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NOTIFICATION

Relaxation of Lockdown in Samtse Dzongkhag- Phase II-IV

Following the National Press Release on Unlocking Phases of the Lockdown issued on 31st August 2020; the lockdown in Samtse will be relaxed in a phased manner with effect from 9th September 2020 as per the directives of the Southern COVID-19 Task Force (SC19TF). The conditions for the relaxations of the lockdown are detailed as follows:

Date(s)	Activities Permitted
Phase II 12-14 Sep.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling will be allowed till 8.00 PM. • People will be allowed to move within the Dzongkhag but using public transport (buses & taxis) and they must operate at 50 percent of passenger capacity. • Movement are limited to essential ones. • Open hardware shops and automobile workshops. • Only restaurants that have delivery or take-away services can open. There should not be any sit-in customers at all times. • No social events like birthday, wedding, promotions, official dinners and functions will be allowed until further notice. • Cremation and funeral rites will be limited to close family circles to a maximum of 15 members only, as authorized by the local authorities. • No outdoor activities like picnic, hiking, visiting spiritual sites are allowed. • All Export & Import to be continued and re-stocking of export materials will be allowed till 10.00 PM • All Construction works can resume, however, transportation of construction materials from outside the Dzongkhag shall not be allowed in this phase of unlocking. • All business entities must close by 9.00 PM.
Phase III 15-17 Sep.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All government offices shall be opened. Management should prepare for offices to operate within the COVID-19 norms. Strict physical distancing at workplaces should be ensured and options to "work from home" or in shifts should introduced. • Movement of private vehicles within the Dzongkhag will be allowed till 9.00 PM. • Additional shops like electronics, printing and furniture are being added to the earlier essential list of business entities that can operate till 9.00 PM. Those at higher risks, like barber shop, saloons, non-essential like garments, entertainment centers, and footwear, shall remain closed in this phase. • Only non-contact sports such as badminton and tennis are allowed. However, some sports like swimming, archery and snooker that involve exposure and close contact are disallowed during the unlocking phase.
Phase IV 18 Sep. onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport of raw materials to worksites from outside the Dzongkhag will be allowed. • All inter-Dzongkhag movements will be allowed with prior registration. People can register through the online portal at www.cpms.rbp.gov.bt, help-line calls and physical registration at identified offices or nearest check posts as people travel.

While movements are allowed as specified above, it will be advisable to move out only if highly necessary and inevitable, particularly in the initial days of opening. It is mandatory for all to wear face mask, maintain physical distance and follow other health safety advisory of the MoH during the unlocking phases.



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