



Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)

Subject: Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 25)

Reference is made to the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) on Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 24) dated 17th April 2021.

The number of cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and new cases has been continuously increasing, and urgently crucial prevention measures shall be issued for venues, businesses, or activities so that they can be opened for operations under conditions, time clause, systematic arrangement and regulations as well as disease prevention measures as prescribed by the Government. Therefore, 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. 16) dated 3rd January 2021, (No. 19) dated 9th April 2021 and (No.20) dated 16th April 2021, Governor of Bangkok, with the approval of the BMA Communicable Diseases Committee as stated in the Meeting Resolution No. 10/2564 dated 24th April 2021, shall have the Announcement as follows:

1. Premises shall be temporarily closed as follows:

1.1 Buildings and places of schools, tutorial schools and all types of educational institutes. The said buildings and places are not allowed for learning, teaching, examination, training, or organizing any activities with large number of attendees. The said buildings and places are allowed to be used for organizing activities as follows:

(1) Used as isolated place under laws on communicable diseases, or used for assistance and support;

(2) Used for learning, teaching, or activities operated by telecommunication or electronic methods;

(3) Used for assistance, aid, patronage or support for persons;

(4) Used for organizing activities of Government agencies or those for public interest with permission granted by Governor of Bangkok.

1.2 Entertainment venues, any establishments providing similar services to those of entertainment venues, amusement places, pubs, bars, karaoke shops or other similar venues;

1.3 Massage parlors;

1.4 Establishments for bath services, establishments for steam bath and herbal steam;

1.5 Cockfighting rings and cockfighting training rings;

1.6 Bullrings, fish fighting rings or other similar sport arenas;

1.7 Cinemas, theatres, and playhouses;

1.8 Water parks, amusement parks;

1.9 Playgrounds ...

- 1.9 Playgrounds, playground equipment for children;
- 1.10 Zoos or animal display venues;
- 1.11 Skating rings or rollerblading arenas or other similar activities;
- 1.12 Snooker and billiards halls;
- 1.13 Bowling alleys or game machine arcades;
- 1.14 Gaming centers and internet cafes;
- 1.15 Public swimming pools or other similar businesses;
- 1.16 Fitness centres;
- 1.17 Exhibitions halls, trade fair centres and convention centres;
- 1.18 Museums, national museums, local museums and those similar museums, learning centres, science centres for education, science parks, science and cultural centres, historical sites, ancient monuments, and galleries;
- 1.19 Public libraries, community libraries, private libraries and book houses;
- 1.20 Nurseries (except those operated in hospitals with admission for overnight stay as regularity), early childhood development centres and preschool child development centres;
- 1.21 Elderly care centres (except admission for overnight stay as regularity)
- 1.22 Boxing stadiums, boxing training gyms;
- 1.23 Martial arts schools (gyms);
- 1.24 Premises for tattooing or piercing of skin or any parts of the body, manicure and pedicure shops;
- 1.25 Social/ballroom dance schools or academies;
- 1.26 Horse racing courses;
- 1.27 Amulet and Buddha statue trading markets and centers;
- 1.28 Weight-loss centres, aesthetic clinics, medical clinics for beauty service and cosmetic clinics;
- 1.29 Health related establishments (spa shops, health massage shops, beauty massage shops), establishments for Thai traditional massage and foot massage;
- 1.30 All types of competition venues;
- 1.31 Places of entertainment or places for public performances or recreation;
- 1.32 Places providing services on meeting rooms, catering rooms, catering venues and other those similar places;
- 1.33 Beauty salons and barber shops (to be opened only for champooing, cutting, layering, dressing and service users waiting for service in shops are not allowed);
- 1.34 Public parks, botanic gardens and flower gardens;
- 1.35 All types of indoor and outdoor sports venues, golf courses and driving ranges, and swimming pools for sports or marine activity in ponds, except the use for organizing activities as follows:
 - (1) Used as isolated place under laws on communicable diseases, or used for assistance and support;

(2) Used for assistance, aid, patronage or support for persons;

(3) Used for organizing activities of Government agencies or those for public interest with permission granted by Governor of Bangkok.

2. Integrated control measures:

2.1 Restaurants or those selling beverage, convenience stores, pushcarts, hawkers, stalls, diners, garden-themed restaurants, food courts, canteens; except entertainment venues, pubs, bars. These venues can be opened for operations and consuming food and beverage at the said venues is allowed as regularity until 09.00 p.m., then takeaway service for food and beverage can be done until 11.00 p.m. (except premises under Clause 2.3). Consumption of liquor and alcoholic drinks at the said venues is prohibited. System shall be arranged for the use of services, limitation of the number of customers/service users at the said venues, and arrangement of venues to comply with disease prevention and control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease;

2.2 Shopping malls, shopping centers, community malls or similar establishments. These venues can be opened for operations by their regular time until 09.00 p.m. These venues shall limit the number of customers/service users and shall refrain from organizing any sales promotion activities, except services at game machine arcades, play equipment, gaming centers and amusement parks shall be prohibited;

2.3 Convenience stores, supermarkets, night markets, all-night markets, walking streets. These venues can be opened for operations by their regular time but no later than 10.00 p.m.;

Stores or venues specified above, which are regularly opened for 24-hour services, shall open for operations from 05.00 a.m.;

2.4 Markets; owners and/or business operators shall improve the surroundings and make the registration record of sellers and employees;

2.5 Organizing activities prone to disease spread, such as meetings, seminars, banquets, distribution of food or things, parties, camping, film or television programme production, religious activities, Dharma practice, and meetings with senior relatives, shall be done with the limit of number of attendees to 20 persons. In case where the number of attendees exceeds 20 persons but no more than 1,000 persons, organizers shall request for permission by submitting the working plan and disease control measures to the district office in charge of the area before organizing the said activities. In case where the number of attendees exceeds 1,000 persons, organizers shall request for permission by submitting the working plan and disease control measures to the BMA's Health Department before organizing the said activities, except those operated by Government agencies or ones implemented in the venues designated as quarantine facilities. Organizers shall comply with disease prevention and control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease.

3. Venues and business operations granted with exemptions under Clause 1.20, Clause 1.21, Clause 1.33 and business doing under Clause 2.1, Clause 2.2, Clause 2.3 and Clause 2.4, shall comply with the disease prevention and control measures for inhibiting the spread of disease annexed to this Announcement.

4. Other premises, which are not specified in any Announcements of Temporary Closure and have specific measures under the Announcement of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) Order of Temporary Closure of Premises (No. 20) dated 23rd February 2021, shall comply with such measures.

5. Other premises, which are not specified in any Announcements of Temporary Closure or do not have specific measures and to be used for organizing activities under Clause 2.5, relating persons shall comply with the disease prevention control measures as follows:

5.1 Provide body temperature checking service or symptom screening service for respiratory system disorders;

5.2 Have all relating persons worn sanitary or fabric face masks;

5.3 Apply ...

5.3 Apply social distancing of at least 1 meter between each individual and limit the number of participants in each activity/event to prevent overcrowding;

5.4 Provide adequate handwashing stations with soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer gel or disinfectants;

5.5 Clean the high touch surfaces of relating areas before, during and after performing activities;

5.6 Arrange separate set of food to be eaten by one person;

5.7 Have entering and exiting of premises registered.

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 from 26th April 2021 onwards until 9th May 2021.

Announced on 25th April 2021.

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