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497

Under Observation

41054

Confirmed Cases

8162

Active Cases

32701

Recovered

191

Deaths

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## Arrangements to bring people's lives back to normalcy amid curfew legal procedures

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The curfew currently in effect in Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Puttalam districts will continue until 5.00 am on Monday, May 04.

In all other districts the curfew will be lifted at 5.00 am on Monday 27 April and will be reintroduced at 8.00 pm. Thereafter, the curfew will be in force in these districts from 8.00 pm to 5.00 am the next day until Friday, May 01

In Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Puttalam districts, the legal framework will be relaxed to enable public and private sector companies to remain open until May 04, despite the curfew.

Government agencies such as departments, corporations and councils are also allowed to operate private sector factories, construction, service stations, vegetable, fish and retail outlets.

The opening hours for private sector companies are 10.00 am. Leaders of the public and private sectors should plan within the next week how their offices and service stations will function from May 04 onwards.

Only 1/3 of the total number of employees are eligible for service in government agencies, including departments, corporations and councils. Company leaders should categorize to call only the minimum number of employees required for a service provided by a company, no matter how essential.

Officers who do not commute to service in all government agencies are tasked with working from home. Company leaders can decide who should be community-based for service in each organization and who should be working from home. One day, company leaders will be able to select another division the next day instead of 1/3 of those invited to serve in the workforce.

To control the spread of the virus people need to stop coming to the streets unnecessarily and gathering elsewhere.

Buses owned by the Transport Board are restricted to commuters on the trains. Essentially there must be others at home except those who have to socialize for business.

Anyone should leave their homes only to buy essential items such as food and medicine. You need to choose the nearest sales outlets that are within walking distance to purchase such items.

Permission to leave home, even for essential needs, is based on the final two digits of the National Identity Card. Only those with the numbers 1 or 2 as the final digits of the National Identity Card will be allowed to leave on Mondays in that category.

Leaving home on other days of the week will be accommodated as follows.

Tuesday: Those with the number 3 or 4 as the final digit of the ID card

Wednesday: Those with the last digit of the ID card number 5 or 6

Thursday: The last digit of the ID card is 7 or 8

Friday: Holders of 9 or 0 as the final digit of the ID card

Corona prevention hygiene practices must be fully adhered to when opening offices and carrying out tasks, as well as during passenger transport and at sales outlets. This includes disinfection, wearing a mask and occasional hand washing and maintaining social space. The police and security forces will be on high alert to see if anyone violates the above regulations.

Interstate transportation is limited to essential services, including business needs. Schools, universities, tuition, other educational institutions and theaters should be closed until further notice.

In a district where the curfew has been relaxed, a full-day curfew may be imposed if any area or village is identified as an endangered area. Anyone entering or leaving the area is strictly prohibited if any area is designated as an isolated area.



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All kinds of festivals, tours, pilgrimages, extravaganzas, processions, meetings, etc. are prohibited until further notice. People have also been asked to suspend religious events as the gathering is a barrier to controlling the spread of the virus.

Arrangements have been made to continue to vigorously implement the measures introduced by the Government to continue to provide essential goods and services to normalize the lives of the people since the spread of the corona virus.

We need to free people from the corona problem and fully control the infection for their health care and improvement. There is a need to rebuild the stagnant economy. These objectives can only be achieved with the cooperation of the people to control the virus.

The government says co-operation is the ability of people to stay at home and follow 100 percent of the health instructions provided in all cases where they can understand the risk of infection.

The government is asking the people to take responsibility for all the hardships for the protection and progress of themselves, their children and the nation. Anyone who acts in a manner that interferes with the welfare of the community will be given a maximum penalty under the law in force.

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