



Order of Phuket Province

No. 1944 /2563

Title: Closure of High Risk Venues to Curb the Spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)
in Phuket Province

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 still increasing. Furthermore, Associations involved in the Upper South Regional Tourist Industry (TTAA UPPERSOUTH) and the Thai Travel Agent Association have been severely impacted by COVID-19 and have therefore requested that Phuket Province implements measures to close the Travel Agencies, and other tourist service agencies that are concerned with the tourist industry according to the document dated 10 April, 2020.

The Governor of Phuket Province together with the Committee of Communicable Disease of Phuket and in accordance with the meeting session no. 19/2563 in accordance article 7(1) of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in an Emergency Situation, B.E. 2548 (2005) (version 1) therefore orders the following:

To close all businesses and enterprises and tour companies that are legally registered under the Tourist Business and Tour Guides Act of B.E.2551 (2008) and other similar business such as tour agents, boat ticket agents, services regarding room rental, or boat rental, companies providing transportation by land or sea, scuba diving companies or other recreational business for example.

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)

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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 11, B.E. 2563 (2020) until otherwise ordered.

Ordered on April 10 , 2020



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