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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

Wangdue-Punakha Covid-19 Task Force

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Announcement

In pursuant to the announcement made in the Official Facebook Page of the Prime Minister's Office on 20 January 2022 regarding the update of National COVID19 situation, the Punakha-Wangdue Covid-19 Task Force (PWC19TF) would like to notify the general public in Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag on the following:

A. General:

1. No mass gathering or celebrations, including religious congregations, occasions like birthdays and promotions, and other festive events are allowed
2. No inter-dzongkhag travels are allowed. Unavoidable, essential travels will be subject to approval by the Incident Commander after ensuring **Negative Covid test.**
3. Crematory services will be limited to family members only, and up to the maximum ceiling of 20 heads.
4. The transfer of dead bodies between dzongkhags is disallowed. However, if people choose to take bodies out of Wangdue Phordang to other dzongkhags, it may be permitted and facilitated by the **Bhutan Red Cross Society**.
5. While rimdros and loches may continue, no guests are allowed. Any sort of movement, including that of monks and lay monks should be strictly confined to the gewog or zones/megazones.
6. Essential items may be allowed to be dropped in Wangdue Phodrang and return in bubble mode.
7. No sporting activities are permitted.

B. Travel:

While travel is discouraged, only emergency, unavoidable and essential ones will be allowed upon approval by Incident Commander. The individuals may contact at hotline number **1197** for registration.

1. In the Green zone - Negative Antigen test result.
2. In the Yellow zone - Negative RT-PCR result and 24 hours isolation or 7 days quarantine depending upon the risk assessment.
3. In the Red zone; The Primary contacts shall undergo minimum 10 days quarantine period with Negative RT-PCR and others shall undergo 7 days quarantine period with Negative RT PCR test result.

B. Green:

The areas in green zone are:

Geog: Kazhi, Saephoog, Nyishog, Dangchu, Bjednang, Gangteng, Phobji, Athang;

Chewog: Uesargang_Wampoekhar, Chhungsekha_Domkha, Chhunggoen, Goenkhar, Nagbisa, Khothangkha, Zamding

Following activities are allowed in the green areas:

1. Offices will remain open.
2. Schools and educational institutions that can function in containment mode will be open.

3. While travel is discouraged, only essential ones between the green areas will be allowed upon approval by Incident Commander with Negative Antigen test result.
4. Except for entertainment centres like night clubs, karaokes, pubs and discotheques, all shops and businesses in green areas can open until 9:0PM

C. Yellow:

The areas in yellow zone are:
Chewog: Koomchi_Phangyuel, Martaloongchu, Khoorjoongla-Langmizizi, Halued-Uesawogm, Haebisa, Uesangongm-Thabji, Bangtoedkha, Bjaphoog, Haetshokha
The existing zoning system will continue.

1. People are allowed to walk or cycle within their megazones between 5:00 AM to 6:00 PM. While people do not have to follow the timing indicated on the movement cards, they must carry the card at all times.
2. Inter-megazone movement is restricted.
3. Essential shops approved by PWC19TF are allowed to operate from 9:00 AM and must close at 6:00 PM.

D. Red:

The areas in green zone are;
Geog: Dakar, Gasa Tshogongm, and Dzongkhag Thromde
Chewog: Lho Rinchhengang, Thangoo, Jang Rinchhengang, Wangjokha, Gyala, Oola, Haebisa, Medpisa-Taabchhaekha, Shingkhey Khatoed, Shingkhey Khamaed,

1. The residents, institutions and sports complex, entertainments, hotels shall remain under lockdown.
2. To provide uninterrupted essential services to the residents in **Red Zones including Red Buildings**, the essential items shall be delivered at the entrance of the building by a dedicated team. The residents in Wangdue are requested to contact at Hotline Number **1170**.

The PWC19TF would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the general public for their immense support and cooperation rendered during this blackout/lockdown period. We request all to abide by COVID-19 safety protocols.

Further announcements will be made as and when necessary.

Punakha-Wangdue Covid-19 Task Force

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