



**Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau  
Statement on the Swine Influenza Situation  
For Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions Delegates  
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The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on 30 April 2009 that the UN agency will now refer to the new influenza virus as influenza A (H1N1). And there has been no report of the Influenza A (H1N1) in Thailand.

The Ministry of Public Health has collaborated with Airports of Thailand to closely monitor passengers with flu-like symptoms and strictly monitor those coming from countries affected by the disease.

Thermal scanners have been installed at the country's main airports: Suvarnabhumi Airport, Chiang Mai International Airport, Phuket International Airport and Samui Airport. The device will beep upon detecting anyone with a body temperature above 37 degrees Celsius passing through the gates. Each gate can scan a large group at a time and the Government Pharmaceutical Organization (GPO) has a stockpile of the antiviral drug, Oseltamivir ; although there has been no report of the new flu virus in Thailand.

The Livestock Development Department has set up a war room to monitor the outbreak and come up with necessary measures to protect people and pig farms from the deadly virus meanwhile suggesting pig farmers separate pigs from other farm animals, especially fowl, to prevent possible virus mutation.

The Royal Thai government, with the active support of health authorities and mass media channels, has launched a public awareness campaign to educate the general public about taking preventive measures to avoid contracting the influenza A (H1N1) virus.

In conclusion, Thailand's authorities are taking every possible preventive measure to ensure the safety of its citizens and visitors, and are closely monitoring the situation at every level.

We will keep you updated with the situation. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to call TCEB office: + (66) 2694 6000, visit [www.tceb.or.th](http://www.tceb.or.th) or contact [info@tceb.or.th](mailto:info@tceb.or.th) .

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