrivals.

These proposals offer ways to support essential functions for the economy; this assumes the public health system can support a level of risk (to be determined by experts), or may need some additional investment.

In a phased and targeted way, with precautions and proper management, allow in for short periods **THREE GROUPS:**

1. **Short skills** (fix machinery, commission plant), **business people**.
Manufacturing / exports are vital.
2. Then **MICE** visitors
3. In time **other tourist categories** (monitor & develop – long stay, later short stay)

Public and private sector both have roles in risk management and keeping safe.

Proposals involve graduating from 'zero' – why?

Quick actions by government in February, March and April made us safe and addressed a whole range of administrative actions. The world was still learning about how to cope with this virus.

Thailand has won accolades for achieving safe communities, where quick responses were necessary.

This has necessarily been the focus of public health professionals. But now more information emerges and we are facing, like much of the world, the challenges of economic recovery.

New perspectives need to be added to the expertise which is guiding the economy.

The proposals thus move from 'zero' to 'manageable', to tolerating and working with a level of risk.



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Economically important missing categories

Three groups – different strategies



GROUP 1A: Technical Skills for Manufacturing, Exports



1) Repair and maintenance machinery

2) Commission plant

3) Commission systems

4) Set up new client in data centre,
commission

Manufacturing / Exports are vital !

GROUP 1 B: Business people – for Manufacturing, Services and Exports



- 1) New investment discussions
- 2) Expand investments
- 3) Manage existing business where more than remote discussion needed

GROUP 2 - MICE



1) Exhibitors / importers

2) Participants – potential buyers

GROUP 3 - TOURISM



Phased approach:

- Domestic
- International long stay – isolation per Phuket example (monitor and develop)
- In time, international short stay

(Note WTTC four points, just for information)

Supporting public health infrastructure and response 1



“There is an infections range that Thailand is capable of handling. This range can then be worked into a system of test, trace and isolate (TTI). “

A second wave can be quelled, say health bigwigs

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1956539/a-second-wave-can-be-quelled-say-health-bigwigs>

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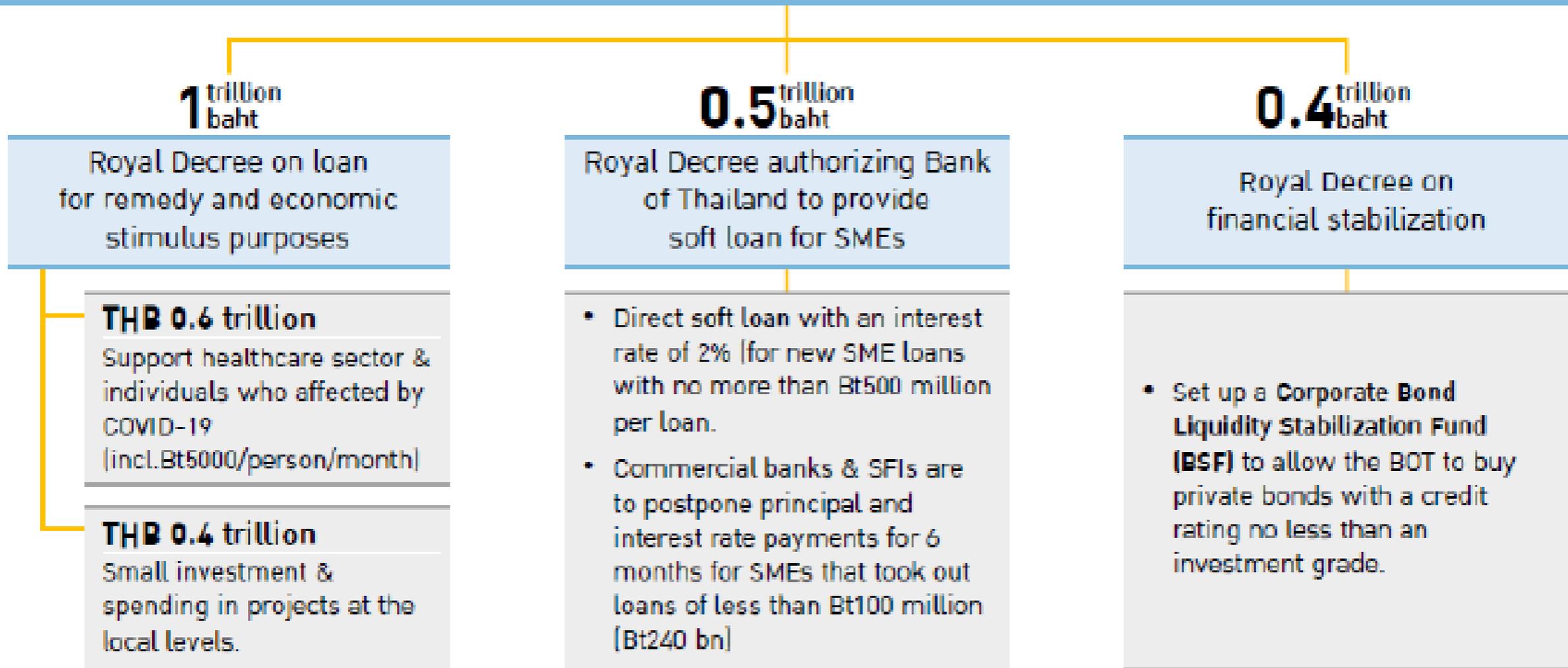
“Thailand will be able to handle and curb a second wave of Covid-19 as lessons have been learned from the first outbreak, say senior public health officials.”

