



Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)

Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 15)

Reference is made to the Announcement on the Extension of Duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in All Areas of the Kingdom of Thailand (8th Extension) dated 23rd November 2020 with the extension of enforcement for Duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in All Areas of the Kingdom of Thailand until 15th January 2021, and the Announcement of Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 15) dated 25th December 2020, and the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 14) dated 28th December 2020.

The new spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is still continuously found in some districts of the Bangkok Metropolis and its nearby provinces. Therefore, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and comply implementation with the above-mentioned Regulations, considered as the protection of Thailand's security and safety upon public health and prevention of the uncontrollably wider spread, by the virtue of Section 35 (1) of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), and Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 15) dated 25th December 2020, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Committee on the Communicable Diseases as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 1/2564 dated 1st January 2021, shall have the premises prone to the disease incidence temporarily closed and surveillance and control measures for the disease spread prescribed as follows:

1. Temporarily closed premises:

- 1.1 Entertainment venues, pubs, bars, amusement places and any establishments providing similar services to those of entertainment venues;
- 1.2 Water parks, amusement parks;
- 1.3 Playgrounds, playground equipment for children in markets, floating markets and flea markets;
- 1.4 Snooker and billiards halls;
- 1.5 Game machine arcades;
- 1.6 Gaming centers and internet cafes;
- 1.7 Cockfighting rings and cockfighting training rings;
- 1.8 Nurseries or elderly care centers (except admission for overnight stay as regularity);
- 1.9 Boxing stadiums;
- 1.10 Martial arts schools (gyms);
- 1.11 Horse racing courses;
- 1.12 Establishments for bath services;
- 1.13 Massage parlors;

- 1.14 Sport arenas;
- 1.15 Places providing services on catering rooms, catering venues and those similar places;
- 1.16 Bullrings, fish fighting rings or other similar sport arenas;
- 1.17 Amulet trading markets and centers;
- 1.18 Early childhood development centers and preschool child development centers;
- 1.19 Beauty salons (without permission as medical aesthetic clinics), premises for tattooing or piercing of skin or any parts of the body;
- 1.20 Fitness centers;
- 1.21 Health establishments, spas and establishments for Thai traditional massage and foot massage;
- 1.22 Boxing training venues and gymnasiums or boxing gyms;
- 1.23 Bowling alleys, skating rings or rollerblading arenas or similar activities;
- 1.24 Social/ballroom dance schools or academies;
- 1.25 Buildings and places of schools, tutorial schools and educational institutes.

The said buildings and places are not permitted for learning, teaching, examining, training or organizing any activities with a large number of participants, except ones operated by distance telecommunication or electronic methods;

2. The following premises shall strictly comply with disease prevention and control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease annexed to this Announcement:

- 2.1 Restaurants or those selling beverage, convenience stores, pushcarts, hawkers, stalls, diners, garden-themed restaurants, food courts, canteens; except entertainment venues, pubs, bars, consuming liquor or alcoholic drinks at the said venues is prohibited;
- 2.2 Shopping malls, shopping centers and community malls;
- 2.3 Trade fair centers, convention centers and exhibition halls;
- 2.4 Meeting rooms in hotels or convention centers;
- 2.5 Small retail/wholesale shops, community retail/wholesale shops, markets, floating markets and flea markets;
- 2.6 Large retail/wholesale stores or wholesale markets;
- 2.7 Beauty salons and barber shops with hair dressing or cutting service for men or women. These venues can be opened for operations by limiting service time for each service user not exceeding two hours and service users waiting for the service in shops are not allowed;
- 2.8 Nurseries or elderly care centers (only the admission for overnight stay as regularity);
- 2.9 Medical aesthetic clinics, manicure and pedicure shops;
- 2.10 Golf courses and driving ranges;
- 2.11 Sports venues;
- 2.12 Public parks, fields, areas for public activities, places for exercises, sport venues and fields;
- 2.13 Pet grooming and spa shops and pet service shops;
- 2.14 Indoor exercising places or fields;
- 2.15 Outdoor and indoor public swimming pools;
- 2.16 Botanic gardens, flower gardens, museums, learning centers, historical sites, ancient monuments, public libraries and galleries;

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2.18 Cinemas, theatres, and playhouses;

2.19 Zoos or animal display venues;

3. Any other premises apart from Clause 2, relating persons shall comply with the disease prevention control measures as follows:

3.1 Provide body temperature checking service or symptom screening service for customers/service users with respiratory system disorders;

3.2 Have business owners, service staff, and customers/service users worn sanitary face masks or fabric masks;

3.3 Apply social distancing of at least 1 meter between each individual and limit the number of participants in each activity/event to prevent overcrowding;

3.4 Provide adequate handwashing stations with soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer gel or disinfectants;

3.5 Clean the high touch surfaces of relating areas before, during and after performing activities;

3.6 Have entering and exiting of premises registered and add measures on using mobile application as prescribed by the Government.

Any persons who violate or fail to comply with this Order shall be guilty of an offense under Section 52 of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) which shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand Baht or to both and shall be guilty of an offense under Section 18 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation B.E. 2548 (2005) which shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding forty thousand Baht or to both, and in the case where any persons violate or fail to comply with Clause 2 and Clause 3, premises shall be ordered to be temporarily closed.

All people are kindly requested to wear sanitary face masks or fabric masks while leaving houses.

In the case where the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 14) dated 28th December 2020 is contrary or inconsistent with, this announcement shall have overriding effects over previous announcement.

As this is a case where there is urgent necessity and the delay of action may cause great harm to any individual or affect the public interest, litigants shall not be given the right to object under section 30 paragraph two (1) of the Administrative Procedure Act, B.E. 2539 (1996).

This Order shall take effect from 2nd January 2021 onwards until further notice, except Clause 1.25, it shall take effect until 17th January 2021.

Announced on 1st January 2021

Pol. Gen. (Signature)
(Aswin Kwanmuang)
Governor of Bangkok