

(Unofficial Translation)

Regulation

Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree
on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)
(No. 14)

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 5th extension of the duration of the enforcement of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation until 30 September B.E. 2563 (2020);

Whereas the government, mindful of the necessity to relax measures for the control of the spread of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 for places, businesses or activities which may be highly risk-prone to the spreading of the COVID-19 disease to be able to open for operation, has gradually and consecutively relaxed measures, the Prime Minister has considered, upon the submission for consideration by 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) which has assessed that certain types of places, businesses or activities may continue to open for operation, and issued an order permitting such places, businesses or activities to experimentally open for operation under the necessary measures for the prevention and control of the spread of the disease;

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. Opening for Operation of Places, Businesses and Activities: Places, businesses and activities where restrictions have previously been relaxed or that have been permitted to open for operation 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 by the government. The following places, businesses and activities that have previously been permitted by the Prime Minister to experimentally open for operation, may open for operation on the basis of their choosing and readiness:

(1) All schools, educational institutions, universities, and tutoring schools or institutes, may open at full scale and organise the education for all classes and all levels;

(2) Sports fields or sport competition venues where restrictions have previously been relaxed for the organisation of competitions may permit audiences in the venue, and organisers shall strictly comply with the disease prevention measures as prescribed by the government;

(3) Vehicles for public transportation, both by land and water, may carry passengers in accordance with their full standard capacity under the relevant laws and regulations, as well as the strict inspection and supervision by the responsible agencies.

The responsible persons for such businesses, activities and places shall ensure compliance with disease prevention measures, conditions for the setting up of orderly arrangements and systems, recommendations of the government as well as relevant laws, rules or regulations, the carrying out of which competent officials have the power to inspect. 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 improvements and rectifications, as well as to make a submission to persons having powers to order the temporary closure of the place and may also prosecute the violators.

2. Implementation of Disease Prevention Measures: Owners or responsible persons of places, activities and businesses shall implement disease prevention measures prescribed by the government. Customers or persons entering into such places or participating in such activities shall wear surgical or alternative masks, maintain social distancing and comply with disease prevention measures prescribed by the government, as well as checking in via the prescribed application, and shall undergo quarantine for the duration and at the place determined by the government if they fit the criteria to be quarantined.

3. Coordination: In cases where difficulties arise concerning the compliance with this Regulation by both the people 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 September B.E. 2563 (2020).

Issued on 31 August B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister