

Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 34)

Reference is made to the announcement of promulgation of the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 25) dated 26th June 2021 from 28th June 2021 onwards, designating measures and practices for urgent operations of competent officials in the areas under situation of maximum and strict control of Bangkok Metropolis and its nearby provinces. The said implementation shall be continued for at least thirty days to control and slow down the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019, which has been found in clusters in various areas, and to inhibit the movement and travel of high-risk groups to prevent the disease from quickly dispersing in large scale to other areas. Governor of Bangkok, by the virtue of the law on communicable diseases, shall have the order to comply with guidelines prescribed by the Prime Minister or the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA).

Therefore, in order to comply with the said Regulation, 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. 20) dated 16th April 2021, (No. 22) dated 29th April 2021, (No. 23) dated 15th May 2021, (No. 24) dated 19th June 2021, and (No. 25) dated 26th June 2021, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 19/2564 dated 27th June 2021, shall have the Order as follows:

- 1. Premises shall be temporarily closed and enforced with measures as prescribed in the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 32) dated 14th June 2021, and (No. 33) dated 20th June 2021;
- 2. Sites with building construction, modification or demolition, or areas under process of construction, or sites with building construction, modification or demolition for types of edifices, large buildings, high buildings, multi-family residential buildings, and public buildings under the law on building control, or all types of development projects under the law on land development, or factories under the law on factory, and temporary residential venues for workers, both located inside and outside sites with building construction, modification or demolition, shall be temporarily closed. Construction shall be stopped, and workers' travel and movement are prohibited.

Temporary residential venues ordered to be temporarily closed under this Announcement may be used as quarantine facilities, healthcare facilities, temporary field hospitals, or for the purpose of disease control as deem appropriate under the inspection of the Ministry of Public Health;

- 3. Selling of food or beverage, shops selling food or beverage, including those located in shopping malls, shopping centers, community malls, trade fair centers, convention centers or exhibition halls, hotels, airports, railway stations, bus terminals, convenience stores, supermarkets, pushcarts, hawkers, stalls, markets, flea markets, floating markets, wholesale markets, all-night markets or other similar establishments with selling of food or beverage, can be opened for operations only for takeaway service;
- 4. Shopping malls, shopping centers, community malls can be opened for operations until 09.00 p.m. Additional services at the areas of cinemas, theaters, water parks and dining areas of food courts shall be prohibited. Social distancing measures in the waiting areas must be applied with wider distance. Air ventilation must be enhanced for more efficiency. Moreover, there shall be campaigns to raise awareness among service users to strictly comply with public health measures prescribed by the Government;
- 5. Hotels, trade fair centers, convention centers or exhibition halls can be opened for operations by their regular time, but activities like meetings, seminars and banquets shall be prohibited;
- 6. Organizing activities with gathering of total attendees over 20 persons is prohibited, except cases with permission granted by competent officials, or activities operated by competent officials or ones implemented in the venues designated as quarantine facilities;
- 7. Organizing social activities with gathering for parties, banquets or festivals must be refrained, except conventionally and traditionally organized ceremonies with prior preparation, which shall be organized as appropriate and have disease prevention measures prescribed by the Government.

Any other cases to which this Announcement has not been applied to shall comply with the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 32) dated 14th June 2021, and (No. 33) dated 20th June 2021. In case where the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 32) dated 14th June 2021 is contrary or inconsistent with (No. 33) dated 20th June 2021, the latter Announcement shall have overriding effects over the previous one, but so long as it is not contrary to or inconsistent with this Announcement.

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).

This Order shall take effect between 28th June 2021 and 27th July 2021 or until further notice.

Announced on 27th June 2021.

Pol. Gen. (Signature)

(Aswin Kwanmuang)

Governor of Bangkok