



Announcement of Phuket Province

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Title: Closure of risky venues as the measures to curb the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Following the unrelenting spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the World Health Organization (WHO) has requested all countries to urgently increase aggressive measures to combat COVID-19. With regards to Thailand, the Ministry of Public Health has disseminate specific information concerning medical services and public health, in accordance with the Communicable Disease Act, B.E. 2558 (2015). Furthermore, with the approval of a Cabinet meeting on 17 March 2020 to impose preventive measures to curb the spread of the COVID-19, it is necessary that all the risk prone venues are required to impose strict preventive measures in accordance with the standards set by the Ministry of Public Health. The risk prone venues are crowded places such as boxing stadiums, racecourses, and sports stadiums in Bangkok and the vicinity which will be closed temporarily for 14 days.

To follow these preventive measures strictly, the Governor of Phuket Province has announced the measures in accordance with the Communicable Disease Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), with the decision of Committee of Communicable Disease of Phuket Province during a meeting on 17 March 2020, to follow the national measures to combat the disease. It is therefore required that entrepreneurs of all places that are crowded and prone to the risk of spreading a contagious disease to impose preventive measures as follows:

1. Temporary closure until the situation has improved - boxing stadiums and sports stadiums,

2. Temporary closure for 14 days from 18 March 2020 to 31 March 2020 - for those of traditional Thai massage parlours, and healthcare massage places. And entertainment venues, which are categorized as follows;

(1) Entertainment venues (bar and clubs) that provide non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks together with music or live band performances; street-food restaurants are not included,

(2) Entertainment venues (bar and clubs) that provide non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks together with musical machine boxes or places for the clients to sing or enjoy karaoke,

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(3) Entertainment venues (bar and clubs) that provide the broadcast of sport competition or entertainment programs to clients and audiences,

(4) The floating houses or boats that provide non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks, with the entertainment of music and dance floor,

(5) Temporary places that provide non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks with food stands such as Beer Garden or Garden of any festival, with music entertainment for audiences.

3. Penalties for any person who violates or fails to comply with the order of a communicable disease control officer ranging from less than one (1) year in prison or a fine of up to 100,000 baht or both.

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