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# **School Administrators and the Disruptive Innovations**

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#### Abstract

This paper presents the challenges and understanding of educational management during disruption faced by school administrators. Disruptions occur consistently and how the school faces the challenges of disruptions depends on the school administrators. The school administrators need to manage the challenges in different ways in the 21st century, the time of hyper-change. Therefore, school administrators should prepare the technology into the disruptive leadership. The involvement of digital transformation and the future of education are the components that lead the school administrator to overcome the disruption and achieve recovery. Therefore, the school administrators should be more aware about the effects of the disruption that could create changes in the school's management and the need to balance the whole wellness of the school community.

## Introduction

Our world experience disruptions and there are numerous types of disruptions that affect education, cultures and schools. There are many types of disruptions such as political, environmental, health changes and rapid use in social media. These are serious issues that need to be addressed as one factor could lead to another. Education leaders must recognize what is happening and constantly begin to change the environment and use these disruptions to their advantages. Technology is advancing, transforming social life continuously. Today's educators' leaders struggle with 21st century disruptions that were incomprehensible to their predecessor in the 20th century. With the new challenges of social media, globalization, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ), equality issues, transparency and generational differences have been considered as the new disruptions that have made school administrators' jobs more complex in the era of 21<sup>st</sup> century. If the schools are to move forward with the accelerations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the school administrators must deploy new coping methods and strategies. The school administrators must move to the state of future awareness and deal with the information and demands. This paper will examine the disruptive innovation and leadership styles for contributing to the school settings. This analysis will occur through three key points of focus: school disruptions, new challenges for school administrators, digital transformation and future of education.

## What is disruption?

A disruption is a sudden break or interruption. Disruptive education means the intent to break with the established model to improve the existing one. Carter & White (2018) defines the word disruption as any invention or societal shift that gradually changes how school

operates. Disruptive event is an incident based on a disruption that suddenly changes how schools operate. Disruptive innovation is the system that the school can personalize their education systems. When the school administrators in the 20th century managed disruptive issue, they could usually just cope with it and move on without reflecting on the issues. However, this could cause a deep harm to school cultures with the complexities of today's disruption. Individuals require school administrators to constantly adjust their operating procedure and continually work with their staff to transform their mindsets and school culture. School administrators are required to be proactive more so than they have been in the past. With the transition from 20th century to 21st century, school administrators need to prepare the schools for a disruptive event in terms of implementing the adaptive mindsets in staff and to use the framework of coping, adjusting and transitioning or the CAT framework (Carter & White, 2018). First, school administrators need to recognize the disruptive event and cope with it immediately. When a crisis occurs, the goal is to peacefully resolve it as quickly as possible, usually within hours or days of its initiation. Secondly, adjusting the school policies and operating school procedures in the days and weeks after the incident to prevent its reoccurrence or to handle it and other disruptions more efficiently. Third, continue to transform their philosophies and school cultures through study and reflection in the months after the incident so that their thought processes and adaptive strategies will be extended in the future.

## **School disruptions**

School administrators have their own paths to transform or identify their disruptions and disruptive events. There are education reforms, school safety, teaching Gen Z, promotion of diversity, transparency, global readiness, technology and other factors that could contribute to disruption in school settings. This is a challenge for the school administrators in an age of disruption (Carter & White, 2018). Brett (2019) stated societies have changed in the past decades with the function of technology in organizations. He introduced the three components of the digital leadership of the future which explained that digital leaders of the future will build organizations that are digital natives. They will integrate and leverage these key technology trends and develop a deep understanding of people. The ability to adapt and innovate new things are what make education special. The crisis has given the opportunity for the

industrial model of education to rethink and reimagine. The roles and responsibilities of educators, leaders and learners must be reemerged. It is not just about the assessment that changed, educators must think about the crisis of mental illness and emotional problems which include depression and anxiety. The disruptive of innovation is the equity access to high-quality education. The personalized in education system and the center stage of education reform (Arnett, 2014). Computerbase dtechnologies aremaking personalized learning areality. The process of disruptive innovation allows the school and school administrators to go outside the traditional system. Computers and the Internet becomes more personalized learning accessible and affordable to the masses. These disruptive technologies are supplementing and scaling the impact of great mentors and instructors so that their expertise can be available to every student. Personalized learning is the goal, online learning is the technology that makes the goal possible and disruptive innovation is the economic process that allows the technology to fulfill. The Toffler's' wave theory to education mentioned about the five waves of American school history for researchers to comprehend what is happening now (Carter & White, 2018).

