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### Notification

In view of the non compliance to home quarantine rules, the Ministry of Health, with effect from 23.03.2020, will be making facility quarantine mandatory for all Bhutanese travelling into the country.

This new approach shall apply to all individuals (irrespective of age) except people who are coming from overseas treatment or childbirth. In the case of minors (below the age of 18), one of the parents or a guardian will be allowed to attend to the child at the facility.

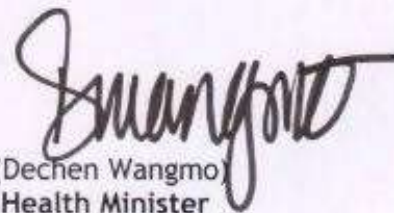
In the case of those returning from overseas treatment or childbirth, the escort/guardian shall strictly adhere to the following DOs and DON'Ts for home quarantine.

DOs:	DON'Ts:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Place the individual in a separate room at home;</li> <li>2. In the event, the individual develops cough, fever, shortness of breath, respiratory or any other illness, call 2121 immediately;</li> <li>3. Comply and cooperate with the Royal Bhutan Police with regard to security and compliance.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disallow the individual from leaving his/her room;</li> <li>2. Disallow the individual from going to public gatherings and work;</li> <li>3. Disallow the individual from mixing with other family members, relatives and friends.</li> </ol>

Those quarantined at the facilities designated by MOH shall strictly comply with the Standard Operating Procedures for facility quarantine displayed at the quarantine centers or as advised by the health workers.

Therefore, individuals/parties failing to comply with this Notification shall be liable for offence of criminal nuisance as per Section 410 of the Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2011; breach of public order and tranquility as per Section 448 of the Penal Code of Bhutan 2004, and failure to assist lawful authority as per Section 428 of the Penal Code, 2004.

We would like to further notify the general public that the Ministry of Health will be scaling up quarantine surveillance efforts and adopting a zero tolerance approach towards the defaulters.

  
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