



Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)

Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 16)

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 (No. 16) dated 3rd January 2021, and the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 14) dated 28th December 2020, and the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 15) dated 1st January 2021.

The new spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has greatly expanded in many district areas, and the testing has found the increasing number of new confirmed cases daily, especially the locally transmitted cases. 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. 2/2564 dated 4th 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:

The duration for the temporary closing of buildings and places of schools, tutorial schools and educational institutes as prescribed in the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 15) dated 1st January 2021 shall be extended to 31st January 2021, and activities can be organized as follows:

1.1 Activities relating to the learning and teaching operated by distance telecommunication or electronic methods;

1.2 Activities relating to the use of buildings or places for the purposes of helping, assisting, aiding or supporting persons;

1.3 Activities relating to ones organized by government agencies or ones operated for public interest and permitted by the Governor of Bangkok.

2. Additional control measures shall be prescribed for restaurants or those selling beverage, convenience stores, pushcarts, hawkers, stalls, diners, garden-themed restaurants, food courts, canteens, except entertainment venues, pubs, bars which can be opened for services under legally prescribed duration and have to comply with measures as follows:

2.1 Consuming liquor or alcoholic drinks at the said venues is prohibited;

2.2 Dining services by arranging tables and seats for dining can be operated between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. After 9:00 p.m., the said venues can be opened for takeaways to be eaten off the premises except the restaurants located at airports;

2.3 The said venues shall strictly comply with disease prevention and control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease annexed to this Announcement.

In the case where it is found or when there is probable cause to be suspicious that the said venues are sources for the spread of COVID-19, the BMA Committee on the Communicable Diseases shall consider additional control measures by permitting only takeaways to be eaten off the premises.

3. Establishments that provide pet animal care and treatment services, pet grooming and spa shops, and pet service shops shall comply with disease prevention and control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease annexed to this Announcement.

4. Organizers of meetings and seminars with over 200 participants or large-scale activities with mass gathering of over 300 persons shall submit working plans and disease control measures to BMA Health Department before organizing such activities, except ones operated by officers or organized in the areas prescribed as quarantine facilities with the support of public health measures.

5. Premises stated in Clause 1.15 under the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 15) dated 1st January 2021 can provide services under Clause 4 and shall also comply with disease control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease prescribed in Clause 2.4 of the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 15) dated 1st January 2021.

6. In the case where any venues are found failing to comply with the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 15) dated 1st January 2021 or this Announcement, disease control officers shall have the said venues temporarily closed for 14 days.

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.

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. 15) dated 1st January 2021 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 individuals 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 6:00 a.m. of 5th January 2021 onwards until further notice.

Announced on 4th January 2021

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