Wave 1 – Stability age

Wave 2 – Nuclear age

Wave 3 – Accountability

Wave 4 – Disruption age

Wave 5 – Hyper-change age

Carter & White (2018) stated that a fourth wave was just ending and a fifth wave is rising and accelerated in a level unimaginable to their predecessors. Therefore, educators or school administrators must be aware and understand the environment that shifted and influences education to move forward and use disruptions to their advantage. These disruptions are essential to both school management and learning management for the school administrators to maintain the quality and the efficiency.

## New challenges for the school administrators

The rapid changes in technology bring the school administrators to accept the disruptions and to use them to the school's advantages to maximize education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The education system tries to increase the regiments of tests, labels and accountability. However, educators know that it requires extreme flexibility and not only the mass assessment but a different mindset that can shift thinking for the year 2040 to 2050 and beyond

(Carter & White, 2018).

One of the challenging situations is the COVID-19 pandemic disruption. The school administrators face the challenges and the top priority is to provide effective instruction in hybrid and online learning. The hybrid learning approach is a blended learning which combines the online educational materials with traditional in-person classroom methods (Finegan, 2021). It is the combination of asynchronous and synchronous learning. It requires the physical presence of both teacher and learner while providing the learner some control over time and pace. As most countries adopted educational continuity through online resources. The pedagogical resources and knowledge are among the various communication tools platforms to bring schools and learning processes close to homes and students in lockdown. Despite these efforts, the components of concern school administrators should be aware of are quality instruction, access for students, effective communication, social and emotional issues for students, teachers, staff and administrators. There are some limitations, such as how the household access to digital devices is unequal from country to country.

Drysdale, Gurr, & Goode (2017) concurred that disruptive innovation requires disruptive leadership. A new way of solving problems and focusing on new approaches which are different form the past. Disruptive leadership is about fostering a culture of creative innovation that provides the framework and motivation to generate new ideas and execute solutions. The school administrators should have multiplicity of levels; empowerment, engagement and the ability to conceive, innovate, communicate and collaborate for the organization to be successful. There are approaches in which a school has an innovative culture form and the school administrator is exercising disruptive leadership. The school administrator established a clear and agreed vision and direction to empower and train a new leadership team. It is important in recruitment and in the existing staff to adopt adistributed leadership model. The school administrators need to focus on teaching, learning and developing an explicit model of teaching; implementing and coaching the staff to support the program and ensuring school safety through new discipline and attendance policies.

There are some key factors for a disruptive education model to help schools overcome the challenges. The first key factor is customizing learning, a vital tailor-made training to ensure that every student makes the most of their potentials. Second key factor,

committing to early training is the objective to guarantee the access of students to the current world. Third key factor, integrating artificial intelligence in order to use data analysis and management process to improve education. Fourth key factor, reinforcing digital skills, digital training is vital for entering both the current and future job market. Fifth key factor, encouraging critical thoughts, education professionals must be trained on how to consume information and analyze the data.

## Digital transformation and future of education

The challenges facing education in the 21st century is disruptive innovation. The disruptive innovation is bringing more equity to high quality education. It is the mechanism for bringing about a personalized education system. Sainger (2018) demonstrated that the digital transformation is fundamentally about change which requires leadership because leadership is all about changes rather than stability. With the rapid development and integration possibilities of new emerging digital technologies like big data, cloud computing, social media, artificial intelligence and augmented reality. Revolution industry 4.0, digitalization became more disruptive and started to be called the "Digital Transformation". An innovation visionary is a required characteristics for leadership in the era of digital transformation. The digital leader should have an inspiring digital vision and the ability to manage both the digital transformation process and the new digital organization. There are four key points for leaders about technology disruptions.

