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Notification

With the declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11 by the World Health organization, all incoming travelers to Bhutan shall be considered high risk. Screening at the airport will be stepped up and anyone with symptoms will be tested for COVID-19. They may be advised home quarantine (if tested negative) or managed at a hospital isolation ward (if tested positive).

All other asymptomatic travelers shall be advised mandatory home quarantine for 14 days from the day of arrival into the country. They will be followed up by a Surveillance team from the Ministry of Health for 14 days. The Surveillance team and Royal Bhutan Police will strictly monitor all quarantined people.

In view of above, those people quarantined at designated facility are requested to strictly follow the "DO'S and DONT'S" and failing to abide, shall be liable to be dealt as per the existing laws of the country. And, any Individual advised for home quarantine shall be mandated to sign an "UNDERTAKING" and failing to abide by the undertaking, the individual shall be liable to be dealt as per the existing laws of the country.

This is issued for strict compliance with immediate effect.

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