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Public Notification

Following the National Press Release from the Honorable Prime Minister's Office on easing of the Nationwide Lockdown issued on January 4, 2021, the unlocking under Phuentsholing Thromde and periphery areas shall be carried out in a phased manner with effect from 6.00 AM of January 6, 2021.

A. Phase I: 06 - 12 January, 2021

1. The existing zoning system shall be discontinued and the following activities shall be allowed:

- a) Movement of people on foot without movement pass within the Thromde and periphery areas till **6 PM**
- b) All shops including restaurants and automobile workshops. Restaurants & bars shall operate at 50% capacity, however **take-away orders** are encouraged. Operation hours shall be from **8 AM to 5 PM**
- c) Operation of Integrated Vegetable Market (IVM) at 50% capacity
- d) All construction works in a self-contained mode
- e) Movement of utility, emergency and authorized vehicles only
- f) Cremation services with not more than 20 people

2. The following activities shall not be allowed:

- a) Offices (Government, Private and Corporate), schools & other institutions shall remain closed
- b) All forms of games and sports
- c) All entertainment centres such as drayangs, discotheques, movies, karaoke, snooker and video parlours shall remain closed
- d) Gym, fitness centres and swimming pools
- e) Salon, Spa, beauty/massage parlours & barber shops
- f) Outdoor activities like visiting lhakhangs/goenpas, picnic and hiking
- g) Social events like birthdays, weddings, promotions, official dinners and functions
- h) Inter-Dzongkhag movement
- i) Public transport (Taxi and City bus)
- j) Informal businesses and street vendors



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3. Stranded Travelers

- a) Stranded/routine travellers must register with the Hotline Center at 5555. Such travellers shall be allowed to travel to their destinations on completion of 7 days mandatory facility quarantine w.e.f 7th January 2021, if they test negative on RT-PCR.
- b) Emergency travel shall be facilitated as per existing guidelines

As the risk of spread and transmission of COVID-19 remains high, the general public is urged and reminded to strictly adhere to mandatory use of face mask, social distancing, frequent handwashing with soap/use of hand sanitizers and to avoid non-essential movement. Non-compliance with COVID-19 health safety protocols shall be dealt in accordance with relevant provisions of the law and related notifications issued by the government.

The IMT shall ensure strict compliance and entrust relevant agencies to carry out periodic monitoring. Non-compliance shall be dealt with relevant provisions of the Penal Code of Bhutan and other applicable laws.

The general public will be informed about Phase II of the unlocking process on or before 12 January 2021.

Chairman
COVID-19 IMT
Phuentsholing Thromde

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