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The government has decided to relax the curfew imposed to control the spread of the corona virus with a view to normalizing people's lives.

The implementation and relaxation of curfew law in the respective districts and district police divisions will be carried out as follows from Monday, April 20.

- 1 The curfew currently in force in all districts except Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, Puttalam, Kandy, Kegalle and Ampara will be lifted on Monday, April 20 at 5.00 am and re-issued at 8.00 pm on the same day. The curfew will be in force in these districts from 8.00 pm to 5.00 am the next day until further notice.
- 2 The curfew will continue in Kandy, Kegalle and Ampara districts, Alawathugoda, Akurana, Warakapola and Akkaraipattu police areas. In other police divisions in the three districts, the curfew will be lifted every day from Monday, April 20 at 5.00 am and re-issued at 8.00 pm.
- 3. In Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Puttalam districts, the curfew will be lifted from 5.00 am on Wednesday 22nd April and will be reintroduced at 8.00 pm in all police areas except the following police divisions.

The curfew will not be lifted in these districts.

Colombo District: Kotanchenai, Grandpass, Bambalapitiya, Banana Plantation, Maradana, Kothatuwa, Mulleriyawa, Wellampitiya, Mount Lavinia, Dehiwala and Kohuwala.

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If any area or village where the curfew has been relaxed is identified as an endangered area, the curfew may be restricted to those areas. Anyone entering or leaving the area is strictly prohibited if any area is designated as an isolated area

Police units with curfews will continue to be able to travel through the main streets for essential services. Even in areas where the curfew has been lifted, the main roads can only be used for essential purposes, including commuting. Inter-district travel is limited to essential services, including business needs.

Schools, universities, tuition and other educational institutions and theaters should be closed until further notice.

Once the curfew is relaxed, government agencies, including departments, corporations and banks, will function in the normal order.

One-third of the staff in government agencies within the Colombo district must be on duty. Fifty percent of employees in government agencies in other districts are required to report for duty. Employees who do not commute to work in all government agencies are required to perform their duties from home. Company leaders can determine the number of employees who will be on duty in each company and who will be on duty. Company leaders will be able to select one area ahead of the community to work on one day and another division the next day instead of 50 percent.

You should fully follow the procedures advised by the health authorities to control the corona virus while opening and running the offices. It is the responsibility of the organization leaders to provide the necessary facilities to follow health practices.

Private sector companies are advised to open at 10.00 am. Company leaders need to determine the number of people who need to socialize for duty in private companies and who needs to socialize. These companies should also fully



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follow the instructions of the health authorities.

The Transport Board and the Railway Service should make arrangements to provide transport facilities for the staff in the reopened offices. Although the number of commuters on duty in other government agencies is limited, it is mandatory for all employees in public transport services and essential services to attend duty.

Only half the number of passengers traveling in buses, vans or trains should travel. All vehicles must be subjected to disinfection. The government has also asked private sector transport companies to resume their operations under these conditions

All kinds of festivals, tours, pilgrimages, extravaganzas, processions, meetings, etc. are prohibited until further notice. People have been asked to suspend religious ceremonies as the gathering is a barrier to controlling the spread of the

Measures including the implementation of the curfew law in the midst of the spread of corona rice are being implemented with the aim of freeing the people from this terrible disease. The conditions of improvement obtained due to the drastic measures followed helped to relax the curfew law. Another objective is to rebuild the economy and protect the lives of the poor and vulnerable who have been greatly affected by the problem.

However the risk of corona infection has not yet been completely eliminated. The government has therefore asked the public to follow all health practices and act responsibly and patiently so as not to allow the virus to spread again. The curfew has been relaxed but it has also been mentioned that people should stay at home on occasions other than going for work.

People have been asked not to go to any of the shopping malls as the curfew has been relaxed and there will be a lot of unnecessary tension,

The government has asked the people to take responsibility for all the hardships for the safety and progress of themselves, their children and the nation until the health authorities state that the corona problem has been completely eradicated.

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