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NOTIFICATION

Following the approval of the Eastern COVID Coordination Office, Dewathang, Samdrupjongkhar Dzongkhag's COVID-19 Task Force is hereby pleased to announce the unlocking of the Dzongkhag in Phase wise with effect from 8:24 am of 20th September 2020. The details of the unlocking are mentioned below:

ACTIVITY	Phase I (Sept 20-22)	Phase II (Sept 23-25)	Phase III (Sept 25-27)
Movement	Individuals and families will be allowed to come out of their homes. However, they are only allowed to walk or cycle	Movement of public transport including taxis within the Dzongkhag will be allowed. However, they will be allowed to carry only 50% of their usual number of passengers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Movement of private cars within the Dzongkhag will be allowed but with only 50% of the permissible number of passengers. ✓ From the 26th of September 2020, movement of vehicles outside the Dzongkhag will be allowed with prior permission from the RBP and RSTA.
Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Individuals will be allowed to visit the hospital between 10- 12 PM with a health book or MCH handbook. ✓ Emergency services shall function for 24 hours. ✓ Individuals with flu-like symptoms shall visit the Flu Clinic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Individuals will be allowed to visit the hospital between 10-12 PM with a health book or MCH handbook in their private car ✓ Emergency service shall function 24 hours ✓ Individuals with flu-like symptoms shall visit the Flu Clinic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Individuals will be allowed to visit the hospital between 10-12 PM with a health book or MCH handbook in their private car ✓ Emergency service shall function 24 hours ✓ Individuals with flu-like symptoms shall visit the Flu Clinic.
Workplaces	Offices shall remain closed.	Offices shall remain closed.	All offices shall open and operate with COVID-19 prevention and safety protocols.
Business entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shops catering to essential like grocery and pharmaceutical will be allowed to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stationary, Mobiles, and electronic shops will be allowed to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All shops and business entities will be allowed to operate with COVID-19 safety protocols



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	<p>operate with COVID-19 safety protocols.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Identified restaurants that have delivery or takeaway service can open but no sit-in dining will be allowed. ✓ Identified bars will be allowed to operate (only for take-away service) and the sale of alcohol will be allowed only after 1 PM. ✓ Local manufacturing houses will be allowed to operate if they are self-contained without the movement of workers. ✓ All businesses shall close at 6 PM 	<p>open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All businesses shall close at 7 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All restaurants will be allowed to open but only for delivery and takeaway services. ✓ All bars will be allowed to open but with delivery or takeaway services. Sale of alcohol will be allowed only after 1 PM. ✓ Local manufacturing houses to operate as usual but with COVID-19 safety protocols. ✓ All businesses shall close at 8 PM
Sports	<p>No sports activities are allowed</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Only non-contact sports such as badminton and tennis are allowed. However, sports such as swimming, archery, carom, and snooker that involves exposure and close contact are prohibited until further notice. ✓ Tournament of any kind is prohibited until further notice
Public gathering	<p>Social events like birthday, wedding, promotions, official dinners, and functions are prohibited until further notice.</p>		



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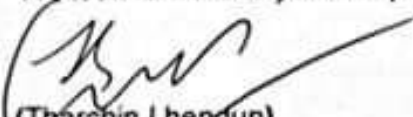
Constructions	Construction activities are allowed to resume. However, activities must be limited within the premises, workers must live at the site, and their ration and essentials should be provided for. However, the transport of raw materials to the worksite will not be allowed	Hardware shops and Automobile workshops shall be opened. However, the transport of raw materials to the 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 IX to XII shall resume their classes from 28th September 2020.		

Although movement out of the house and walking around the town is permitted, the Dzongkhag Task Force would like to earnestly beseech all concerned to refrain from doing so unless it is inevitable. Staying at home is the most effective measure to keep ourselves safe from the virus. To prevent the virus from spreading, we would strongly urge all concerned to stringently follow the following COVID-19 containment protocols:

- ✓ Wear facemask
- ✓ Wash hands frequently
- ✓ Maintain physical distance
- ✓ Scan Druk Trace QR code while visiting shops
- ✓ Avoid gatherings

Note: All Business entities are strongly advised to strictly observe the above-mentioned protocols.

We look forward to your cooperation as we move on with the new normal.


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