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NOTIFICATION

In view of the sweeping test in three Megazonas of Thimphu during the last three days and results thereof, the National COVID-19 Task Force hereby announce the next phase of relaxation in the four Megazonas of Thimphu.

- Movements will be allowed within the Megazone with movement cards until 3rd February 2022. However, people will need to follow the timing on the movement cards.
- Free movement within the Megazones without having to adhere to the card timing will be observed until 6th February 2022. However, a separate announcement will be made after risk assessment, as the decisions are subjected to rapid evolving conditions on the ground.
- Areas with positive cases have been indicated as red buildings and clusters, and cordoned off for professional management. While tracing of the primary contacts has been carried out, further surveillance is underway to ensure the communities are safe.

Meanwhile, the NC19TF issues following updates as a way forward, based on the risk assessment and disease profiling so far.

1. All the regional and local task forces are instructed to institute relaxations or reinforce further measures based on the ground situation, indicated with the colour coding of the dzongkhags and local areas.

For public information, as of today:

- Gasa, Haa, Trongsa, Bumthang, Trashigang, Mongar, Trashiyangtse, Lhuntse and Zhemgang are “green dzongkhags”.
 - Paro throm and adjacent gewogs are “yellow areas”.
 - Thimphu throm and adjacent Chang and Kawang gewogs, parts of Sarpang, Samtse, Pemagatshel (Nganglam) and Punakha, most of Wangduephodrang, Chukha (Phuentsholing), Samdrupjongkhar, Tsirang and Dagana are “red areas and dzongkhags”. The classification of areas within the dzongkhags are determined by the local task force based on disease presence and associated threats.
2. The inter-dzongkhag movement from the “green” dzongkhags and areas is allowed. However, given the sporadic cases detected in the communities and with possibilities of sudden restrictions, we remind everyone to strictly avoid unnecessary travels.



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3. The inter-dzongkhag travels from yellow and red dzongkhags and areas will require testing or quarantine as per the decision of the local task force. For Thimphu, mandatory RT-PCR testing is required for travels.
4. With more number of cases being detected, a mandatory RT-PCR testing with a seven-day validity is being instituted for all drivers ferrying goods. The testing will be made available at all the flu clinics and centres.
5. In view of the upcoming Traditional Day of Offering on 2nd February 2022, all the local task force are urged to ensure strict monitoring of gatherings, and other restrictions, as spelt out in the notification issued by the Prime Minister's Office on 20th January 2022.

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Member Secretary

cc:

1. The Office of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Gyalyong Tshogkhang, for kind information.
2. Hon'ble Chief Justice, Royal Court of Justice, Supreme Court, Thimphu for kind information
3. Hon'ble Ministers, All Ministries, Thimphu for kind information
4. The Cabinet Secretary, Tashichhodzong, Thimphu
5. The Chief Election Commission, Election Commission of Bhutan, Thimphu for kind information
6. The Auditor General, Royal Audit Authority, Thimphu for kind information
7. The Chairperson, Anti-Corruption Commission, Thimphu for kind information
8. The Chairperson, Royal Civil Service Commission, Thimphu for kind information
9. The Secretary, Gross National Happiness Commission Secretariat, Thimphu
10. The Chief of Police, Royal Bhutan Police.
11. The Director General, Desuung Office, Thimphu
12. The Head, Office of Performance Management, HMS, Thimphu.
13. The Incident Commanders, DC19TF, 20 Dzongkhags
14. Dasho Thrompons, Thromde Administration, Thimphu, Phuentsholing, Gelephu and Samdrup Jongklhar for information and necessary action.
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