

(Unofficial Translation)

Regulation
Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree
on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)
(No. 7)

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 extension of the duration of the enforcement of the aforementioned Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 31 May B.E. 2563 (2020);

Whereas it is deemed appropriate to further relax the enforcement of certain measures for the prevention of the spread of the COVID-19 disease in addition to earlier relaxations in order to reduce the impact on the people in terms of the economy, society and security, according to the situation assessment report of the Centre for the Administration of the Situation due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and the opinions of those responsible for security, economy, entrepreneurs and consumers, together with the suggestion from those responsible for public health that the cumulative number of infected persons, the number of newly infected persons daily and the statistics of deaths in the country since the beginning of May during the period which the Regulations (No. 4), (No. 5) and (No. 6) are in effect are constantly decreasing or at a controllable level, however since there remain risk factors from weather conditions, the number of cross-provincial travellers and travellers from abroad, as well as certain groups of people who remain negligent and fail to comply with disease prevention measures while the spreading of the disease is still apparent in other countries, the relaxation should therefore be based on the risk exposure of persons, places and types of activities, subject to strict compliance of disease prevention measures and recommendations of the government, and if there is an increased number of infected persons or the risk exposure become higher, such relaxation may be partially or entirely suspended or modified;

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 for the general public and guidelines for government agencies as follows:

1. **Prohibition to Leave Dwelling Places:** It is prohibited for any person throughout the Kingdom to leave their dwelling places from the time of 23.00hrs to 04.00hrs of the following day, and the exemptions to the prohibition to leave dwelling places in accordance with Regulation (No. 3) issued on 10 April B.E. 2563 (2020) shall remain in force.

2. **Relaxation of the Prohibition of Use of Buildings and Premises of Schools or Educational Institutions:** The Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors shall have the power to consider relaxing the prohibition of the use of buildings and premises of schools or educational institutions, only for assisting, caring, fostering or sheltering orphans with family problems, impoverished or disadvantaged children, who may be a risk-prone group if left to live in their residences or other places, or for using such buildings and premises to carry out activities of public interest as permitted by the Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors. However, it is still prohibited to use such buildings and premises for the organisation of education, examinations or training.

3. **Relaxation of Prohibitions or Limitations on Conducting or Carrying Out Certain Activities:** In order to facilitate the people and to move forward certain activities, subject to the implementation of disease prevention measures as prescribed by the government as well as the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems, places or activities for which the Governor of Bangkok and Provincial Governors have previously issued orders to temporarily close in accordance with the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) and Regulation (No. 5) issued on 1 May B.E. 2563 (2020), may open for operation or carry out certain additional activities throughout the Kingdom on the basis of their choosing and readiness as follows:

(1) **Activities relating to the economy and way of life:**

a. The sales of food or beverages in restaurants, open-air restaurants, food courts, canteens, general eateries or cafes, excluding places of entertainment, pubs and bars, may open for operation but the consumption of liquor or alcoholic beverages on the premises shall still be prohibited.

b. Department stores, shopping centres and community malls may open for operation additionally for the sales of consumer products and the provision of services, including restaurants or cafes (no consumption of liquor or alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in the restaurants/cafes), beauty salons, hair styling, hairdressing or nail salons, excluding theatres, movie theatres, bowling alleys, game arcades, coin operated entertainment machines, skating or rollerblading rinks or other similar recreations, karaoke shops, amusement parks, water parks, zoos, snooker parlours, billiard parlours, gaming centres, fitness centres, health and wellness establishments, traditional Thai massage and foot massage parlours, tutoring institutes, amulet centres, and convention centres.

Places and activities that open for operation shall refrain from organising competitions, sales promotion activities, or carrying out other activities attracting a large gathering of people, and may open for operation until 20.00hrs.

c. Retail/wholesale shops or large wholesale markets.

d. Nursing homes, residential facilities or any other welfare centres providing care for children or the elderly, or dependent persons, which provide for overnight stay, may open for operation.

e. Shooting of television programmes, movies and videos when the number of persons, including the on-set working staff and all departments, does not exceed fifty, and there shall be no audience.

f. Meeting rooms in hotels or convention centres may open for operation only in cases where participants are limited, and for committee/shareholder meetings or meetings, trainings and seminars with participants coming from the same workplace for the convenience of verifying the source.

(2) Exercising, health care and recreational activities:

A. Plastic and cosmetic surgery clinics, beauty institutes and nail salons, located both inside and outside of department stores, shopping centres or community malls, may open for operation only for body and skincare but not for facial care.

b. Fitness centres not located inside department stores, shopping centres or community malls may open for operation only for yoga or free weights sections, while the use of exercise equipment, treadmills and stationary bikes, or group exercises shall be prohibited.

c. Indoor exercise places or gymnasiums may open for operation only for non-contact sports according to international rules and there shall be no audience during competition. For team sports namely badminton, sepak takraw, table tennis, squash, gymnastics, fencing and rock climbing, the number of players shall not exceed three per team.

d. Public swimming pools, both indoor and outdoor.

e. Botanical gardens, flower gardens, museums, learning centres, historical sites, archaeological sites, public libraries and art galleries.

4. Implementation of Disease Prevention Measures and Setting up of Orderly Arrangements: Owners or managers of places under Clause 3 (1) and (2) shall have the duty and responsibility of implementing disease prevention measures, as well as setting up of orderly arrangements and systems in accordance with recommendations, conditions and timeframes determined by the Governor of Bangkok, Provincial Governors, or the government. Competent officials may inspect such places and give recommendations, warnings and prohibitions, or take any other action in accordance with the law, as well as make a submission to persons having

powers under the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015) to order the temporary closure of such specific place.

In the case where the Governor of Bangkok or Provincial Governors issued an order to temporarily close a place in accordance with the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), once the 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 Governors, as the case may be, shall have the power to issue an order for the reopening of such place.

5. In order for disease prevention measures to be implemented in a uniform manner, the Governor of Bangkok and Provincial Governors, by virtue of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), shall additionally issue an order closing bullfighting arenas, fish fighting arenas, or other competition venues in a similar manner, as well as take any other action in accordance with this Regulation, due to the fact that it has been found that such places are risk-prone to the spread of the disease.

This Regulation shall come into effect from 17 May B.E. 2563 (2020).

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(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister