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**Public Notification**  
**Phase-wise relaxation on COVID-19 restrictions**

In line with the Press release from the Prime Minister's Office issued on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the DC19TF would like to notify the general public of the Dzongkhag that additional relaxations shall be implemented as follows with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022:

**1. Movement**

- Public transport buses shall be allowed to resume its routine schedule within the Dzongkhag.
- Individual travelling to low-risk areas will continue to undergo seven-day home quarantine, as per the existing protocol. Individuals will have to register at <https://1010.bt/samtseepass/apply> for home quarantine.
- All the goods carriers can commute without having to switch or quarantine but they must have an antigen negative result of two weeks validity.
- Movement of people and vehicle shall be restricted after 10.00 PM, except for medical emergencies.

**2. Schools and Colleges**

- Starting April 4, schools of classes VII, VIII, IX, X and XII shall open in the first phase. The staggered approach is being adopted to avoid spike in cases. While the school authorities need not maintain containment protocols, all COVID norms must be ensured.
- Primary schools (Classes PP-VI) will start from April 18. However, children who are unvaccinated, and the day care and ECCD centres, must wait for another 10 days to resume.
- College/institution shall open from April 4 or soon after, based on the preparation time required.

**3. Business and Industries**

- Requirement of working in containment mode in factories, industries and MDPs can be withdrawn, unless the particular organization desires otherwise.

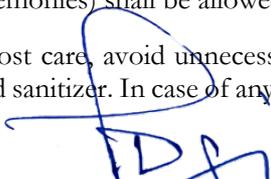
**4. Games, Sports and Entertainment Centers**

- All indoor and outdoor sporting activities shall be permitted but without spectators. Tournaments are not allowed for now. Individuals showing symptoms of COVID-19 are discouraged from taking part in any sporting activity.
- Archery and Khuru are allowed but must be kept at a maximum of **10** players per match, until the final relaxation.
- All entertainment centres shall be allowed except for discotheques.

**5. Public gathering/Social events**

- Inter-Dzongkhag transfer of dead bodies shall be allowed. A maximum of **40** family members per body shall be allowed to attend the cremation.
- All workshops, seminars and conferences shall be held virtually.
- No public gathering (Ceremonies) shall be allowed.

We request everyone to take utmost care, avoid unnecessary mass gathering, continue to use face masks and frequently wash hands or hand sanitizer. In case of any flu like symptom, please get tested at the nearest health facility.

  
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