



Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)
Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 49)

Reference is made to the promulgation of the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 41) dated 8th January 2022. The situation of the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in several countries worldwide has been changing and becoming severer. Such situation is derived from the occurrence of the Omicron variant, a COVID-19 virus mutation which quickly spreads and causes easier infection than other variants, while it has been inspected and found that the number of infected cases with such variant in Thailand have been gradually increasing. Although the vaccination has been comprehensively given to the number domestic population groups, the ratio of persons having the Booster Dose is still not enough and probably prone to the risk of public health system in case of severer spread. Therefore, the Government, with the proposal of public health sectors which have kept close surveillance and follow-up of situation, deems it is necessary to prescribe policies and measures in preparedness for coping with such situation. Situational areas are adjusted, and additional disease prevention and control measures from the previously announced regulations and orders are improved to comply with the changing situation. Integrated control measures, prohibitions, exemptions, and exercises for situational areas of different levels as well as measures in preparedness with the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 37) dated 30th October 2021, including prohibition of organizing activities with risk of disease spread, activities with public gathering that can be organized without requesting for permission, working from home of officials under agencies, integrated control measures classified by situational areas, and integrated control measures applied in the tourism sandbox as well as measures, criteria, or guidelines prescribed by local competent officials or responsible agencies under the said Regulation shall have still been in force. Integrated control measures applied in the tourism sandbox are improved, Integrated control measures shall be complied for the opening of premises, businesses, and activities for the situational areas classified as the surveillance areas as prescribed in Clause 6 (5) and Clause 8 of the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 37) dated 30th October 2021. The BMA Communicable Diseases Committee or the Provincial Communicable Diseases Committee, as the case may be, shall consider and prescribe additional integrated control measures as appropriate for the real situation in each area.

Therefore, in order to comply with the said Regulation, by the virtue of Section 34 (6) and 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. 30) dated 1st August 2021, (No. 36) dated 21st October 2021, (No. 37) dated 30th October 2021, and (No. 41) dated 8th January 2022, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No.1/2565 dated 7th January 2022, shall have the order as follows:

Premises ...

Premise owners, business owners, service users, attendees and other relating persons shall continue to comply with the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 47) dated 29th November 2021 until further notice, except the following cases which shall comply with this Announcement:

1. Shops selling food or beverage can be opened for on-premises dining services by their regular time. Consumption of liquor and alcoholic drinks is allowed until 09.00 p.m. only at the venues that have passed the test and assessment according to the Amazing Thailand Safety & Health Administration at the SHA PLUS level of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports prescribed by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) or the COVID-19 prevention safety standard called Thai Stop COVID 2 Plus prescribed by Department of Health.

2. Entertainment venues, any establishments providing similar services to those of entertainment venues, amusement places, pubs, bars, karaoke shops where business owners or responsible persons have been in preparedness to comply with public health measures and desire to adjust the form of such venues for providing services as shops selling food or beverage, shall request for permission from the district office in charge of the area for inspecting and assessing the preparedness of premises, personnel, and management under the prescribed disease prevention and control measures. Such permission shall be approved within 15th January 2022 before opening for services under the close supervision and follow-up of local competent officials.

Allowing consumption of liquor and alcoholic drinks at the venues permitted to be opened for operations in the form of shops selling food or beverage under Paragraph 1 shall also comply with measures prescribed in Clause 1.

Any persons who violate or fail to comply with this Order shall be guilty of an offense under Section 51 of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) which shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand Baht or Section 52 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, as the case may be, 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 any Announcements of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) are contrary or inconsistent with, this Announcement shall have overriding effects.

This Order shall take effect from 9th January 2022 onwards.

Announced on 8th January 2022.

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