

(Unofficial Translation)

Regulation

Issued under Section 9

of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)
(No. 22)

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 consecutive extensions of the duration of the enforcement of the aforementioned Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 31 May B.E. 2564 (2021);

Whereas the new wave of the outbreak of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 occurred during the public holidays in April 2021, and this time, infected persons are asymptomatic or show few symptoms of the disease in its early stages, combined with the majority of the people being more relaxed due to circumstances relating to better control of the disease during the past period and becoming less cautious compared to the beginning of the outbreak, causing the disease to spread throughout all areas of the Kingdom with a significant increase of daily infected patients and deaths, affecting the safety and normal way of life of the people and the medical and public health service system; therefore, it is vital to prescribe more intensive measures for the control of the disease to prevent the spread of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019, which is an emergency situation, from worsening and to quickly remedy such situation;

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, as follows:

1. Wearing Surgical Masks or Cloth Masks to Prevent the Spread of the Disease while outside of Dwelling Places or in Public Places: In order to reduce the risk of infection and to prevent unhygienic conditions and to restrict the spread of the disease, while outside of dwelling places or in public places, people shall wear surgical masks or cloth masks properly as recommended by the Ministry of Public Health.

When an individual is found not complying with paragraph 1, competent officials shall reprimand, warn and order such individual to comply with the measure. If the individual fails to comply, competent officials shall then act in accordance with the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558 (2015), and its amendments.

2. Designation of COVID-19 Zoning Areas: The adjustment of the designation of zoning areas for the enforcement of integrated control measures corresponding to each control zone shall be as follows:

(1) Maximum and Strict COVID-19 Control Zone: The areas of Krung Thep Maha Nakhon (Bangkok), Chon Buri Province, Chiang Mai Province, Nonthaburi Province, Pathum Thani Province and Samut Prakan Province, 6 provinces in total, shall be categorised as maximum

and strict COVID-19 control zones where extremely stringent measures shall be enforced in order to promptly and absolutely stop and suppress the spread of the disease.

(2) Maximum COVID-19 Control Zone: The areas of 45 provinces in total shall be categorised as maximum COVID-19 control zones.

(3) COVID-19 Control Zone: The areas of 26 provinces in total shall be categorised as COVID-19 control zones.

The provinces in the COVID-19 zoning areas in (2) and (3) are as prescribed in the list of provinces attached to this Regulation.

3. Organisation of group activities for the Maximum and Strict COVID-19 Control Zone: It is prohibited to conduct activities that involve the gathering of more than twenty persons in the areas categorised as maximum and strict COVID-19 control zones. Exceptions, methods and criteria for consideration of competent officials in granting permission shall be in accordance with Clause 1 (2) of the Regulation (No. 20) issued on 16 April B.E. 2564 (2021).

4. Integrated Control Measures for the Maximum and Strict COVID-19 Control Zone: Integrated control measures for the maximum and strict COVID-19 control zone shall be elevated.

(1) Food or beverage shops may sell food and beverages for takeaway only. The consumption of food, drinks, liquor and alcoholic beverages in the shops shall be prohibited, and the shops may open for service until 21.00 hrs.

(2) Sports fields, exercise places, gymnasiums and fitness centres shall be closed, except for the use as an isolated place in accordance with the laws on communicable diseases. Sport fields or exercise places used for outdoor activities or located in open-aired areas may open for service no later than 21.00 hrs and may be used for the organisation of sport competitions without any audiences in the competition venue. As for the organisation of sport competitions permitted by the Prime Minister, such competitions may proceed provided that the disease prevention measures prescribed by the government are complied with.

(3) Department stores, shopping centres, community malls, convenience stores, supermarkets, night markets, overnight markets, walking streets or other similar businesses shall be open for operations under the conditions, timeframes, the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems, including disease prevention measures, as well as control measures for maximum COVID-19 control zones under the Regulation (No. 20) issued on 16 April B.E. 2564 (2021).

(4) Unnecessary travelling out of maximum and strict COVID-19 control zones shall be prohibited in order to reduce the volume of travel that is risk-prone to the infection of the disease.

5. Integrated Control Measures for the Maximum COVID-19 Control Zone and the COVID-19 Control Zone: Integrated control measures for the maximum COVID-19 control zone and the COVID-19 control zone prescribed under the Regulation (No. 20) issued on

16 April B.E. 2564 (2021) as well as measures under the laws on communicable diseases specifically prescribed by responsible persons in each area, shall be implemented.

6. Working outside the Office: Head of government agencies and entities, business owners or private sector operators shall consider implementing maximum measures to reduce the amount of travelling of officials and personnel under their responsibility in order to prevent and reduce the risk of infection for a period of at least fourteen days. These measures may include working outside the office, reducing the number of persons at the office, alternating working days and shifts or any other methods as appropriate but adequate to the mission of providing public services.

This Regulation shall come into effect from 1 May B.E. 2564 (2021).

Issued on 29 April B.E. 2564 (2021)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister

List of Provinces Designated to be Included in COVID-19 Zoning Areas
for the Enforcement of Integrated Control Measures
Attached to the Regulation (No. 22) Issued on 29 April B.E. 2564 (2021)

Maximum COVID-19 Control Zone

1. Kanchanaburi Province
2. Kamphaeng Phet Province
3. Khon Kaen Province
4. Chanthaburi Province
5. Chachoengsao Province
6. Chaiyaphum Province
7. Chiang Rai Province
8. Trang Province
9. Tak Province
10. Nakhon Pathom Province
11. Nakhon Ratchasima Province
12. Nakhon Si Thammarat Province
13. Nakhon Sawan Province
14. Narathiwat Province
15. Nan Province
16. Prachuap Khiri Khan Province
17. Prachin Buri Province
18. Pattani Province
19. Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province
20. Phatthalung Province
21. Phichit Province
22. Phitsanulok Province
23. Phetchaburi Province
24. Phetchabun Province
25. Phuket Province
26. Maha Sarakham Province
27. Yala Province
28. Roi Et Province

29. Ranong Province
30. Rayong Province
31. Ratchaburi Province
32. Lop Buri Province
33. Lampang Province
34. Lamphun Province
35. Si Sa Ket Province
36. Songkhla Province
37. Samut Sakhon Province
38. Sa Kaeo Province
39. Saraburi Province
40. Sukhothai Province
41. Suphan Buri Province
42. Surat Thani Province
43. Ang Thong Province
44. Udon Thani Province
45. Ubon Ratchathani Province

45 Provinces in total

COVID-19 Control Zone

1. Krabi Province
2. Kalasin Province
3. Chai Nat Province
4. Chumphon Province
5. Trat Province
6. Nakhon Nayok Province
7. Nakhon Phanom Province
8. Bueng Kan Province
9. Buri Ram Province
10. Phangnga Province
11. Phrae Province
12. Phayao Province
13. Mukdahan Province
14. Mae Hong Son Province

15. Yasothon Province
16. Loei Province
17. Sakon Nakhon Province
18. Satun Province
19. Samut Songkhram Province
20. Sing Buri Province
21. Surin Province
22. Nong Khai Province
23. Nong Bua Lam Phu Province
24. Uthai Thani Province
25. Uttaradit Province
26. Amnat Charoen Province

26 Provinces in total
