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“For efficient and effective containment of COVID-19”

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Following the Press Release from the PMO dated 26 March 2022, the Dzongkhag COVID-19 Task Force announces the following amendments and additions to its earlier notification dated 20th March 2022;

Movements

1. Movement of individuals and vehicles within the Dzongkhag shall be allowed.
2. All inter-district travels including public buses are allowed with E-pass.
3. CPMS registration shall remain the same as before.
4. Domestic travelers from high-risk areas and districts shall undergo home quarantine for a period of 7 days at the place of origin by registering at 1010 Help Desk.
5. The Rapid Antigen Test validity for the drivers of all goods carriers, including trucks and all other utility vehicles shall be 14 days.
6. One-day to-and-fro travel to pick up home quarantined individuals, medical emergencies and essentials from low to high-risk areas shall be facilitated with GPS monitoring system.
7. Driver switching or transshipment at Tamala and Rindibee shall be lifted with effect from 28th March 2022. However, drivers from low-risk areas shall not be allowed to halt for the night in high-risk areas.

Testing & Isolation

1. Individuals with antigen positive is **considered as Covid positive and shall be managed in a strict home isolation** for a duration of 7 days.
2. The buildings/flats/houses with Covid positive cases shall be sealed by the security upon the receipt of details from the Surveillance team.
3. For red buildings/flats/houses, essentials will be delivered at doorstep based on the order.
4. Individuals with flu-like symptoms are advised to visit the nearest Flu clinic.
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Gatherings

1. Mass gathering is not allowed. However, important meetings may be considered upon the approval of IC.
2. *Lochoes* and *Rimdos* within the family members not exceeding 25 persons shall be allowed.
3. Death rituals and inter Dzongkhag transfer of dead bodies will be allowed. A maximum of 40 family members per body will be allowed to attend the cremation.

Games & Sports

1. Except for tournaments, all sporting activities shall be allowed without spectators.

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Office & Business

1. All offices have to open with strict Covid protocols.
2. Except for entertainment centers, all businesses can operate until 9pm.
3. Medical services shall continue to remain open.

Schools and Institutions

1. Starting April 04, Schools of classes VII, VIII, IX, X and XII must open in the in the first phase. The staggered approach is being adopted to avoid spike in cases while the school authorities need not maintain containment protocols, all Covid norms should be ensured.
 - a. All the late comers must be accepted
 - b. The head of the schools shall strictly follow the notification issued by the MoE dated March 26, 2022
2. Primary schools (Classes PP to VI) will start from April 18. However, children who are unvaccinated, and the day care and ECCD centers, must wait for another 10 days to resume.
3. All colleges and institutions must open from April 04 or soon thereafter, based on the preparation time required.

POEs

1. Categorization of high risk and low risk areas has not been changed yet. Thus, Panbang Dungkhag and Gewogs under it remain as high-risk areas till further notice.
2. Until specific directives from the AFCC on the status of POEs, Pongchula POE shall remain operational.

As the process of relaxation continues in the Dzongkhag, all the people are hereby requested to exercise self-discipline while performing routine activities and avoid unnecessary travels and gatherings.

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