



Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)
Subject: Surveillance, Prevention and Control Measures
for the Spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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. 46) dated 23rd June 2022. The present situation of the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has subsided and tended to be improved. Intensive and continuous application of public health measures has resulted in gradually decreasing number of infected cases and deaths. Therefore, measures and restrictions 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. The said aspect also includes the relaxation of restrictions on travels, especially international ones, which was previously prescribed as an urgent disease containment measure and adjusted to comply with the country reopening policy of the Government to welcome global travelers. Implementation under these public health work plans and management measures is aimed at preparedness for the transition period of post-pandemic to be announced as an endemic. In this connection, the Government, by the advice from public health sectors, considered that it is appropriate to adjust and lower COVID-19 alert level in all situational areas of the Kingdom of Thailand, relax disease control and prevention measures to comply with the present situation, and drive economic activities together with continuation of necessary measures for disease prevention and control. In addition, disease surveillance measures are tightened for a period of time for the greatest efficiency of disease spread control.

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. 46) dated 23rd June 2022, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 8/2022 dated 24th June 2022, shall have the order as follows:

1. Following announcements shall be terminated:

1.1 Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 49) dated 8th January 2022, (No. 50) dated 22nd January 2022, (No. 51) dated 14th March 2022, (No. 52) dated 30th April 2022, and (No. 53) dated 31st May 2022;

1.2 Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Having Citizens Residing in the Area of Bangkok Metropolis Always Wear Sanitary or Fabric Face Masks While Leaving out of Their Houses or Accommodations dated 25th April 2021;

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1.3 Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Surveillance, Prevention and Control Measures for the Spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) dated 22nd May 2021.

2. Wearing sanitary or fabric face masks shall be voluntary. The public are encouraged to consider the advantage of correct mask wearing, which is beneficial to hygiene in terms of preventing the spread and infection of both COVID-19 and other respiratory tract infections. The said act can also reduce other risks which possibly affects health. Therefore, the Ministry of Public Health (Department of Health) has advised the general public to wear sanitary face masks while being with other people in crowded venues or congested areas, large public gatherings where social distancing cannot be maintained or areas with bad air ventilation to reduce the risk of disease transmission or infection.

In the case where being a person who are prone to risk of getting COVID-19 infection with severe symptoms or high risk of death called “608 Group”, or those having congenital diseases relating to respiratory tract, such person should always correctly wear sanitary face mask while staying with other persons to reduce the risk of infection.

In the case where being a COVID-19 infected case or a person of high-risk contact, such person should always correctly wear sanitary face mask while staying with other persons to reduce the risk and prevent the spread of disease.

3. Travelling and moving alien labors for inter-district work in the area of Bangkok Metropolis and travelling and moving alien labors for working within the area of Bangkok Metropolis can be operated as regularity under laws, rules, or regulations prescribing the operating criteria and conditions.

4. Shops selling food or beverage can be opened for services of selling and on-premise consumption of liquor and alcoholic drinks. The said services shall operate under laws, rules, or regulations prescribing the operating criteria and conditions and comply with disease prevention measures, reorganizing conditions and systems and advice of the Government.

5. Entertainment venues, any establishments providing similar services to those of entertainment venues, amusement places, pubs, bars, karaoke shops or other similar can be opened for services by complying with laws, rules, or regulations prescribed operating criteria and conditions, disease prevention measures, reorganization conditions, systems and advice of the Government.

6. 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 and services under readiness by complying with disease prevention measures, reorganization conditions, systems, advice of the Government as well as relating laws, rules, or regulations.

7. Health related establishments, spas, or establishments for Thai traditional massage can be opened for operations and services under readiness by complying with disease prevention measures, reorganization conditions, systems, advice of the Government as well as relating laws, rules, or regulations.

8. Venues for exercises, gyms or fitness centers can be opened for operations and

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services under readiness by complying with disease prevention measures, reorganization conditions, systems, advice of the Government as well as relating laws, rules, or regulations.

9. Theatres, playhouses, venues for folklore performances or other similar venues can be opened for operations and services under readiness by complying with disease prevention measures, reorganization conditions, systems, advice of the Government as well as relating laws, rules, or regulations.

10. Establishments for bath services, establishments for steam bath and herbal steam can be opened for operations and services under readiness by complying with disease prevention measures, reorganization conditions, systems, advice of the Government as well as relating laws, rules, or regulations.

11. Using premises or sport venues for organizing sport competition can be opened for operations under readiness by complying with disease prevention measures, reorganization conditions, systems, advice of the Government as well as relating laws, rules, or regulations.

12. Organizing of activities with mass gathering can be operated as appropriate in strict compliance with public health measures prescribed by the Government. In case of organizing activities with mass gathering of over two thousand attendees, the responsible person shall notify the activity organization to the district office in charge as the surveillance, inspection and follow-up measure to avoid risk of spread in clusters.

13. Premises, businesses, or other activities apart from the case specified in this Announcement can be opened for operations under readiness by complying with disease prevention measures, reorganization conditions, systems, advice of the Government as well as relating laws, rules, or regulations.

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, 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 henceforth.

Announced on 24th June 2022.

(Signature)
(Mr. Chadchart Sittipunt)
Governor of Bangkok