



Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)

Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 24)

Reference is made to the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 23) dated 9th April 2021.

Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 20) dated 16th April 2021, which has been enforced from 18th April 2021, designating 18 provinces as the maximum control area, and Bangkok was also one of the provinces under such control. Urgently crucial prevention measures were issued for venues, business or activities so that they can be opened for operations under conditions, time clause, systematic arrangement and regulations as well as disease prevention measures as prescribed by the Government.

Therefore, in order to comply with the said Regulation for disease prevention and control, 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. 16) dated 3rd January 2021, (No. 19) dated 9th April 2021 and (No.20) dated 16th April 2021, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 9/2564 dated 16th April 2021, shall have the Announcement as follows:

1. Additional premises shall be temporarily closed as follows:

Buildings and places of schools, tutorial schools and all types of educational institutes. The said buildings and places are not allowed for learning, teaching, examination, training, or organizing any activities with large number of attendees. The said buildings and places are allowed to be used for organizing activities as follows:

- (1) Used as isolated place under laws on communicable diseases, or used for assistance and support;
- (2) Used for learning, teaching, or activities operated by telecommunication or electronic methods;
- (3) Used for assistance, aid, patronage or support for persons;
- (4) Used for organizing activities of Government agencies or those for public interest with permission granted by Governor of Bangkok.

2. Orders of Temporary Closure of Premises, as followed, shall still be enforced for situation evaluation and implementation under measures or guidelines as prescribed by the Prime Minister:

2.1 Premises under the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 23) dated 9th April 2021, including 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;

2.2 Premises under the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 20) dated 9th 23rd February 2021, namely:

- (1) Cockfighting rings and cockfighting training rings;
- (2) Bullrings, fish fighting rings or other similar sport arenas.

3. Integrated control measures:

3.1 Restaurants or those selling beverage, convenience stores, pushcarts, hawkers, stalls, diners, garden-themed restaurants, food courts, canteens; except entertainment venues, pubs, bars. These venues can be opened for operations and consuming food and beverage at the said venues is allowed as regularity until 09.00 p.m., then takeaway service for food and beverage can be done until 11.00 p.m. Consumption of liquor and alcoholic drinks at the said venues is prohibited. System shall be arranged for the use of services, limitation of the number of customers/service users at the said venues, and arrangement of venues to comply with disease prevention and control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease;

3.2 Shopping malls, shopping centers, community malls or similar establishments. These venues can be opened for operations by their regular time until 09.00 p.m. These venues shall limit the number of customers/service users and shall refrain from organizing any sales promotion activities, except services at game machine arcades, playground equipment, gaming centers and amusement parks shall be refrained;

3.3 Convenience stores, supermarkets, night markets, all-night markets, walking streets. These venues can be opened for operations by their regular time but no later than 11.00 p.m.;

Stores or venues under Clause 1, which are regularly opened for 24-hour services, can be reopened for operations on 04.00 a.m.;

3.4 Sports venues or places for exercises, gyms, fitness centers. These venues can be opened for operations until 09.00 p.m., and sport competitions can be organized with limiting the number of audiences;

3.5 Organizing activities prone to disease spread, such as meetings, seminars, banquets, distribution of food or things in the area of Bangkok Metropolis, shall be done with the limit of number of attendees to 50 persons. In case where the number of attendees exceeds 50 persons but no more than 1,000 persons, organizers shall request for permission by submitting the working plan and disease control measures to the district office in charge of the area before organizing the said activities. In case where the number of attendees exceeds 1,000 persons, organizers shall request for permission by submitting the working plan and disease control measures to the BMA's Health Department before organizing the said activities, except those operated by Government agencies or ones implemented in the venues designated as quarantine facilities. Organizers shall comply with disease prevention and control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease.

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.

In case where any Announcements of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises are 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 18th April 2021 onwards until further notice.

Announced on 17th April 2021

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