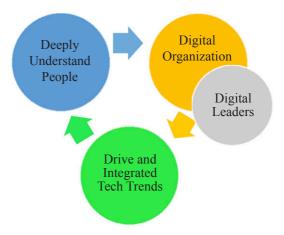


Figure 1 The three components of the digital leadership of the future (Brett, 2019)

The digital leaders of future will (1) build digital native organization (2) integrate and leverage these key technology trends and (3) develop a deep understanding of people.

## **Education: From disruption to recovery**

School administrators should think about the implication of the essential skills for living, working and learning in the modern world and the mental processes that we can help students learn, practice, develop and apply so they can, in due course, become unconscious habits of mind. Education experts consistently identify the following eight essential skills they believe must become an increasing focus of teaching and learning if we hope to keep school relevant in the modern, changing the world. (1) Intrapersonal skills (2) Interpersonal skills (3) Problem-solving skills (4) Collaboration skills (5) Information analysis skills (6) Information communication skills (7) Creativity skills (8) Global citizenship skills (Jukes & Schaaf, 2019).

School administrators should prepare learning that will be just in time. Learning will happen anytime, anyplace, in both virtual and physical spaces. Learning will be lifelong, more personalized, learner-centered, nonlinear, whole-minded, real-world and discoverybased. Learning will be focused on processing multimedia information. Learning will be collaborative. Learning will be assisted by thinking machines, smart agents and big data. Learning and evaluation will be holistic. As school administrators, it is essential to think about how to teach the content outline in the curricula and academic standards while simultaneously help students cultivate the essential skills of modern learners. Finally, the disruption is part of the factor that stimulates one result to the next. The recovery will be on how we evaluate the situation and do the reflection to create the most advantages. Education recovery needs to be prioritized to avoid generation catastrophe (Guttman, 2021).

## Conclusion

As disruption and an increase in the competitive world, there are growing demands in the outcomes of school administrators. The challenges for school

administrators are the curriculum used to be static and predictable from year to year. In present, teachers must be prepared to shift daily or perhaps hourly as global opportunities arise. It is not about teaching locally; it is about a global vision and preparing the diversity in the 21st century. School curricula used to be about the "3Rs" of reading, writing and arithmetic; however, technology has allowed today's curriculum to be more about global skills. School administrators should prepare the model of transforming the students into global readiness, personalizing the program offering. The blended learning will create the change in school assessment system in the hyper-change era. The work is in the establishment of a unique brand, culture and a set of outcomes.

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# Factors Influencing the Decision of Nakhon Pathom High School Students to Receive COVID-19 Vaccination

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#### Abstract

The objectives of this research were to (1) to study the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, (2) to compare the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination classified by personal factors and (3) to study the relationship of factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province. The samples used in the research were 120 secondary students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province, aged 18 years and over. The data were collected from questionnaires that had a reliability of 0.91 and were analyzed by using frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, one-way analysis of variance, chi-square test and Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient. The results showed that (1) Factors affecting vaccine service decisions include disease prevention and transmission behavior, number of family members and behavioral factors for preventing and transmitting COVID-19. (2) Students with more than five family members had a higher level of decision-making for vaccine services than those with a few family members. And (3) Personal factors in the number of family members and behavioral factors preventing and transmitting COVID-19 significantly affects the decision to receive COVID-19 vaccine with a statistically significant at .05.

#### Introduction

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an emerging disease in a family of viruses that cause illnesses ranging from the cold to more serious disease, which is an emerging species that has never been found before in humans. This cause srespiratory illness in people and can spread the infection from person to person. The virus was first found in an outbreak in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, at the end of 2019. Currently, the number of patients around the world with

the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has been increasing and the outbreaks of COVID-19 have been very high on every continent. The origin of COVID-19 (stand for Coronavirus Disease 2019) is 2019-nCoV, a new coronavirus strain, found in more than 200 animals and humans, but in the past, humans have known the original 6 strains of the coronavirus; four of the strains cause several endemics such as cold and respiratory diseases and two new emerging strains cause acute respiratory diseases: SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)

and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus) (Emergency Operation Center, 2020). Moreover, since the severe pandemic of the COVID-19 in late 2019, the epidemic situation has affected Thai society in all dimensions, including economic, social, health.COVID-19 has caused numerous problems in public health, economy, mental health and society which requires cooperation from government agencies, private organizations and population in prevention and treatment of affected people in accordance with comprehensive problems and needs to alleviate the hardship and suffering from COVID-19 situation (King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, Thai Red Cross Society, 2020).

