

Thailand Infectious Waste Management during COVID-19 pandemic

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## Infectious waste management system

#### Sources



total generation of infectious waste

53,172 tons/year (2019)

10,838 Public Medical Facilities

Private Medical Facilities

350 Hospitals

23,054 Clinics

2,800 Veterinary Facilities

1,198 Infectious Diseases Laboratories

Other
COVID-19
waste sources

Cohort ward

Hospital

State

Quarantine

Local

Quarantine

Transportation



By 10 municipalities

By 24 private companies

Manifest System

Disposal



7 Local Administration Incinerators

3 Private Company Incinerators

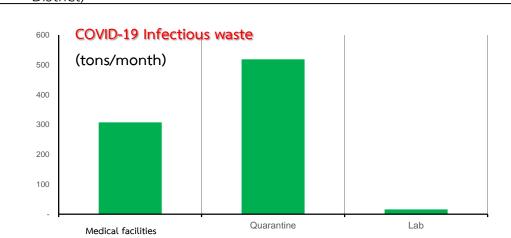
2 University Incinerators

1 Municipality
Autoclave

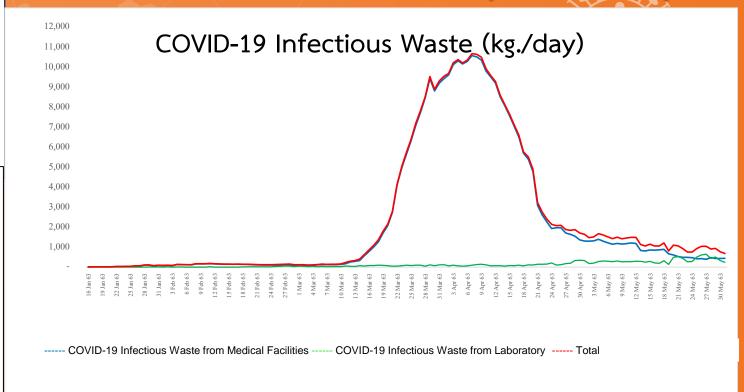
Dispose at the generation <u>23</u> sources (15 incinerators, 8 autoclaves)

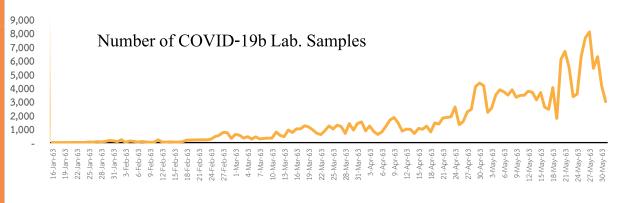
#### COVID-19 waste generation rates

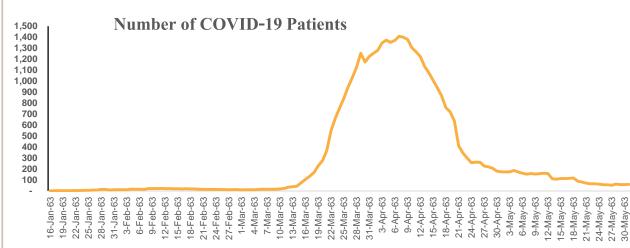
- Medical facilities (COVID-19 patients) **7.50 kg./person/day** (Phra Nang Klao Hospital)
- Laboratory 0.08 kg./sample (Department of Medical Sciences)
- Area Quarantine 1.19 kg./person/day (Kamphaeng Saen District)



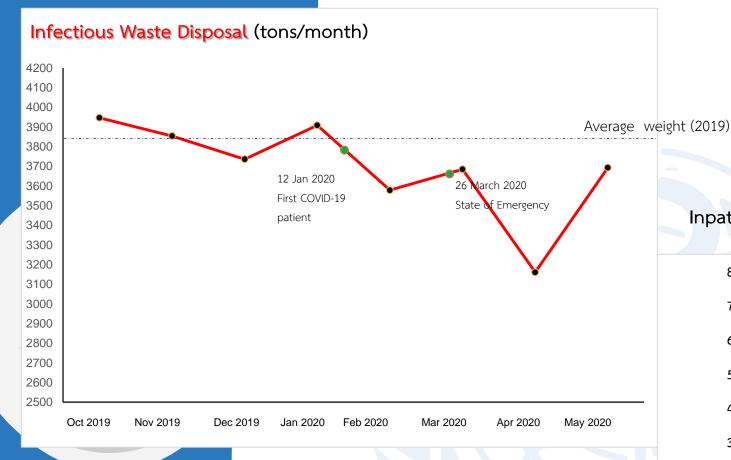
### COVID-19 infectious waste (Estimated)







