

Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 23)

With reference to the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) during the past period, it was found that not only new cases have significantly increased, but the said cases have also rapidly moved to several places. In addition, from the follow-up and disease investigation operated by health officers, the spread in cluster has been found, and several cases from such cluster have timelines linked to the use of services at amusement places or entertainment venues of different types. Most of them were asymptomatic and could transmit disease to persons with close contact. In case where the control is not implemented, it is possible for mass gathering at the said places with negligence to comply with disease control measures as prescribed government agencies. Moreover, the Government had announced the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 19) dated 9th April 2021 to enforce strict and urgent measures for such venues prone to the disease transmission in order to prevent and inhibit the disease spread in large scale. Therefore, 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. 19) dated 9th April 2021, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 8/2564 dated 9th April 2021, shall have the Announcement as follows:

Entertainment venues, any establishments providing similar services to those of entertainment venues, amusement places, pubs, bars, karaoke shops, establishments for bath services, massage parlors or other similar venues shall be <u>temporarily closed</u>.

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.

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).

In the case where the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 22) dated 5th April 2021 is contrary or inconsistent with, this announcement shall have overriding effects over previous announcement.

This Order shall take effect from 10th April 2021 onwards until further notice.

Announced on 9th April 2021

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

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