



Order of Phuket Province

No. 1908 /2563

Title: Closure of Locales and Implement Measures to Curb the Spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Phuket Province

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As the situation regarding the spread of the Coronavirus or COVID-19 continues unabated and has spread to many countries throughout the world, The Health Ministry made an announcement on 26 February, 2020 detailing the name of the virus and the symptoms of the virus (3rd edition) This virus, Coronavirus 2019 or COVID -19 is to be considered a high risk virus according to the Communicable Disease Act of B.E.2558 (2015). The Prime Minister with the agreement of the Cabinet on March 25, 2020 therefore announced that all areas of Thailand are under a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus. With regards to Phuket province, it is noticed that the number of cases is increasing at a fast rate and has spread to all areas of the Province. The Governor of Phuket Province together with the Committee of Communicable Disease of Phuket issued Announcements regarding measures to combat and prevent spread of the COVID-19 in order to elevate the standard of care to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 in an efficient manner. Therefore, according to the meeting session no. 18/2563 of the Committee of Communicable Disease of Phuket dated on April 9, 2020, and in accordance with section 22, Section 34 and Section 35 of the Communicable Disease Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), and article 7(1) no. 10, 11, 13, 14 of article 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in an Emergency Situation, B.E. 2548 (2005) (version 1) has announced the cancellation of orders: no.1823/2563 dated April 5, 2020, nos.1825/2563 and 1826/2020 dated April 5, 2020, 1831/2563, 1832-2563 and 1833/2563 dated April 7, 2020 which cover controlling the situation in Patong Sub-District, Kathu District, Karon Sub-District, Muang District, and Si Sunthon Sub-District in Thalang District and implementing the following order in their stead:

1. Closure of all connecting lines between all sub-districts in order to minimize the movement of persons and vehicles as much as possible according to the measures of preventing the spread of COVID-19. This order excludes necessary movement of persons who require medical assistance, medical care, doctors, nurses or other medical employees, communication and postal staff, government employees or staff of government agencies and public enterprises who are required to work for the public at that time or other persons who have duty to perform and need to travel must request permission from the Chief of the District Office or a person appointed by the Chief of the District Office.

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This order excludes vehicles transporting consumer goods and products, cooking gas, fuel, medical equipment, emergency vehicles, ambulances, vehicles on official government business, communication equipment, cooking gas and fuel, medical equipment, emergency vehicles, ambulances, vehicles on official government business and vehicles transporting parcels and printed items.

2. The Chief of the District office together with the Police Superintendent are authorized to designate suitable location(s) which do not pose a hazard to normal travel to set up health checkpoints. The District and Sub-district office together with the local Police Station are to authorize officials to be present at each health checkpoint with one person authorized to take charge of each checkpoint.

3. This order will be effective from 00.01 hrs. on April 13, 2020 – 23.59 hrs. on April 26, 2020 (14 days in total) or until the situation has alleviated. All persons are requested to remain in their homes or minimize any travel outside their homes as much as possible in order to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The District Office and local administration offices are requested to enforce these measures whilst also minimizing impact to citizens where possible (according to the measures which will be detailed)

4. The District Chief or any such person authorized by the District Chief, the Police Superintendent or any such person authorized by the Police Superintendent together with officials in the District Commercial office will inspect the price of consumer good to ensure that no inflated costs have been applied or that there is any hoarding of consumer products or other items necessary for daily use. If any person is found to be carrying out such actions, they will be punished according to the law.

5. The following measures are implemented to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19:

1) The Public Health Department of Phuket together with the District Offices and local district offices should arrange for officials to check all persons who live in all districts and if any person is found to have symptoms that may indicate the possibility of contracting COVID-19 that person must be taken for quarantine or placed under supervision at a location designated by Phuket Province.

2) All local district offices are to clean all public areas, roads, all homes and stores in the local districts with disinfectant.

3) Following Order 1797/2563 dated April 2, 2563 to close all hotels in Phuket Province, if in any local district it is necessary for an employee to enter the hotel to carry out work such as accounting, repairs and maintenance or other, the hotel must should arrange for accommodation for the employees within the hotel until such work has been completed in order to avoid such persons travelling to and from work which could aid in the spread of the virus. The names and number of person must be registered with the district office and if any of these persons is found to have symptoms that may indicate the possibility of contracting COVID-19 that person must be taken for quarantine or placed under supervision at a location designated by Phuket Province.

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6. The Chief of the District Office, Sub-district office, local administration offices and village chiefs should announce these measures to all persons in their area and in order that they can prepare enough supplies and consumer goods for 14 days. In order to avoid panic, explanations should be given and information should be relayed in a clear and concise manner so that the public understand the reason for these measures.

In order to carry out the above mentioned measures, it is necessary to request that all persons residing in Phuket Province cooperate in order to prevent further of the spread of COVID-19. Furthermore, in urgent situations such as this, any delays will result in damage to a person or impact on public interests and therefore exceptions cannot be granted according to Article 30 of the Administrative Procedure Act of B.E. 2539(1996)

If any person should violate or fail to comply with these regulations according to Article 52 of the Communicable Disease Act, B.E. 2558 (2015) will receive a jail sentence of no more than 1 year and fined no more than 100,000 Baht (One hundred thousand baht only) or both. Furthermore, they may also be penalized according to penalties stated in Article 9 of Article 18 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in an Emergency Situation, B.E. 2548 (2005) (version 1).

Effective from April 13, B.E. 2563 (2020) to April 26, B.E. 2563 (2020) or until the situation has alleviated.

Ordered on April 9 , 2020



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