



NOTIFICATION ON LOCKDOWN RELAXATION

This is to notify the general public of Samtse that as per the press release issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on January 20, 2022, the National COVID-19 Task Force has categorized **Samtse as Green Dzongkhag** following the risk assessment of the COVID-19 situation in the country. However, considering the porous border, Samtse is still considered as high risk Dzongkhag.

The following activities shall be allowed:

1. All offices will remain open with effect from January 21, 2022.
2. Schools and institutions shall be operated under containment mode based on the readiness. Schools and institutions under the containment mode shall be operated as per the SOP.
3. Except for entertainment centres like night clubs, Karaoke, Pubs, discotheques, Snooker and Gym, all shops and business can open until 9.00 pm.
4. Crematory services will be limited to family members only, and up to the maximum ceiling of 20 heads.
5. While *rimdros* and *loches* may continue, no guests are allowed. Approval to conduct *rimdros* and *lochoes* shall be sought from the Dzongkhag and Drungkhag Administration.
6. Export and Import shall be facilitated as per the existing protocols.
7. Construction activities shall be allowed, however, containment mode is encouraged.
8. Non-essential travel within the Dzongkhag is discouraged and movement of people and vehicle after 10.00 pm shall be restricted, except for medical emergencies and critical services.

The following activities shall NOT be allowed:

1. Mass gathering or celebration including religious congregations, occasions like birthdays and promotions and other festive events.
2. Inter-Dzongkhag travel shall be restricted. However, medical emergencies and death cases shall be facilitated subject to approval by the DC-19TF.
3. Transfer of dead bodies between Dzongkhags.
4. Games and sporting activities.

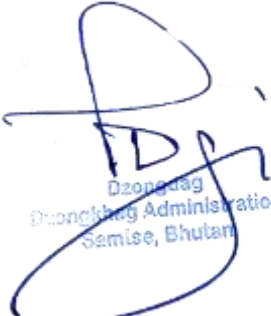


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The DC-19TF would like to acknowledge the support and cooperation rendered by the general public in observing the recent lockdown. We look forward for your continued support and cooperation hereafter.

However, with the increase in COVID-19 positive cases in the neighbouring areas, the decisions might change overnight, and we will notify the public accordingly. We would like to request our people to take all necessary precautions and follow COVID-19 related safety protocols at all times.



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