



Notification

Final Unlocking of the Lockdown in Samtse Dzongkhag (Corrected)

In continuation to our earlier notifications on relaxation of the lockdown, the DC19TF is pleased to notify the general public that the Final Phase of Unlocking of the Dzongkhag which is a revision of the Relaxation of lockdown Phase IV notified earlier, shall come into effect from **18th September 2020** onwards. The conditions for the Final unlocking of the Dzongkhag are detailed as follows:

1. Movement and Transportation

- i) Starting 5 AM, September 18, inter-district movement of vehicles are allowed. Movements from Samtse to low risk areas/Dzongkhags will have to undergo 7-Day quarantine in designated facility either in Sipsu, Samtse or Gomtu and must leave within 24 hrs after the 7th day provided that the test result is negative.
- ii) Those wishing to travel to Phuntsholing, Gelephu and Samdrup Jongkhar will have to wait until all unlocking formalities are complete in these areas.
- iii) Elderlies and individuals with co-morbid conditions are discouraged from travelling to Phuntsholing and high-risk areas as and when notified by the Government.
- iv) For record and management of information that will assist government and the Dzongkhag in effective response to combat the spread of the disease, Inter-Gewog travelers must register with RBP check-posts at various points and Inter-district travelers must register online at <http://www.cpms.rbp.gov.bt>. Those who are unable to register online can call helpdesk of the respective Task Force (Samtse, Tashicholing, Dorokha and Phuntshoplei)
- v) Private cars must carry only 50 percent of the capacity, unless they are all family members.

2. Business entities

- i) All shops can open but must ensure proper spacing and other COVID-19 etiquettes.
- ii) Eateries and restaurants can allow sit-in customers but must not exceed 50 percent of the capacity at a given time. However, everyone is encouraged to opt for delivery and take-away services.
- iii) Barber shops and salons can operate but must ensure 50 percent of the capacity and enforce strict COVID-19 practices considering the heightened risk. Video game parlors and snookers can also operate at 50 percent capacity.
- iv) Entertainment centers like Karaoke, Discotheques and Drayangs shall not be allowed until further notice from the Government.
- v) Informal businesses and street vendors can operate. They must wear facemasks and follow food safety procedures.



3. Sports and Leisure

- i) Sports facilities like gym, yoga, dance studios and rubber tracks can operate at 50 percent capacity from 6.00 AM to 8.00 PM.
- ii) Non-contact sports of athletics and golf, and partial contact sports of badminton, tennis and table tennis are allowed.
- iii) Given the engagement for fitness among people, all futsal, football turfs and basketball courts, including private, can operate. However, there should not be any spectators at any time.
- iv) Archery may be played, subject to not more than 15 participants. No spectators are allowed.
- v) Parks and public places can open with strict monitoring of crowd.
- vi) The opening and closing time for sports and leisure activities is from 6.00 AM to 8.00 PM

4. Schools, colleges and institutes

- i) Classes X and XII will resume from September 21, and Classes IX and XI will also start on-campus school from September 22. Those classes in high risk areas will have to wait until the unlocking procedures are complete in those places.
- ii) Technical and vocational training institutes, including private driving and tailoring courses, can resume.

5. Public gathering

- i) All social events including visiting Lhakangs and Mandhirs are not allowed until notified by the Government.
- ii) Official meetings, seminars, workshops and travels are not allowed.



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Cautionary Note:

- *The notification must be read in conjunction with our earlier notifications on the relaxation of the lockdown. Other timings and conditions remain same as notified earlier, unless specified.*
- *Wearing of facemasks and maintaining physical distance are mandatory, and non-compliance shall be dealt accordingly.*