



Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)

Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 53)

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. 45) dated 30th May 2022. The present situation of the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has tended to subside. The Government has intensively and continuously applied public health measures for controlling the said spread. In addition, with cooperation from all sectors and the public in having been vaccinated and strictly complying with disease prevention and control measures prescribed by the Government, this has resulted in gradually decreasing number of infected cases and deaths. Therefore, measures can be relaxed so that the public and business owners can make a living and operate economic and social activities in the almost normal situation. However, the World Health Organization (WHO) has still considered the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a pandemic, which is still necessary to proceed prevention and control measures of Coronavirus Disease 2019 for a while. Public health sectors have had implementation under the work plan to support the policy of reopening countries and be in preparedness for the transition period to be announced as an endemic. This aspect will lead operation of economic activities together with public health management and making a living of the public to nearly reach the more normal condition in compliance with the guidelines of all countries. The Government, by the advice from public health sectors, considered that it is appropriate to have disease control and prevention measures relaxed to comply with the situation.

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, (No. 41) dated 8th January 2022, (No. 42) dated 21st January 2022, (No. 44) dated 29th April 2022, and (No. 45) dated 30th May 2022, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 6/2022 dated 30th May 2022, shall have the order as follows:

1. Entertainment venues, any establishments providing similar services to those of entertainment venues, amusement places, pubs, bars, karaoke shops or other similar venues shall still be temporarily closed, except the venues having passed the test according to the COVID-19 prevention

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and safety standard called “Thai Stop COVID 2 Plus” of the Ministry of Public Health prescribed by Department of Health and gaining permission from the district office in charge of the area can be opened for operations. Business owners or venue responsible persons shall prepare the said venues in accordance with the COVID Free Setting and inspect the preparedness of personnel who provide services as well as make sure that service users comply with conditions, time clause, and disease prevention measures specially prescribed by the Government as follows:

(1) Providing services, selling, and consuming liquor or alcoholic drinks on premises is allowed until 24.00 hrs. and refraining from doing activities which possibly cause overcrowding;

(2) Business owners or responsible persons for establishments shall have service providers and personnel under their responsibility fully vaccinated under the criteria prescribed by the Government and had booster doses. In case of services that include close contact with service users, the said service providers and personnel shall always wear sanitary or fabric face masks. They shall make a weekly random check by using COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits (ATK) and solution relating to the analysis of SARS-CoV-2 infection (COVID-19 infectious agent) and estimate self-risk via the application called “Thai Save Thai” prescribed by Department of Health, the Ministry of Public Health;

(3) Business owners or responsible persons for establishments shall apply screening measures for safety of service users. Only service users presenting evidence that they have been fully vaccinated under the criteria prescribed by the Government and had booster doses are allowed, and they shall comply with universal prevention measures. However, it is advised for persons who are prone to risk of getting COVID-19 infection with severe symptoms or high risk of death called “608 Group” to avoid having services at the said venues.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Venues for exercises, gyms or fitness centers that are air-conditioned can be opened for operations by complying with disease control and prevention measures prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health.

5. Theatres, playhouses, folklore performances or other similar venues can be opened for operations by complying with disease control and prevention measures prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health.

6. Establishments ...

6. Establishments for bath services, establishments for steam bath and herbal steam can be opened for operations by complying with disease control and prevention measures prescribed by the Ministry of Public Health.

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. 52) dated 30th April 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 1st June 2022 onwards.

Announced on 31st May 2022.

(Signature)

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Acting in the Position of the Governor of Bangkok