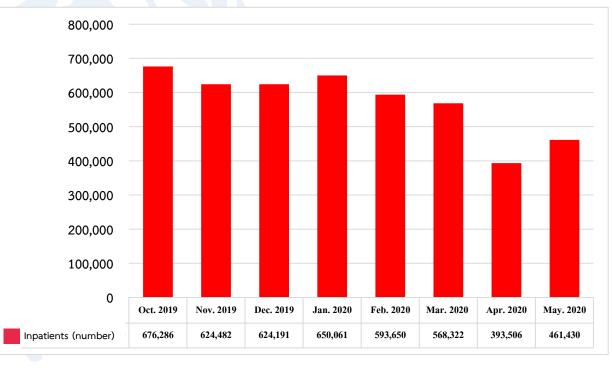
### Infectious Waste Disposal during COVID-19 pandemic



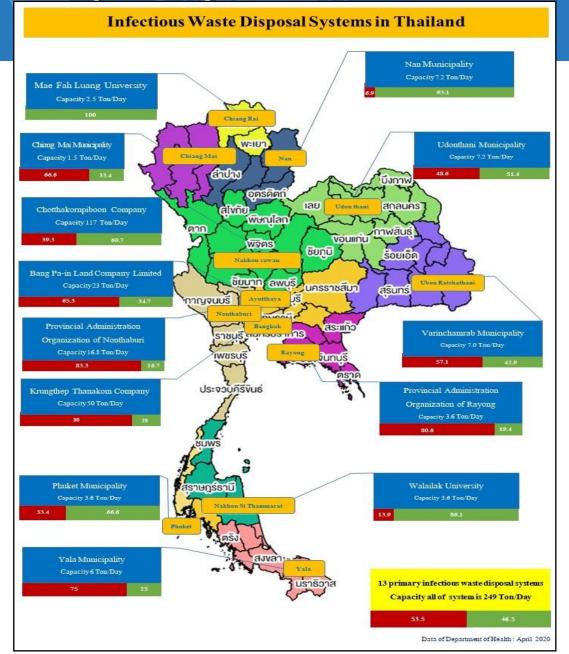
#### source: from 13 disposal facilities

- Feb 2020 6.98 % decreased
- Mar 2020 4.22 % decreased
- **April 2020 18.48 % decreased**
- May 2020 3.97 % decreased

#### Inpatients Number (per month)



Capacity of infectious waste disposal systems



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### Capacity of infectious waste disposal

- 1. Government and Private sectors infectious waste disposal clusters: 13 units
  - Capacity for infectious waste disposal: 249 tons/day (Just use 53.5%)
  - Capacity for supporting more infectious waste disposal :
     115.9 tons/day (46.5%)
    - \* Covid-19 patient support : 15,450 persons/day
- 2. Onsite treatment: 23 units
  - Capacity for infectious waste disposal: 48 tons/day
     (Just use 50%)
  - Capacity for supporting more infectious waste disposal :
     24 tons/day (50%)
    - \* Covid-19 patient support : 3,200 persons/day

# Emergency plan to support the outbreak COVID-19 infectious waste

disposal (crisis case)			
Phases	Collection	Transportation	Infectious waste disposal
Phase 1 (Normal)	At source	+ 10 Local Administrations/ 24 Private sectors	+ 13 main clusters have capacity to deal with infectious waste disposal for more than 165.9 tons/day, and with the COVID-19 diagnosed 15,450 persons/day
Phase 2 (Moderate)	At source	++ Local Administration	++ Akkhie Prakarn industrial waste incinerators and disposal system (an increased capacity of 50 tons/day ) ++ Incinerators of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (an increased capacity of 500 tons/day ) ++ Onsite Treatment : 23 units (an increased capacity of 24 tons/day and of the COVID-19 diagnosed 76,500 persons/day)

sal ++ Local Administration +++ Use an effective incinerator for infectious waste disposal, Phase 3 At source +++ Local Healthcare compared to an industrial waste incinerator, such as a (Severe) +++ Military Units general waste incinerator, a cement incinerator or a 2-chamber system crematory

## Guidelines for infectious waste disposal

Guidelines for infectious waste disposal for health-care facilities and hazardous laboratories

- Guidelines for infectious waste disposal for infectious waste transporters
- Guidelines for infectious waste disposal for infectious waste agencies

# Infectious waste incinerator (Rotary Kiln)

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