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DZONGKHAG COVID-19 TASK FORCE, WANGDUE PHODRANG

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NOTIFICATION declaring as “GREEN DZONGKHAG”

This is to inform the general public of Wangdue Phodrang that the Dzongkhag COVID-19 Task Force (DC19TF) has carried out a detailed assessment of the Covid-19 situation in the Dzongkhag and has deduced the following conclusions:

- Since the detection of the first Covid-19 community case in the Dzongkhag on 15 January 2022, the Dzongkhag recorded 2511 Covid-19 cases till date, the 5th highest cases reported amongst the Dzongkhags in the country.
- About 97.8 % (2455/2511) of the cases have fully recovered and are reunited with their families. The last remaining 2.2 % (56/2511) are recovering at the isolation facilities.
- The 44 primary contacts are undergoing home quarantine in designated red flats and are under strict monitoring and supervision of security personnels.
- With the professional care of health workers, we have achieved ZERO death of Covid-19 cases.
- The health surveillance team in the Dzongkhag has conducted 53,842 tests (RT-PCR – 45,215; Antigen – 8,625) till date.
- The Covid-19 booster vaccination coverage including the 5-11 years old is more than 98%.
- As commanded by His Majesty the King, the DC19TF has initiated the protection of the most vulnerable group of people with special care under the Reverse Isolation Program. The first batch of individuals were transferred from holding facility to the Reverse Isolation Facility (RIF). While second batch are undergoing quarantine in the holding facility.

Considering the above “**Enablers**” and as approved by the National Covid 19 Task Force (NC19TF), the Dzongkhag COVID19 Task Force (DC19TF), Wangdue Phodrang is pleased to inform the general public that the entire Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag will transition to ‘Green Dzongkhag’ with effect from **26 March, 2022**.

The DC19TF would like to attribute this smooth transition to the hard work of our frontliners and the overwhelming support and cooperation received from the residents of the Dzongkhag for which we shall always remain grateful.

As the entire Dzongkhag transitions to ‘Green Dzongkhag’, the DC19TF hereby notifies the general public on the “Complete Relaxations” in the Dzongkhag **with effect from 26 March, 2022** with the following provisions:

A. Activities Allowed:

- i. All types of farming activities shall be allowed;
- ii. Crematory services shall be allowed with a maximum of 25 people including monks;
- iii. All shops and business including snookers, video games, saloons and tailoring can open till 9:00 PM.
- iv. Religious activities at home, limited to family members with not more than 10 religious personnel shall be allowed;
- v. All construction activities shall be allowed;
- vi. All offices shall be allowed to open;
- vii. All sports including casual and informal archery/khuru games shall be allowed for physical exercise purposes;
- viii. Public transport like taxis and buses may operate at full capacity;
- ix. Movement of all private vehicles are allowed without any restrictions;
- x. Opening of Bar and Restaurants are allowed;
- xi. Social gathering within family members upto a maximum of 25 people are allowed;
- xii. Opening of Automobile workshops are allowed;
- xiii. Outbound essential travels are allowed with CPMS and without requirement of Antigen Test;

B. Activities not allowed till further notice:

- i. Organized sports, matches and tournaments are not allowed;
- ii. Karaoke, night clubs, pubs and discotheques shall not be allowed;
- iii. Mass gatherings or celebrations including religious congregation, birthdays, promotion and other festive events **exceeding** 25 individuals shall not be allowed.

C. For the Residents in Red Flats

- i. The residents of Red Flats must follow the red flat protocols;
- ii. The essential items and services shall be delivered by respective essential delivery

teams;

- iii. The residents marked as red flats shall be released after 7 days without testing, if asymptomatic.

D. General DOs

- All individuals shall mandatorily wear proper face masks, practice hand hygiene and maintain physical distancing of minimum 1.5 meters.
- All individuals shall mandatorily use Druk Trace App at shops, public transports and other public places.
- Individuals with flu like signs and symptoms must get tested at the health center or flu clinics.

The DC19TF would like to congratulate and thank the general public of Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag for their unflinching support and cooperation rendered to the Covid-19 Taskforce during the last two months of our sincere effort in the effective management of the Covid situation in the Dzongkhag. The journey is not over. We request the general public to follow Covid safety protocols to ensure safety for every individual in the Dzongkhag for all times to come.



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