



NOTIFICATION ON ZONING SYSTEM ACTIVATION

This is to notify the general public of Samtse that as per the announcement issued by the Office of the Prime Minister (PMO) on January 17, 2022 the blackout period for Samtse Dzongkhag will now be opened into **Zoning System for 72 hours** with immediate effect. All the samples taken from Samtse during the blackout period has tested negative for COVID-19 so far. The zoning system is being considered as a cautious reopening while being mindful of the incubation probabilities of the virus. It will be followed by further health surveillance.

With this, the following measures shall be observed for the next 72 hours:

1. Individuals will be allowed to come out using the zone card distributed earlier. They are only allowed to walk or cycle.
2. Similarly, Individual can move within the Gewogs. However, no inter-zones or inter-Gewog movements are allowed.
3. Travelling out of Samtse shall not be allowed except for those completing the quarantine period.
4. Emergency health related travels, which include vehicles moving towards hospitals and health facilities, will be permitted.
5. Export of Mandarin/ RNR produce shall be allowed. Export of boulders from MDP shall be allowed if the boulder export facilities are in containment mode.
6. Import of essential items shall be allowed.
7. All offices, institutions and schools shall remain closed during the period. However, the management must activate "work from home" protocol.
8. Only those construction activities which fulfill the containment protocol requirement shall be allowed to operate in containment mode.
9. Only identified shops within the zones catering to essentials like grocery and pharmaceutical can open. The identified shopkeepers must come forward for testing before opening the shops.
10. No games and sporting activities shall be allowed.
11. The stranded individual with private cars will be facilitated after the antigen tests at the nearest flu clinic.



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12. Please contact the following numbers to avail related services:

- Medical emergency/ambulance – 112/1182
- Royal Bhutan Police – 113
- Other Enquiries - 1077

Issued for strict compliance.

**INCIDENT COMMANDER
DC-19TF, Samtse**