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Notification

Pursuant to the approval accorded by Southern COVID-19 Task Force (SC19TF), Sarpang Dzongkhag's COVID-19 Task Force is hereby pleased to announce the unlocking of the Dzongkhag in phases with effect from 5 am of 17 September 2020. The details of the unlocking are provided below.

ACTIVITY	Phase I (Sept 17-19)	Phase II (Sept 20-22)	Phase III (Sept 23-25)
Movement	Families will be allowed to walk within the town zone and Gewogs.	Movement of public transport (Gewog buses and taxis) within the Dzongkhag will be allowed. However, they will be allowed to carry only 50% of their usual number of passengers.	Movement of private cars (within the Dzongkhag) will be allowed but with only 50% of the permissible number of passengers. Note: Beginning 26 September 2020, movement of vehicles outside the Dzongkhag will be allowed with prior permission from the RBP and RSTA.
Hospital	Individuals will be allowed to visit hospital between 10am-12pm with health book or MCH handbook. Emergency services shall function 24 hours. Individuals with flu-like symptoms shall visit Flu Clinic.	Individuals will be allowed to visit hospital between 10am-12pm with health book or MCH handbook in their private cars. Emergency services shall function 24 hours. Individuals with flu-like symptoms shall visit Flu Clinic.	Individuals will be allowed to visit hospital 10-12 PM. Emergency services shall function 24 hours. Individuals with flu-like symptoms shall visit Flu Clinic.
Work places	Offices shall remain closed.	Offices shall remain closed.	All offices shall open and operate with COVID-19 prevention and safety protocols such as physical distancing and "work from home" or in shifts.



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Business entities	Additional shops catering to essentials like grocery and pharmaceutical will be allowed to operate with COVID-19 safety protocols.	Stationary, Mobiles and electronic shops will be allowed to open	All shops and business entities will be allowed to operate with COVID-19 safety protocols.
	Identified restaurants that have delivery or take-away service can open but no in-house dining will be allowed.		All restaurants will be allowed to open but only for delivery and take-away services.
	Bars already identified to operate during lockdown can continue to operate under the same modality i.e take-away service only. Sale of alcohol will be allowed only after 1 pm.		All bars will be allowed to open but with delivery or take-away services. Sale of alcohol will be allowed only after 1pm
	Local manufacturing houses will be allowed to operate if they are self-contained without movement of workers.		Local manufacturing houses to operate as usual but with COVID-19 safety protocols.
	All businesses shall close at 6pm.	All businesses shall close at 6pm.	All businesses shall close at 6pm.
Sports	No sports activities are allowed.		Only non-contact sports such as badminton and tennis are allowed. However, sports like swimming, archery, carrom and snooker that involves exposure and close contact are disallowed until further notice. Tournament of any kind is disallowed until further notice.
Public Gathering	Social events like birthday, wedding, promotions, official dinners and functions are disallowed until further notice.		



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Construction	Construction activities are allowed to resume. However, activities must be limited within the premises, workers must live at the site, and their ration and essentials should be provided for. However, transport of raw materials to work site will not be allowed.	Hardware shops and automobile workshops shall be opened. However transport of raw materials to work site if required at all, will be allowed only in public transport.	Transport of raw materials to work sites will be allowed using private vehicles.
Schools and Institutions	Students of classes X and XII shall resume their classes from 21 st September 2020 and IX and XI from 24 th September 2020.		

Although you are allowed to move out of your house and walk around in the town, the Taskforce would still like to request you to refrain from doing so unless it is unavoidable. Remember that staying home is the most effective way to keep yourself safe from the virus. We request you to wear facemasks, wash hands, maintain physical distance, avoid gatherings, and scan Druk Trace QR code while visiting shops and offices. Business entities are requested to strictly observe the protocols stipulated above. We look forward to your cooperation as we move on with the new normal.

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