



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR TRAVEL OF STRANDED PEOPLE

Objective: To facilitate the travel of stranded people within and outside the Dzongkhag

1. Stranded individual must register with the Dzongkhag COVID-19 Office by calling Toll Free number at 1077. They can also register through Drungkhag COVID19 office and respective Gewogs.
2. Individual must mandatorily undergo RDT test prior to commencement of the travel.
3. The Dzongkhag C19TF shall prioritize the travel for Emergency Medical Services, Deaths and critical official duty.
4. Travel shall be authorized only for one way journey.
5. No stop over is allowed in-between, from the place of origin to the destination.
6. After the approval the DC19TF shall issue a special vehicle permit which must be produced to the authorized agencies/personnel along the route.
7. The DC19TF shall coordinate and inform the enroute Dzongkhag Authorities with sharing of the special permit.
8. All passengers must carry CID card for proper identification.
9. All passengers should wear mask and carry hand sanitizer.
10. All passengers must self-contain (lunch/snacks) during the travel.
11. All travelers shall strictly adhere to the advisory note of the Ministry of Health on COVID-19.
12. Travel out of Dzongkhag shall be allowed only via Samtse_Haa National highway. No travel shall be allowed via Phuntsholing. Further, only vehicle with 4WD will be allowed to travel till the monsoon is over (Interim restriction).
13. Drivers/owners must ensure that the vehicle is in properly checked prior to the travel to avoid any breakdown along the journey.
14. In case of major break-down of the vehicle along the journey, the driver must immediately inform the concerned authorities of the respective area for support and assistance.
15. DC19TF shall arrange taxis (with 4WD only) for those who do not have vehicle. However, requirement of taxi must be mentioned during the registration.