

Guidance on response during Stage Orange+ and Red stage

Stages Aim		Stage Orange+ Prevent introduction and stop transmission	Red stage Stop transmission and prevent fatality	
Response Area	Interventions	Activities	Activities	Responsibility
Travel/Movement Restriction	Closing of International border and local boundaries	Close all formal and informal international entry points. Inbound Bhutanese travelers allowed but had to undergo quarantine	Continue with the international border closure Inbound Bhutanese travelers allowed but had to undergo quarantine	NDMA, RBP, RBA, Immigration
		Allow selective passage of essential goods and supplies, Repatriation of Bhutanese residing overseas, Diplomatic travel by air and ground allowed	Allow selective passage of essential goods and supplies Repatriation of Bhutanese residing overseas Diplomatic travel by air and ground allowed	MFA, Civil Aviation, RBP, Custom, Immigration
		No restriction on internal movement but discourage unessential travel	Close all entry and exit points to and from the affected locality except selective passage for essential supplies and services	NDMA, Dzongkhag Disaster Management Committee (DDMC), LG, RBP
			Engage community to report breach of movement restriction and entrance of illegal commuters	LG
			Enhance border security - Deploy army for international border.	RBA, De-suung
			Deploy Police, De-suung and community volunteers for manning local boundaries	RBP, De-suung
			Selective passage of vehicles for transport of essential goods will be allowed to and from the locality under	DDMC, RBP, FCB etc

			lockdown	
			Urban - Internal movement to be restricted, except for authorized people movement.	DDMC, RBP
			Farm work should be allowed - plan how agriculture farming, harvest, and marketing can be enhanced	MoAF, LG
			Enforce curfew/lockdown	
Surveillance	SARI surveillance	SARI cases to be tested at surveillance sites	SARI cases will be picked up by ambulance/personal car Testing of SARI samples for COVID-19 at all health facilities	RCDC, District Health
	Contact tracing	Trace contacts of imported positive case	Activate district contact tracing desk equipped with phones and dedicated vehicles. Ensure adequate HRs.	MoH, DDMC, District Health, Dee-sung, Veterinarians, Police
	Screening	Screening for COVID at flu clinics and health facility will continue	Flu clinics will remain open but patients will be triaged through phone call/hotline, allowed to come to the clinic if they have their own vehicle or provide transport to screen at home/clinic-plan should be developed on how people can visit flu clinics	DDMC, District Health, RSTA, LG, RBP
	Entry and exit point screening	Screening for incoming Bhutanese/travelers	Screening for incoming Bhutanese/travelers	BAFRA, De-suung, Customs, Immigration
			Conduct Screening of authorized individuals in and out of the locality at check points	BAFRA, De-suung, local volunteers

	Surveillance in high risk community	Map high risk communities along the international border	Conduct surveillance in high risk communities with the aim to detect, isolate, treat cases and prevent community transmission	MoH, LG, Community action group
Quarantine	At entry points	All travelers arriving at entry points to be quarantined at facilities for 21 days	All arrivals by air or land route into the country will be quarantined for 21 days	PMO, DDMC, District health at entry points, MoH
			Any non-authorized travel outside from the locality will be quarantined for 21 days at the place of interception	DDMC, PMO, MoH, Police
	Quarantining of contacts	All primary contacts to be quarantined for 21 days. If quarantine facilities run out, primary contacts to be home quarantined. Quarantine tracking app to be utilized	All primary contacts to be quarantined for 21 days. If quarantine facilities run out, primary contacts to be home quarantined. Quarantine tracking app to be utilized	DDMC, PMO, MoH, Police
		All secondary contacts will be home quarantined and followed up (clinical monitoring). Quarantine tracking app to be utilized	All secondary contacts will be home quarantined and followed up (clinical monitoring). Quarantine tracking app to be utilized	De-suung, District health, MoH, RBP
		Ensure all logistic (transportation, meals, facilities) and general services for quarantine are in place	Ensure all logistic (transportation, meals, facilities) and general services for quarantine are in place	PMO, DDMC, District Logistic team
Laboratory/Diagnosis	Ensure adequate test	Procurement of test kits and plan for surge	Ensure adequate PCR test and rapid test kits are available	RCDC, DMSHI, MFA, PMO