The government has issued various measures cooperated by allsectors which results in the effective COVID-19 management and spread limitation. The main measures include limiting travel, closing locations with a large number of people, social distancing, focus on the personal practice, eating spaces, wearing cloth masks or surgical masks, washing hands frequently with soap or hand sanitizer, keeping a distance of at least 1-2 meters from others. From cooperation and support of all sectors, campaigns have been created and employed jointly for all people to understand and be aware of the correct behavior, which is an important factor to stop the spread of the virus effectively, until the government announced prevention measure relaxation. This caused a decrease in the number of people who keep a distance from others and various shops have begun to be re-opened under the specified conditions. In addition, people have started to have more social activities. However, the government still urges people to strictly follow the recommendations of the Ministry of Public Health due to the continuation of prevention measure implemented in other countries and Thailand to be careful and prevent a recurrence of the outbreak and allow Thai people to behave properly.

Information of the World Health Organization and the Department of Disease Control, The Ministry of Public Health, on December 18, 2020 showed that more than 73 million people worldwide had been infected with COVID-19 and more than 1 million people died from the COVID-19 infection (World Health Organization, 2020). In Thailand, more than 4,246 people have been infected and 60 people died from COVID-19 (Emergency Operation Center, 2020) although the vast majority of people with the disease did not have severe symptoms. Only about 20 percent had the illness and the mortality rate is lower than 1 percent; nevertheless, because it is a new disease and there is no immunity in the general

public, this results in a higher increase in the number of infected people and many deaths. It has caused the Public Health System to have problems to support COVID-19 patients. Various preventive measures currently used: wearing masks, hand washing, social distancing and quarantine have also serious impacts on way of life and the economic system and the spread of disease cannot be prevented completely. Many countries around the world including Thailand invented and developed the COVID-19 vaccine to help prevent COVID-19 infection and transmission and reduce the severity of infection. In addition, Thailand has established several prevention measures and one of the main measures is COVID-19 vaccination among target populations. Therefore, it is necessary to provide adequate vaccines to the Thai population. The COVID-19 vaccine adoption process in Thailand consists of selection process, vaccine procurement, academic information consideration, targeting, vaccine management and service provision processes. Vaccination against COVID-19 can reduce the epidemic and the severity of illness and deaths (Department of Disease Control, 2021) because the situation of the COVID-19 epidemic is considered a world emergency. There are over a hundred million people infected with the COVID-19 worldwide and more than two million deaths.

According to COVID-19 studies, an important factor in transmission is relations between family, friends and acquaintances for example, eating together, being close to one another, speaking without a mask. The widespread risk of infection is living in the same dormitory, walking around the same job and eating together. Despite isolating infected individuals in the system, dense reunification is at risk of progressively finding infected individuals.

From the aforementioned reasons, the researcher studied the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. The research collected a sample of 18-year-olds from a high school in Nakhon Pathom Province. This is because the province has a high rate of COVID-19 outbreaks, which will influence sample decisions. Thus, the results of the data analysis are clear and consistent with the stated objectives. The results of this research will be further used as information in the epidemic prevention planning and preparation.

# **Objectives**

1. To study the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in

a school in Nakhon Pathom Province.

- 2. To compare the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province classified by personal factors.
- 3. To study the relationship of the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province.

## Conceptual framework

To study the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. This study was conducted using variables from the Gender and Family Members section and anti-transmission behaviors that are consistent with the decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in a certain manner. This involved analyzing the relevant issues between the initial variables and the variables in terms of the decision-making process for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. The researcher set the conceptual framework as shown in Figure 1

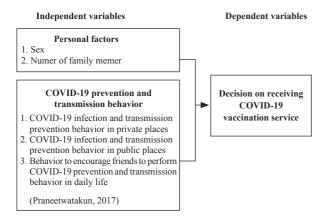


Figure 1 Conceptual framework

#### Research methodology

The research of the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination was a quantitative research with the following research methodology. The process for collecting information was endorsed by the Institutional Review Board.

