



## Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)

### Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 52)

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. 44) dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The present situation of the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has tended to subside. Such situation arose from the decreasing number of new infected cases and the need to be hospitalized, the gradually increasing number of the target groups having the booster dose, and the adequate amount of medicine and medical supplies, medical personnel as well as the number of hospital beds supporting severe and critical patients. The said matters resulted from the management and control of disease spread conducted by public health sector, local competent officials, state and private sectors as well as the collaboration of public from all sectors in complying with disease prevention and control measures. The World Health Organization (WHO) has praised Thailand for being a model country with the efficient management and deal for the spread. In addition, relating to the data from public health sector on travelers entering the Kingdom of Thailand for economic benefit or the tourism sandbox, it was reported that even with some infected cases having been inspected and found, the number of such cases were few and controllable, and it is not a factor causing the significant increase of domestic infection. Such aspect is in compliance with the global situation, that is, many countries have started relaxing disease prevention and control measures, reopening countries together with promoting economic activities. Therefore, the Government, by the proposal of public sector, has considered relaxing disease prevention and control measures to comply with the situation in order to recover the public livelihood to nearly reach the normal conditions, and to allow economic activities to be continuously proceeded together with the efficient public health management.

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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021, (No. 36) dated 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021, (No. 37) dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021, (No. 41) dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022, (No. 42) dated 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and (No. 44) dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 5/2022 dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022, shall have the order as follows:

1. Consumption of liquor and alcoholic drinks at shops selling food or beverage is allowed until 24.00 hrs. only at the venues that have passed the test and assessment according to the Amazing Thailand Safety & Health Administration at least 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” of the Ministry of public Health prescribed by Department of Health.

2. Providing ...

2. Providing services on organizing meetings, seminars or events at hotels, trade fair centers, convention centers, exhibitions halls, shopping malls, shopping centers, community malls, venues providing services on meeting rooms, banquet rooms, banquet areas or other similar venues shall comply with the COVID Free Setting prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health. This shall also strictly comply with guidelines mutually prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health and Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (Public Organization). Consumption of liquor and alcoholic drinks at shops selling food or beverage is allowed until 24.00 hrs. only at the venues that have passed the test and assessment according to the Amazing Thailand Safety & Health Administration at least 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” of the Ministry of Public Health prescribed by Department of Health.

The number of attendees for the said venues shall be considered for its appropriateness of the place under guidelines specified under Clause 6 of the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 45) dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

3. 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 before opening for services under the close supervision and follow-up of local competent officials.

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, or under the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 49) dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 or (No. 50) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022, shall also comply with measures prescribed in Clause 1.

4. Cinemas can be opened for operations by complying with disease control and prevention measures prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health.

5. Medical clinics for beauty service, beauty salons and barber shops, manicure and pedicure shops, and premises for tattooing or piercing of skin or any parts of the body can be opened for operations by complying with disease control and prevention measures prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health.

Premises for tattooing or piercing of skin or any parts of the body which can be opened for operations shall be subject to the condition that only service users who present evidence that they have been fully vaccinated under the criteria prescribed by the Government, or have the test result as certification for not being infected with COVID-19 during the period of 72 hours before using services by the RT-PCR method, or by test kits and solution relating to the analysis of infection for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19 infectious agent) by COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits (ATK).

6. Health related establishments, spas, or establishments for Thai traditional massage can be opened for operations by complying with disease control and prevention measures prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health.

Services relating to the use of water for health in spa business shall be subject to the special condition that service users must present evidence that they have been fully vaccinated under the criteria prescribed by the Government, or have the test result as certification for not being infected with COVID-19 during the period of 72 hours before using services by the RT-PCR method, or by the use of COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits (ATK).

7. Apart from the case specified in this Announcement, premise owners, business owners, service users, attendees, and other relating persons shall still comply with the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 51) dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 so long as they are 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 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).

This Order shall take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 onwards.

Announced on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

(Signature)

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Acting in the Position of the Governor of Bangkok