	Sample collection and shipment	Sample collection and shipment procedures - SoPs to be followed	Sample collection and shipment procedures - SoPs to be followed	RCDC & Testing centers, District health,
	Testing strategy	Test suspect cases as per the case definitions and existing SoPs	In case test kits are not adequate, testing will be done as per prioritization and risk assessment	RCDC
Case Management	Triaging, Isolation and treatment of cases	<p>Isolation and treatment of cases as per the protocol</p> <p>Hospitals to refer all confirmed cases to COVID Center via designated ambulance</p> <p>Recovered individuals to be transferred at the designated recovery facility</p>	<p>Hospitals to refer all confirmed cases to COVID Center via designated ambulance/suitable vehicles</p> <p>If COVID Centers are overwhelmed, confirmed cases to be managed at Secondary COVID Centers.</p> <p>If above COVID Centers are overwhelmed, Asymptomatic and mild cases to be managed at the isolation facility(hotel)</p>	District Health, Identified Covid - 19 treatment centers
		Plan for surge capacity (HR to be mobilized from each cluster; Medical supplies to be prioritized base on the COVID Centers)	Plan for surge capacity (HR to be mobilized from each cluster; Medical supplies to be prioritized base on the COVID Centers) If health HR are overwhelmed, HR will be mobilized from retired health professional, private diagnostic centers, University, De-suung, BRCS, DoL, BAFRA and others	MoH, District Health Office. DDMC, De-suung, MoAF, BRCS
Risk Communication & Community Engagement	Risk communication	IEC on prevention and quarantine	IEC on lockdown and advisory on requirements to be followed by individuals to be disseminated via BBS, social media handles, websites, and local TV channels	Risk Com & Media team, MoH

		Continue to provide information through dedicated helplines (2121;6060;112)	Continue to provide information through dedicated helplines (2121;6060;112) Information on how to access essential health services	MoH, Risk Com & Media team, Hospitals
		Develop and roll out information package for high risk communities along international border	Empower and activate community action group	MoH, Risk Com , LG
		Regular press briefings & media monitoring	Reinforce IEC on physical distancing, use of mask in case there is significant community level transmission. IEC on protecting the vulnerable population (old age, people special needs, people with comorbidities)	MoH, Risk Com & Media team
			Mobile public announcement using loud speakers	DDMC
			Established dedicated helplines (telephone/mobile) to provide information and report sickness	DDMC, MoH
			Routinely report on the situation to the NDRCC/HEMC and the public	DDMC, MoH
	Community Engagement	Continue to advocate all sector, all society response Establish community social media group (WeChat, WhatsApp group)	Continue to advocate all sector, all society response Establish community social media group (WeChat, WhatsApp group)	LG
Other measures and Services		Close all school and universities, institutions Initiate work from home	Enforce locality lockdown if there are community transmission in the locality - Reinforce work from home	NDMA

		Mobilize resources to confront worst case scenarios. Enhance whole of sector preparedness plan Prepare plan to provide critical services Prepare plan for protecting the vulnerable population	Only essential business outlets and other services (Establish community social media group (WeChat, WhatsApp group) to remain open with necessary prevention measures Critical services (electricity, water, veterinary services, communication, etc.) should be provided with involvement of minimum of staff.	NDMA, respective agencies
			Encourage local production of cloth mask	NDMA
			Implement Distribution system for essential supplies	NDMA, DDMC
			To access essential services; triaging by clusters to be done and specific time provided to reduce overcrowding	NDMA, DDMC
			Dedicate helplines for essential services deliveries need to be activated	NDMA, DDMC
			Online delivery services to remain open with necessary prevention measures	NDMA, Respective agencies, LGs
Continuity of Health Service		Ensure provision of routine health services	Ensure provision of essential health services as per the MoH plan	MoH, District Health
			Evacuate for life saving interventions	MoH, District Health
			Protecting the vulnerable (rolling out plan for elderly care, NCD packages, people with special needs)	MoH, District Health