#### 1. Sample

The sample used for the research was 120 upper-secondary students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province, Semester 2, aged 18 years and over, which was obtained from purposive sampling.

# 2. Content scope

The researcher studied the concepts, theories

and research papers, defined the relevant variables namely the demographic variables: the personal information of students (i.e., gender and number of family members) and COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior factors affecting decision on receiving COVID-19 vaccination. The sample was randomly assigned from all the school students to a sample of 720. For the sample studied, it was aimed at only secondary school students aged 18 and over.

## 3. Research instrument

Questionnaires of factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province were characterized by the rating scale and the confidence of 0.91. The questionnaires used were divided into 3 sections. The first section contains preliminary information on respondents' personal information. Part 2 consists of COVID-19 prevention behaviours and Part 3 contains factors for deciding to get vaccinated as follows:

Part 1: Personal information questionnaire Part 2: COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior questionnaire

Part 3: The decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination questionnaire

## 4. Method

This research was conducted by survey research design. Data were collected from a sample of 120 upper-secondary students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province, students were aged 18 years and over and the results obtained from data collection were analyzed. This study was a cross-sectional study. The process in this study was the use of Pearson correlation coefficient that characterized data based on appropriate and normally distributed tests.

## 5. Data analysis

- 5.1 The personal factors were analyzed using descriptive statistics such as frequency and percentage.
- 5.2 The factor level affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination s and the decision level on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination were analyzed using mean and standard deviation.
- 5.3 The statistics used to test the hypothesis to compare the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination classified by gender were analyzed using t-test for independent variable and the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination service classified by number of family members was compared using one-way ANOVA. When differences were found, the

mean differences were compared by the Scheffe's Method.

5.4 Statistics used to test the relationship between variables were analyzed using chi-square test and the Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient.

#### Results

To study the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province, the data were collected from 120 upper secondary students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province. Questionnaires were distributed by the researcher. The results from the questionnaire distribution were as follows.

- 1. The results of the general data analysis of the respondents showed that most of the students were 86 males, representing 71.67 percent and had 4-5 family members were 64 people, representing 53.33 percent.
- 2. The levels of factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students are shown in Table 1. This analysis used the theoretical interpretation principles related to the inspection of various tools to receive the results as shown in the Table 1.

Table 1 Mean and standard deviation of opinions toward the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province.

COVID-19 prevention and transmission		Action level			
behavior	$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	SD.	Interpretation		
Covid-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in private places	4.35	0.46	Highest		
Covid-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in public places	3.90	0.33	High		
Supportive behavior to encourage friends to perform COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior in daily life	4.18	0.44	High		

According to Table 1, it was found that the students had the overall COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior at a high level (M=4.14, SD=0.35). Considering each aspect, it was found that the sample had the COVID-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in private places at the highest level with the highest mean (M=4.35, SD=0.46), followed by the supportive behavior to encourage friends to perform the COVID-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in daily life at a high level (M=4.18, SD=0.44) and the COVID-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in public places at a high level (M=3.90, SD=0.33), respectively.

To compare the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province classified by personal factors results are shown in Table 2–3.

Table 2 The comparison of the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination classified by gender

Sex	N	Mean	S.D.	t	Sig
Male	86	4.23	0.42	1.597	.207
Female	34	3.89	0.33		

According to Table 2, it was found that there was no difference in the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination of the students with different genders.

Table 3 The comparison of the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination classified by number of family members

Decision on receiving the COVID-19	Variance	SS	df	MS	F	Sig.
vaccination service	Intergroup Intragroup Total	942 50.529 51.471	2 117 119	.471 .132	3.561	.029*

\*p<.05

According to Table 3, it was found that the students with different numbers of family members had an effect on the decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccination with the statistically significant difference level of .05.

To study the relationship of the factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination among students in a school in Nakhon Pathom Province are shown in Table 4-5.

