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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN  
COVID-19 TASK FORCE  
PUNAKHA



DAP/COVID/2020-21/2562

Date: 16/01/2021

**Notification**

As per the notification vide no. NC19TF/01/193 dated 15/01/2021 received from National Task Force, the Dzongkhag COVID-19 Taskforce shall implement the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of unlocking from **2 pm of 16/01/2021** as follows:

**Activities ALLOWED:**

**1. Reopening of schools, institutions, Lobdras and Shedras from 18/01/2021**

- a. Enforcing the safety protocol (handwashing, physical distancing, thermal scanning, face mask, Druk trace app and implementation of SOPs developed by MoE and MoH).
- b. Strict monitoring and submission of weekly report of student's health status to Dzongkhag Health Officer.
- c. Carry out random testing of students in schools frequently.

**2. Inter Dzongkhag movement to be allowed from 2pm of 16/01/2021**

- a. All public transport buses to have transparent partition between passengers and driver.
- b. Mandatory use of Druk Trace App by all passengers in all public transport (Buses & Taxis).
- c. CPMS to be operationalize for vehicles and passengers at all checkpoints.

**3. Restrictive mass gatherings / religious activities:**

- a. Religious activities to be allowed only at the household level confined to family members.
- b. Religious activities at local community level will be allowed with prior approval from Dzongkhag Task Force.
- c. Conference/Meetings with participants from within the Dzongkhag will be allowed. COVID 19 focal person shall maintain the list of participants.

**4. Sporting activities**

- a. Sporting activities within the same locality are allowed. However, organizing tournaments are not allowed. Any sporting event with participants from other Dzongkhags is not allowed.

**5. Salons/Barber/beauty parlours shall be allowed under following conditions:**

- a. Maintaining physical distancing
- b. Provide hand washing/sanitization facilities
- c. Use of Druk Trace App
- d. Mandatory use of Face Mask
- e. No overcrowding
- f. Ensure proper ventilation
- g. Periodic testing of service providers

**6. Opening of all offices within the Dzongkhag from 18/01/2021**

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7. Opening of all shops and business will operate till 8 pm.
8. All construction activities to be allowed.
9. Cremation with maximum of 20 people with 5 vehicles to be allowed.

**Activities NOT ALLOWED:**

1. Opening of following entertainment business is strictly prohibited:
  - a. Drayang
  - b. Karaoke
  - c. Snookers
  - d. Carrom-board (in shops/public places)
  - e. Movie theaters
  - f. Night clubs
  - g. Videogame parlours
2. Tshachu/Menchu and hot-stone baths in the Dzongkhag.
3. Spectators and catering services not allowed while playing any games.
4. Visiting of Lhakhangs, Goenkhangs, Nyekors and other religious sites till further notification.
5. Camping, picnicking and hiking not allowed.

The restricted activities will be allowed in later stage only upon the receipt of further directives from the National Task Force.

**Following Covid19 safety protocol must be followed strictly:**

1. Use face mask while coming out of your houses and in public areas
2. Keeping distance among yourselves in public places.
3. Avoid mass gatherings and unnecessary travels.
4. Wash your hands frequently.
5. Use Druk trace app or maintain visitors log by all shops, offices and public places (vegetable market & parks).

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