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Announcement

An immediate lockdown is being imposed in Thimphu to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease after strong indication of disease in the community.

An 8-year-old was detected positive on antigen, whose cut-off index (COI) reading is far from reassuring. While the sample for reconfirmation on RTPCR will be taken in the next 48 hours in keeping with the protocol, extensive testing and screening of high risk groups in Thimphu will be carried out during the lockdown period.

For tonight, movement to respective homes and destinations within Thimphu will be allowed. Those coming into the capital will also be facilitated while exit will be stopped immediately. More updates will be provided when available.

Prime minister Dr Lotay Tshering said the response is to maintain highest level of prevention for all, considering the fact that it was a student and the reading on antigen was very high to take any chances.

"Today is another reality for all of us," he said. "I request everyone to cooperate and give us support to stop the spread of the disease, just as you did so far."

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