



Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)

Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 37)

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. 28) dated 17th July 2021, whereas it is necessary to increase the intensity of measures and to add extra serious enforcement from the previously announced Regulation to have the urgent situation solved and improved at the earliest. Necessary measures with urgent operations are prescribed to limit the movement of people out of their accommodations, which causes the risk of COVID-19 spread, especially in the area of Bangkok Metropolis and nearby provinces, and provinces designated as the maximum and strict control area because of the increasing number of infected cases. Most of the said infected cases have been caused by the Delta variant, a new COVID-19 virus mutation which quickly spreads and severely affects lives and health, especially of persons in high-risk groups, both senior citizens and patients with chronic diseases. Although most of them normally stay at home, their timelines of infection were usually found to be infected within families by touching and contacting with travelling persons. Data reveals that the infection and outbreak in families and communities located in the area of Bangkok Metropolis and nearby provinces greatly increase in ratio. Although the vaccination has been accelerating to create herd community, it inevitably takes some time and may not happen soon. Currently, collaboration is needed to slow down the alarming spread of disease by inhibiting any acts which are risky or cause the disease spread. Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee, shall consider implementing in accordance with laws on communicable diseases, and issuing announcements on temporary closure of premises or risky business for the benefit of controlling and preventing the COVID-19 spread, and the said implementation shall be continued at least fourteen days.

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. 28) dated 17th July 2021, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 22/2564 dated 18th July 2021, shall have the order as follows:

1. Premises as stated in the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 32) dated 14th June 2021, (No. 33) dated 20th June 2021, (No. 34) dated 27th June 2021, (No. 35) dated 5th July 2021, and (No. 36) dated 10th July 2021, and by the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 28) dated 17th July 2021 shall be temporarily closed. Operations under Clause 2 to Clause 6 of the said Regulation can be opened for operations under stricter conditions, time clause, systematic arrangement and regulations as well as disease prevention measures from those previously prescribed;

2. Selling food or beverage, shops selling food or beverage can be opened for operations only for takeaway service until 08.00 p.m., while consuming food or beverage at the said shops is not allowed;

3. Shopping malls, shopping centers, community malls, or other similar establishments can be opened for operations until 08.00 p.m., only services on sections of supermarkets, medicine and medical supplies as well as areas arranged for the purpose of vaccination or other medical and public health services provided by the Government;

4. Hotels can be opened for operations by their regular time, and such activities as meetings, seminars and banquets shall be refrained;

5. Convenience stores and fresh markets can be opened for operations until 08.00 p.m. Regular hours for services of convenience stores, which generally provide services during night time, shall be limited, and the said convenience stores shall be closed for services between 08.00 p.m. and 04.00 a.m. of the next days;

6. Schools, educational or training institutes and educational venues shall comply with previously announced measures.

Operations of hospitals, health facilities, medical clinics, drugstores, general shops, factories, financial securities corporation, money transaction, banks, Automatic Teller Machines, telecommunication business, post and parcels, pet food shops, drugstores and medical supplies, shops selling tools and building materials, shops selling necessary miscellaneous goods, venues selling cooking gas, fuel, petrol stations, gas stations, flea markets (only zones selling food and raw materials for consumption), nurseries (only those operated in hospitals with admission for overnight stay as regularity), elderly care centers (except admission for overnight stay as regularity), insurance business, assistance and rescue service units, vehicle service centers or repair shops, battery shops, infrastructure system inspection and maintenance service units, drainage systems, oil and natural gas pipeline systems, persons collecting and disposing garbage as well as product transportation services and online food delivery services can still be opened for operations as necessity, and relating persons shall strictly comply with prevention measures for disease spread prescribed by the Government.

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 20th July 2021 and 2nd August 2021 or until further notice.

Announced on 19th July 2021.

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