Phuket Announcement

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

According to the Governor of Phuket Province together with the decision of Committee of Communicable Disease of Phuket Province issuing the 1st Announcement of Phuket Province No. 1/2020 dated on March 18, 2020, the 2nd Announcement of Phuket Province No. 2/2020 dated on March 20, 2020, the 3rd Announcement of Phuket Province No. 3/2020 dated on March 23, 2020 and the 5th Announcement of Phuket Province No. 5/2020 dated on March 25, 2020 regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) instigating the closure of establishments which cater to large groups of persons and movement of persons which could cause further spread of COVID-19, and the temporary closure of establishments until the situation will be improved.

The current trend of the outbreak situation of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) shows an increase in the number of infected persons and fatalities thereby effecting the safety and security of the public. The World Health Organization (WHO) announced that Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a Pandemic and has requested all countries to urgently increase aggressive measures to curb COVID-19 because there are neither vaccines for preventing nor medicines for curing it. The Prime Minister of Thailand has implemented urgent measures to maintain safety and security of the public with the decision of the Cabinet announcing Thailand Emergency Situation from March 26, 2020 to April 30, 2020, and issued the conditions according to section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations, B.E. 2548 (2005) (version 1) to be practiced by government bureaus under the prescribed conditions and timing.

In order to raise the standard of effective monitoring, prevention and control of the spread of the disease, the Governor of Phuket Province according to the meeting session no. 9/2563 of the Committee of Communicable Disease of Phuket dated on March 27, 2020, and in accordance with section 35 of the Communicable Disease Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), and section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation, B.E. 2548 (2005) (version 1) which stated that the delay for emergency cases shall cause the huge damage or effect public benefits, and section 30 of the Administrative Procedure Act, B.E. 2539 (1996), the Governor of Phuket Province cancels all the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the 5th announcements and mandates to close the following / establishments ...
establishments which cater to large groups of persons and movement of persons which could cause further spread of COVID-19 under the necessary and suitable conditions and timing as follows:

1. Temporary closure until the otherwise announced of:
   1.1 Boxing stadiums
   1.2 All types of sport stadiums
   1.3 Cockfight facilities and fish fighting facilities
   1.4 Water parks.

2. Temporary closure from 28 March 2020 to 30 April 2020
   2.1 Traditional Thai massage parlors
   2.2 Entertainment venues, Theaters, and playhouses
   2.3 Entertainment venues and other similar venues not stated in section 3 of the Entertainment Act of B.E. 2509 (1966)
   2.4 All types of body massage establishments stated in section 3 of the Health Establishment Act, of B.E. 2559 (2016) which includes spas, health and beauty massage establishments, excluding physiotherapy provided in hospitals or public health centers as stated in the law.
   2.5 Sports facilities such as fitness, yoga and aerobics centers or outdoor fitness classes for example.
   2.6 Boxing and Martial arts schools (Woo zoo, Taekwondo, Thai boxing, boxing, judo, aikido, etc.)
   2.7 Children’s recreation facilities including in any department stores or public parks or other places.
   2.8 Games and Internet Shops

2.9 Some areas in department stores, shopping centers, large retail stores, hyper marts, or stores which are of the same category, with the exception of supermarkets, pharmacies, and stores which sell miscellaneous goods necessary for daily use, banks, financial institutes, money exchange points, service centers for payment and mobile phone repair or communication network systems of all concessionaires, and food outlets which are permitted only to provide take away services.

2.10 Restaurants, bars and food & beverage shops with the exception of food outlets or restaurants which provide only take home services and restaurants in hotels for which service is permitted only for hotel clients.

2.11. Fresh markets, flea markets and walking streets are only permitted to sell fresh, dried or cooked foods for take away only or sell animal feed, pharmaceuticals and other consumer goods which are necessary for daily life.

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2.12 Seating areas in convenience stores, food shops, super markets which provide service to seated or standing clients.

2.13. Tattoo and body piercing services, fortune telling, exorcising, horoscopes, and worshipping establishments or similar such activities.

2.14. Amulet & Small Buddha image centers or similar establishments.

2.15 Snooker or billiard establishments.

2.16. Golf courses and driving ranges.

2.17 Pet Services such as pet bathing, grooming, pet shelters, spas, or similar services.

2.18 Beauty clinics, beauty institutes or shops or establishments, slimming establishments, barber and hair salons.

2.19 Shrimp fishing and fishing ponds.

2.20 Public and private swimming pools, Government run swimming pools and swimming pools in hotels including swimming pools in private hotel rooms.

2.21 Dental clinics that are outpatient clinics

2.22 Public spaces that can be accessed to carry out group activities will be closed, including spaces such as playgrounds, public parks, avenues alongside dams or reservoirs, and Saphan-hin Sport Center, etc.

2.23 Identification card service sections at the Provincial Registration Office, the District Registration Offices, and any Local Registration Officers will continue to provide only services of birth certificates and death certificates as well as any registration services deemed urgent at the discretion of the Registrar.

2.24 Phuket Provincial Transportation Office and private driving schools that are under the supervision of the Department of Land Transport, are under the rules and conditions as follows:

(1) Training and testing to apply for a new driver’s license, driver identification card, and a new personal vehicle license at Phuket Provincial Transport Office will be suspended in all cases EXCEPT training and testing to apply for a new motorcycle rider’s license will continue to operate.

(2) Training for the extension of the driver’s license at Phuket Provincial Transportation Office, in all cases will be suspended, with the EXCEPTION of driver’s license renewal up to 90 days before the expiry date or the renewal of driver’s license that has expired up to 1 year, on the condition that: the mandatory training has been via the e-learning session through www.dlt-elearning.com, and that the applicant brings a printed copy of the successful result of the e-learning session to their physical testing session at Phuket Provincial Transportation Office. The document of the online training session cannot be used more than 90 days after it is issued. (The day that the driver has successfully passed the online training session is accredited as the first registration.)
(3) The theory and practical training sessions of the driving schools in the Province of Phuket that are registered by the Ministry of Land Transport will be suspended, EXCEPT the training session for motorcycle riding.

(4) The mobile units to provide the information of driver’s license, vehicle’s taxation, and the license to drive cars in all areas will be suspended.

2.25 Phuket Provincial Land Office and some of its branch offices cease land right registration, and all categories of legal land registration, with the exception of some categories of land transaction with the conditions of timing according to an announcement of Department of Land titled Asking for the Cooperation of the Public to Access Land Services during the Outbreak of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) dated on March 25, 2020 as follows:

(1) Applying for the right to oppose legal proceedings (such as land heritage, substitutes, land sales, land gratuitousness, land mortgage)

(2) Applying for the right to oppose land deed issuing

(3) Applying for the right to oppose land border inspection (land plot separation, or land plot total, for examples)

(4) Due land redeeming

(5) Land seizing

(6) Land rights registration, and land legal registration in urgent cases through which avoidance will result in damage to the parties or to the economy.

3. Penalties for any persons who violate or fail to comply with this announcement according to section 52 of the Communicable Disease Act of B.E. 2558 range from less than one (1) year in prison or a fine of up to 100,000 Baht or both, and shall be punished according to section 52 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation, B.E. 2548 (2005), and prescribed conditions according to section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation, B.E. 2548 (2005) (version 1).

Effective from March 28, 2020 until otherwise announced.

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