“If local transmission re-emerges, it is likely there will only pockets of infections. It is like sparks of a fire that we can put out.”

Supporting public health response – enhance capacity if needed



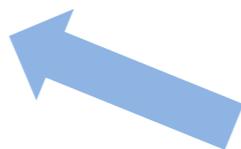
THAI GOVERNMENT COVID-19 RELIEF MEASURES PHASE 3 (1.9 TRILLION BAHT)



MORE DETAIL:

Economy and social recovery plan, including economic support projects :

- Investing in development and growth
- Restoring the local economy and community
- Promoting private consumption
- Supporting local infrastructure development



From the THB 400bn bucket, Enhanced medical facilities to support testing & recovery. Similar was done for bird flu, 2004?

Source: TDRI

Source: Dr. Pisit Puapan, Executive Director Macroeconomic Policy Bureau, FPO, MoF at BOI-JFCCT webinar 5 Aug 2020



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Tourism focus



Tourism - strategy



A phased plan, with SOP to manage possible infection

Domestic – already well implemented

'We Travel Together'

Expat domestic

International, with quarantine (monitor and develop to lessen quarantine in future)

Medical Tourism – round up the stay to 14 day quarantine.

'Safe and Sealed' – two weeks – isolated area – Phuket start; monitor and develop from there to allow short stay, from safer international origins.

Devise means of lessening quarantine:

MICE – a safe way for short stays for exhibitors and buyers

Other strategies

Diversification – additional industries – Phuket – eg marinas, education, health and wellness, tuna exports, seafood and gastronomy as well as sports and events businesses.

Tourism - 2

World Travel & Tourism Council <https://wttc.org/COVID-19/Government-Hub/Global-coordination-to-save-the-sector>

For information: WTTC Safe Travel policies; & see letter to G7+3 leaders.

- 1. Wear a mask:** Mandatory on all modes of transport visiting any interior venue and in locations where there is restricted movement
- 2. Testing and contact tracing:** Invest and agree on extensive, rapid, and reliable testing results - 90 minutes, and at a low cost, before departure and/ or after arrival. Effective and agreed contact tracing tools. One or multiple tests, with the second after five days, will help to isolate infected people.
- 3. Quarantine for positive tests only:** Quarantine for healthy travellers, damages the economy, should not be necessary if testing is done before departure and on arrival, and effective containment measures are taken. This can replace blanket quarantine in a more targeted and effective way
- 4. Reinforcing global protocols and standardise measures:** Global health and safety protocols will help rebuild traveller confidence and ensure a consistent, coordinated and aligned approach. Public Health Corridor Concept which promotes a clean and safe end-to-end journey.