Table 4 Results of the personal factors affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccinat

Personal factors	Decision on receiving the COVID – 19 vaccination service		
Sex	X² Sig.	13.999 .301	
Number of family members	X <sup>2</sup> Sig.	57.864 .015*	

<sup>\*</sup>Statistical significance level of .05.

According to Table 4, it was found that the student's number of family members affected the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination service.

According to Table 5, it was found that the COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior factor affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination service had a positively moderate level with the statistical significance level of .05 and COVID-19

Table 5 Results of COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior affecting the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination service (both overall and each aspect)

COVID-19 prevention and	Decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination service				
transmission behavior	r	Direction of relationship	Level of relationship		
COVID -19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in private places	0.432* or	Positive	Moderate		
COVID-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in public places	0.775* or	Positive	High		
Supportive behavior to encourage friends to perform COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior in daily li	0.428*	Positive	Moderate		
Total	0.510*	Positive	Moderate		

<sup>\*</sup> Statistical significant level of .05.

infection prevention and transmission behavior in public places affected the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination at the highest level.

#### **Discussion**

Studies have shown that the findings are consistent with relevant theories, which makes the findings clear and consistent with the principles of research as follow.

1. From the analysis of the COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior, it was found that the sample had the overall COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior at a high level. Considering each aspect, it was found that the sample had the COVID-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in the private places at the highest level, followed by the supportive behavior to encourage friends to have COVID-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in daily life at a high level and the COVID-19 infection and transmission prevention behavior in the public places at a high level. This may be because from the situation report, there is an increase in the number of people infected with the COVID-19 and COVID-19 pandemic has rapidly occurred. Inaddition, it is reported that the deaths from COVID-19 infection are 6.99 percent (Emergency Operation Center, 2020). Therefore, the researcher was interested in researching information to prevent people from COVID-19 infection and transmission. The results show that COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior at a high level and strict setting and implementation of various COVID-19 prevention measures issued by the government and related agencies to prevent the COVID-19 transmission. This is consistent with the research conducted by Thiamprasert (2014) that studied the infection prevention and control behavior during the operation of officers in healthcare facilities, Muang District, Chiang Rai Province. The results showed that the healthcare officers had infection prevention and control behavior at a good level during the operation, both in the area of infection prevention and transmission and environmental control management.

- 2. The respondents had the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination at an overall high level because of an increase in COVID-19 infections. Thus, COVID-19 vaccination will help to prevent people from COVID-19 infection and transmission and information on the COVID-19 prevention is always being searched based on a decision-making process that must be addressed before the evaluation and decision of options. This is consistent with Krongyuth et al. (2017) studying the factors associated with influenza vaccination decisions among the elderly with chronic diseases, Warin Chamrap District, Ubon Ratchathani Province and the results were found that the elderly had the decision on receiving influenza vaccination at a high level. Inaddition, this is consistent with the Thanavikarnkul et al. (2015) studying the acceptance of seasonal influenza vaccination among medical personnel in a tertiary hospital in Bangkok and the results found that most of medical personnel accepted the influenza vaccination.
- 3. Personal factors: the number of family members and the COVID-19 prevention and transmission behavior statistically significantly affected the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination at a .05 level. This may be the result of people having awareness of the dangers of COVID-19 spreading and is highly infectious and there is a high mortality rate from COVID-19 infection. Also, if there are people who are infected in the family, their family will be a high-risk contact.

## **Suggestions**

#### 1. Suggestions obtained from this research

- 1.1 Relevant agencies should have public relations to build knowledge and understanding about COVID-19 and COVID-19 infection and transmission prevention methods using various methods and media.
- 1.2 Relevant agencies should provide adequate vaccines to meet the needs in order to prevent the COVID-19 transmission.

# 2. Suggestions for the next research

2.1 There should be studies of the cognitive factors and participation in the COVID-19 infection and

transmission prevention, which impacts the decision on receiving the COVID-19 vaccination.

2.2 The impact of COVID-19 vaccination service should be investigated.

Therefore, promoting vaccination decisions of young people must focus on behaviors in preventing the spread of the virus and on the number of family members to encourage young people to receive the vaccine.

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