

(Unofficial Translation)

Regulation

Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree
on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)
(No. 11)

Pursuant to the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand as from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020) and the subsequent 3rd extension of the duration of the enforcement of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 31 July B.E. 2563 (2020);

Whereas the Government considers that the extension of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation this time differs from the previous ones in that it is not intended to prohibit the opening of places or restrict any activities which may affect the normal way of life of the people due to the continued improvement of the control of the situation of the spread of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in Thailand, but is for the purpose of the performance of tasks of competent officials which requires the combined efforts of all agencies in addition to communicable disease control officers under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) in order for the integration of responsibilities and powers and duties in the enforcement of disease prevention measures for a further period during this critical time where the situation of the outbreak of the disease in other countries remains unstable; moreover, in the month of July, there will be the opening of educational establishments, the opening of airports, the travelling from other countries into the Kingdom, the opening of places of entertainment, entertainment spots, sport competition venues, tourist attractions and remaining places with high risk, and there will be long public holidays where there may be travelling and the carrying out of activities with a more crowded-than-usual gathering of people leading to the negligence and carelessness of disease prevention measures, causing a new wave of outbreaks as has appeared in some countries; therefore, while relaxing measures as phase 5 for people to be able to carry out activities under the new normal way of life by enforcing the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), it is still necessary to maintain the powers and duties of competent officials under the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) for a further period of time to ensure the safe exercise of freedom and way of life of the people, and for officials to be able to issue orders and remedy the situation in a unified, efficient and expeditious manner;

By virtue of Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) and Section 11 of the State Administration Act B.E. 2534 (1991), the Prime Minister hereby issues a Regulation and guidelines for government agencies as follows:

1. School Commencement and Method of Teaching and Learning in Schools, Educational Institutions or Universities: The use of buildings and premises of schools, educational institutions or universities for the organisation of education or training is allowed. The school commencement and the teaching and learning methods shall be in accordance with the prescriptions of the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation or other relevant agencies, as the case may be, whereby the responsible persons shall prepare and comply with disease prevention measures as prescribed by the government, including the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems in strict compliance with the recommendations of the government, with primary concern to the risk of infection, the spreading of the disease, and the safety of the students.

2. Opening for Operation of Places and Activities: Places, businesses and activities where restrictions have previously been relaxed or that have been permitted to open for operation under the Regulation (No. 10) issued on 12 June B.E. 2563 (2020) may continue to operate under the same conditions and timeframes, including disease prevention measures and the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems as previously prescribed, such as sport competitions and the broadcast of such competitions without any audiences in the competition venue, the limitation of the number of persons in the shooting of television programmes, movies and videos, and the maintenance of distance between persons in theatres and movie theatres, or in the organisation of activities.

Risk-prone places, businesses and activities apart from those where restrictions have previously been relaxed or that have been permitted to open, may open for operation and service on the basis of their readiness, while complying with disease prevention measures, conditions of the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems, recommendations of the government, as well as relevant laws, rules or regulations, as follows:

(1) Department stores, shopping centres, community malls, exhibition centres, convention centres or exhibition halls may open for operation during their normal operating hours but no later than 22.00hrs.

Convenience stores, supermarkets or other similar businesses may open for operation during their normal operating hours.

(2) Places of entertainment, establishments of a similar nature, pubs, bars and karaoke shops, may have their restrictions relaxed and may open for operation during their normal

operating hours as determined by law until 24.00hrs of the same day and shall refrain from organising sales promotion activities.

Sales of food or beverages in restaurants, open-air restaurants, hotels and general eateries or cafes may open for service until after 24.00hrs, but the consumption of alcohol and alcoholic beverages in such places shall be prohibited after such hours.

(3) Game centres and internet cafes may open for operation while restricting the service duration;

(4) Massage parlours and tea parlours may open for operation during their normal operating hours as determined by law;

Bullfighting arenas, cockfighting pits, fish fighting arenas, or other competition venues in a similar manner are still not permitted to open for operation.

3. Performance of Religious Activities or Ceremonies of All Religions: Guardians responsible for religious sites shall ensure that the performance of religious activities or ceremonies on days of religious importance or in accordance with traditional customs at the religious site is in accordance with measures, guidelines or recommendations of the related religious administrative organisations including disease prevention measures prescribed by the government.

4. Public Transportation: In order to facilitate the people and support their travel which may be more congested after the school commencement and the opening of places, the responsible agencies shall prepare, supervise and inspect the transportation of passengers for all modes of public transportation by setting up orderly arrangements and systems in accordance with disease prevention measures as prescribed by the government.

5. Relaxation of Closure of Points of Entry into the Kingdom Only for the Transportations of Goods: To alleviate the impacts on and to move forward border trade and economy, Provincial Governors, upon the approval of the Provincial Communicable Disease Committee under the laws on communicable diseases, shall consider the opening of Points of Entry, checkpoints, border crossings or border checkpoints in areas under their responsibility only for the import and export of goods and transit goods as necessary, and shall ensure that disease prevention measures are put in place and strictly supervise their compliance in accordance with the rules, regulations and conditions as prescribed by the government.

6. Disease Prevention Measures: Owners, managers of places or organisers of any activities relating to business, transportation, entertainment, sport fields, places of entertainment, public places or other locations where people gather or participate in activities prone to physical closeness and contact and the spreading of the Coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19), shall put in place disease prevention measures for participants as follows:

- (1) Check body temperature or screen for respiratory symptoms;
- (2) Require the wearing of surgical masks or cloth masks;
- (3) Facilitate at least one metre separation between persons and restrict the number of participants to avoid overcrowding;
- (4) Provide hand washing facilities with soap, alcohol gel or disinfectant;
- (5) Provide for the cleaning of surfaces of relevant places that people come into contact with before, during and after the carrying out of activities.

Competent officials or communicable disease control officers may arrange or determine for the installation of the tracking application system in order to track a person to undertake a disease diagnostic test when there is a reason to suspect that they have been in contact with an infected person.

7. Maintenance of Order under Disease Prevention Measures: Responsible persons of a place, business or activity where restrictions have previously been relaxed or that have been permitted to open for operation shall ensure the compliance with disease prevention measures including the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems in accordance with the recommendations, conditions and timeframes determined by the Governor of Bangkok, Provincial Governors, or the government.

Competent officials shall have the power to inspect that the use of buildings and premises and the conduct of the owners or managers of places or organisers of activities under paragraph one are in compliance with disease prevention measures, as well as the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems prescribed by the government. If an act is found to be risk-prone to the spread of the disease, competent officials may give recommendations, warnings and prohibitions, and shall have the power to determine the period of time for the responsible persons under paragraph one to make improvements and rectifications to prevent the spread of the disease, as well as to make a submission to persons having powers under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) to order the temporary closure of places in areas under their responsibility and may prosecute violators for criminal offences under the law.

In the case where the Governor of Bangkok or a Provincial Governor has issued an order to temporarily close a place, once the responsible person, owner or manager of such place has implemented the measures prescribed by the government and set up orderly arrangements and systems, the Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governor, as the case may be, shall have the power to issue an order for the reopening of such place.

8. Coordination: Where there is a question concerning the compliance with this Regulation both by the public and competent officials, the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Consideration of the Relaxation of the Enforcement of Measures to Prevent and Suppress the

Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), with the Secretary-General of the National Security Council in the capacity of the Head of the Central Coordination Office, as the Chairman, shall be consulted or coordinated with.

This Regulation shall come into effect from 1 July B.E. 2563 (2020).

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