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Proposals for lessening quarantine



JFCCT Proposal – 1 of 3



A. Quarantine bypass for short stays – three groups

- 1A Short skills – fix machines, commission plant, systems
- 1B Business people/business visitors (which APEC calls ‘business visitors’)
- 2 in time MICE visitors
- 3. In time - Other tourists – phased (monitor and develop)

Ramp up testing capability at all entry points. How? –over page

JFCCT Draft Proposal – 2 of 3



B. Quarantine by pass needs :

- (i) PCR test before departure (co-operation with foreign governments needed to work out protocols, availability and mutual recognition) and possibly during stay;
- (ii) Arrival PCR in volume at arrival airport; possibly quarantine for 24 hours for more complete test?
- (iii) observe local hygiene (see next page),
- (iv) contactable at all times, tracing, by app if needed, but avoid invasive; health management tool can be useful
- (vi) report symptoms daily,
- (vii) possibly some areas off limits; possibly 'hotel-to-factory' / 'hotel to office'.
- (viii) possibly start with green lane/air bridge/bubble economies

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C. On-line filing of application. Streamline the process, without lessening the rigour of the checking

D. Basic personal and group hygiene (no exceptions) for all:

- Masks
- hand washing,
- avoid large groups,
- social distancing in all locations
- Tracing / premises entry tool / contactable
- SOP for responses to possible infection cases for all relevant scenarios

E. Insurance more easily obtainable.

F. Enhance public health infrastructure for response and support, with economic recovery budget if needed.

G. Public and private sector supported information campaign to assure business and public that these actions are right, safe and in our interests.



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Proposals for Opening Borders with safety;
domestic rules for personal and group hygiene

THANK YOU

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11 categories from 30 June

<i>Categories of persons entering – 30 June CCSA</i>	
1	Thai Nationals
2	Exempted people or people specified by PM or Chief CCSA Official.
3	Diplomats / consular missions or similar, including spouses, parents or children
4	Carriers of necessary goods; then promptly depart
5	Crew / vehicle operators, with departure schedule
6	Non-Thai nationals = spouses, parents or children of Thai nationals.
7	Residents, or permit to be
8	Work Permit, Smart Visa holders or similar approvals, including their spouses or children.
9	<p>Students of approved educational establishments, including their parents or guardians, except for students of non-formal schools in accordance with laws on private schools or similar</p> <p>9.1 Private school students - international schools or universities that provide international curriculum, including parents or guardians</p> <p>9.2 Students under the Office of the Basic Education Commission / other government agencies excluding the parents or guardians of such students.</p> <p>9.3 Students of border patrol police schools or schools affiliated to other agencies with similar missions excluding the parents or guardians of such students.</p>
10	Medical 'tourists', including their accompanying persons (max 3), except for treatment for COVID-19. Round up treatment to 14 days (like Quarantine)
11	<p>Special arrangements with other countries.</p> <p>(11.1) For long stay</p> <p>(11.2) For short stay</p> <p>Quota per MFA list approved by CCSA for each category</p>

.. and some additions, all with quarantine

WELCOME MAT

Categories of foreigners and migrant workers that are expected to be allowed to enter the country as the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration discusses the 6th phase of Covid-19 easing this week.

1



Migrant workers in the construction business.

2



Migrant workers in the food export industry.

3



Foreign visitors who co-organise trade exhibitions.

4



Foreign visitors in film production crews.

5



Foreign workers who have an elite card.

BANGKOK POST GRAPHICS

All quarantine unless via another category.

Elite card now has TEMQ (CCSA approved). Above should read “Foreigners who have an Elite card”

Should also cover APEC Business Travel Card holders (business people who have been pre-vetted).

Health data management tools can be useful if used properly (example of the type)

Remote-Monitoring

Challenge

Facing a heavier load of cases, doctors are unable to address all patient needs in person.

