



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

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Businesses/Activities	Surveillance, Prevention and Control Measures
<p>Restaurants, food or beverage shops, convenience stores, diners, food courts, canteens, general restaurants selling food and beverage except pubs, bars</p>	<p><u>Owners</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The premise selling food with the area of over 200 square meters must provide screening points for checking temperatures of staff and service users. 2) The premise selling food with the area of not exceeding 200 square meters shall provide screening measure for fever, cough, sneeze or cold for staff and service users at their full potential and capability. 3) Set the system of seat (individual) distancing of at least 1.5 meters. In the case where the seat (individual) distancing is less than 1.5 meters, a partition between seats (individuals) must be provided. Anyhow, distance between seats (individuals) must be at least 1 meter. 4) Food or beverage shops or restaurants selling liquor or alcoholic beverage can be opened but consumption of liquor or alcoholic beverage on the premises is prohibited. 5) Provide see-through partition between customer and food. 6) Provide handwashing stations with soap or hand sanitizer gel containing at least 70% alcohol or disinfectants for hand cleaning at entrances and exits and other spots as appropriate for the premises. 7) Restrooms and toilets must be cleaned at least once every 2 hours. If unable to do so, stop the restroom and toilet service. 8) Clean dining tables and chairs with disinfectant cleaners such as 0.1 % sodium hypochlorite (blech) every time when customer finish using service. 9) Clean the floor, walkway, banister, bathroom, doorknobs or counters with detergent or disinfectant cleaners such as 0.1% sodium hypochlorite (blech) at least once a day and all waste must be disposed every day. 10) Air-conditioned restaurants must apply measure of setting intervals of opening and closing time in order to have a break for cleaning and ventilating intermittently.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11) Apply strict measures for cleaning food containers, plates, bowls, cutlery and other utensils.12) Waiting line to buy food or to enter the premises must have at least 1-meter distance between each customer.13) Owner or manager of the premises of all types is responsible for the cleanliness of the premises, containers, utensils, and equipment and the provision of protective measures against the disease as prescribed by the Government as well as setting of other systems according to advice, condition, and timeframe prescribed by the Governor of Bangkok or the Government.14) If the premises are large, there should be an online queuing system and/or reservation system in front of the store that could clearly specify the time of access.15) If the premises are narrow commercial buildings, the shops may give out queuing cards and ask customers to come back and receive food to prevent congestion inside and in front of the premises16) Campaign for electronic money transfer or QR Code payment in order to avoid direct contact with banknotes and coins.17) Small condiments' packet is recommended.18) Designate clear standing points on the ground and staff should be assigned to control and manage the queue to strictly have at least 1-meter physical distance and this practice must not affect the pedestrian walkways or nearby places. <p><u>Service Providers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Staff must wear clean outfit, have the hair tied up, put on hat, gloves, aprons, and wear fabric or medical face mask.2) If having a fever, cough, sneeze, runny nose, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing or body temperature of 37.5 °C or higher, the staff must immediately stop working, seek medical attention and have self-observation at home.3) Cooks must wash their hands before cooking.
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	<p>4) Waiters/waitresses must wash their hands every time before serving.</p> <p>5) Chats between waiters/waitresses should be at the normal volume level, do not shout or remove surgical or fabric face mask.</p> <p>6) Staff should wash hands regularly with water and soap or hand sanitizer gel containing at least 70% alcohol or disinfectants before start working, before food preparation, during and after cooking, after touching cash, garbage, food waste, after smoking, after cleaning and after using toilet.</p> <p><u>Service Users</u></p> <p>1) Every customer must maintain personal hygiene such as frequently washing hands with soap or alcohol-based sanitizer gel or disinfectant every time before and after using services.</p> <p>2) If having a fever, cough, sneeze, runny nose, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing or body temperature of 37.5 °C or higher, service users must not use the service and should seek medical attention and have self-observation at home.</p> <p>3) Notify district office in the area if any failures to comply with the measures are found.</p> <p>4) Wash hands every time before eating.</p> <p>5) Avoid coughing and sneezing near others.</p> <p>6) If you cough or sneeze while eating, mouth and nose should be tightly covered.</p>
Pushcarts, hawkers and stalls	<p><u>Service providers</u></p> <p>1) Wear clean outfit together with apron and hairnet at all times while cooking and wear fabric or surgical face mask at all times while selling food.</p> <p>2) Frequently wash hands with soap or hand sanitizer gel containing at least 70% alcohol or disinfectants before and after touching food.</p> <p>3) Waiting line to buy food or to enter the premises must have at least 1-meter distance between each customer.</p> <p>4) Provide see-through partition between customer and food.</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5) Frequently clean pushcarts/stalls with detergent or disinfectants after selling.6) Clean tables and chairs with disinfectant or cleaners such as 0.1% sodium hypochlorite (blech) every time after customers finished using services.7) If having a fever, cough, or body temperature of 37.5 °C or higher, sellers must stop providing service, seek medical attention and have self-observation at home.8) Setting physical distancing of at least 1 meter for eat-in services.9) Dispose waste every day.10) Owner or manager of the premises of all types is responsible for the cleanliness of the premises, containers, kitchen utensils, and equipment and provision of protective measures against the disease as prescribed by the Government as well as setting of other systems according to advice, condition, and timeframe prescribed by the Governor of Bangkok or the Government.11) E-Payment should be added as a service payment channel to reduce touching and contact.12) Use kitchen utensils or equipment to pick cooked food, do not use hands to directly pick or touch food, and clean all utensils and equipment such as grippers, knives, and cutting boards every time after use.13) Cooked and ready-to-eat foods must be covered to protect from dust or particulate matters, insects, and disease vectors, must be placed at least 60 centimeters above the ground. In addition, the food must not be placed for service more than 4 hours and must be reheated once every 2 hours.14) Promote the use of personal and single-use dining utensil.15) Small condiments' packet is recommended.16) Hand sanitizer gel containing at least 70% alcohol or disinfectant might be provided for handwashing.
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	<p><u>Customer/Service users</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Wear fabric or surgical face mask. If having a fever, do not come to use the service. 2) Have physical distancing between individuals of at least 1 meter. 3) Notify district office in the area if any failures to comply with the measures are found. 4) Frequently wash hands with soap or hand sanitizer gel containing at least 70% alcohol or disinfectants every time before eating. 5) Avoid coughing and sneezing near others. 6) If you cough or sneeze while eating, mouth and nose should be tightly covered.
<p>Establishments that provide pet animal care and treatment services, pet grooming and spa shops, and pet service shops</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Wipe clean all frequently touched surfaces and equipment both before and after services and all waste must be disposed every day. 2) Pet grooming staff and service users always wear surgical or fabric face mask. 3) Provide handwashing stations with soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer gel or disinfectants. 4) Consider controlling the number of service users to prevent overcrowding in doing any activities to be as necessary and refrain from sitting and waiting for services inside the shops based on the practice of avoiding contact with others. 5) Have measure for basic COVID-19 symptom screening such as fever, cough, sneeze or cold and refrain from providing service to pet and its owner who have respiratory diseases. 6) Pet groomer and assistants (if any) wear face shield and long-sleeved gowns every time while providing services. 7) Consider adding measure on the use of mobile tracking application as deemed necessary and appropriate or using control measure by recording all necessary information and making report in certain areas.