Solution

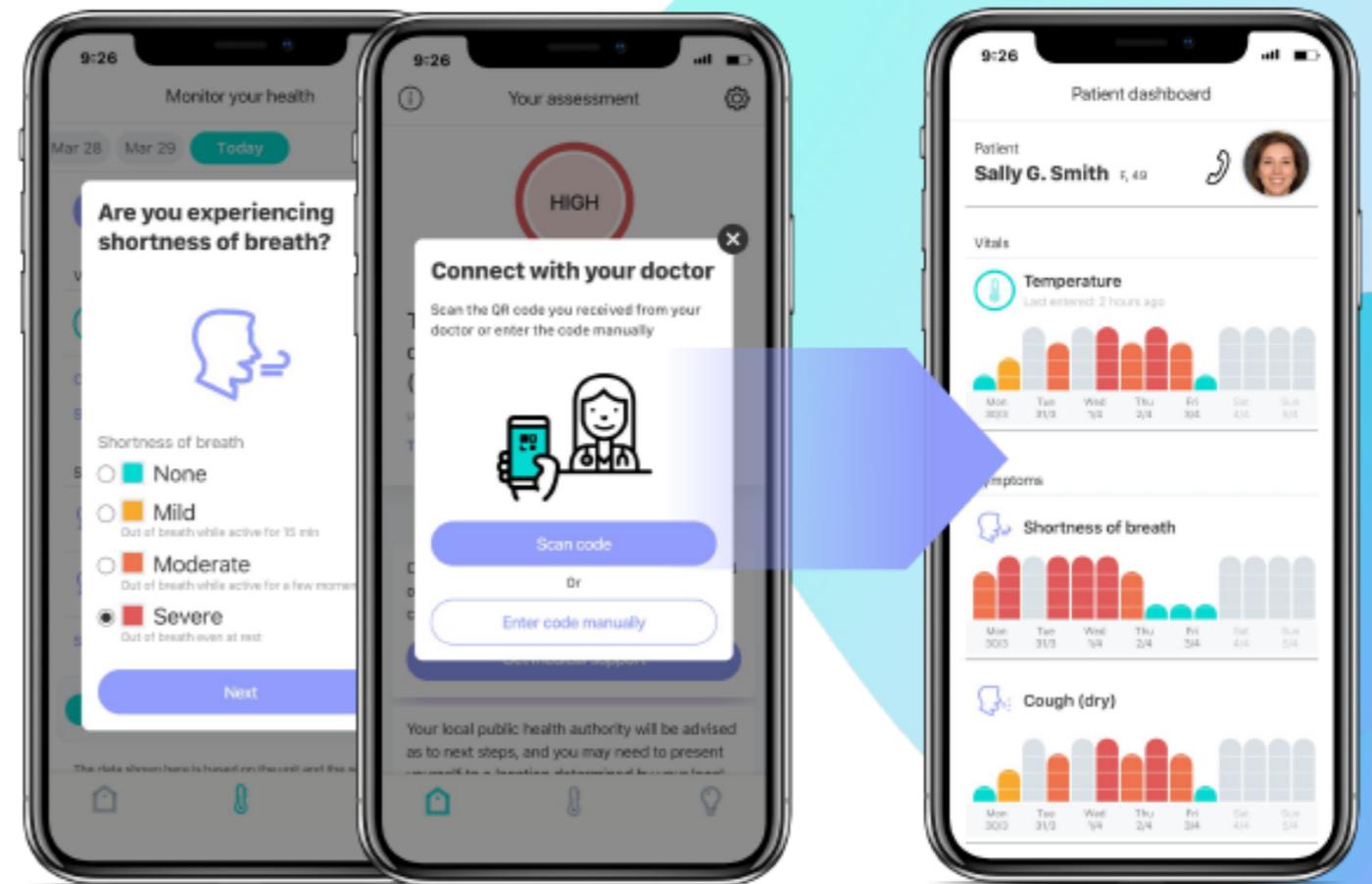
A doctor follows up with self-monitoring patients and is able to track their symptoms

With partner support

Connecting CoVive monitoring features with 3rd-party providers (telemedicine platforms, doctor booking systems, ...)

Dashboard and data integration

Back-end to manage doctors and connected patients



Patients track their symptoms and connect with a doctor who can review, consult and advise them.



Example – from Roche – CoVive from Medicus AI