



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This is to notify the general public that in consultation with the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of Ministry of Health, the epidemiological risk assessment of villages under Phuntshopelri Gewog have been carried out to institute lockdown relaxation and reinforce further restrictions, where necessary.

As per the outbreak staging concept, the villages under Phuntshopelri Gewog are colour coded into **RED**, **YELLOW** and **GREEN**. The Red areas have active cases, while the Yellow areas have close contacts. The Green areas have neither active cases nor close contacts.

Gewog	Village(s)/Town	Colour Code	Contact No.	
			Medical	General
Phuntshopelri	Pugli	Red	1165	1189
	Gomtu			
	Thumkay	Yellow		
	Tindaray			
	Rest of the villages	Green		

THE FOLLOWING CONDITION SHALL APPLY TO THE RED VILLAGES

Due to the detection of sporadic cases from the community in Gomtu and Pugli with the last community case detected on February 5, 2022, the lockdown imposed in **Gomtu** and **Pugli** shall be extended for another 7 days with immediate effect until further notice.

The following measures shall be implemented during the extended lockdown:

- All offices, schools and institutions shall remain closed.
- No mass gathering shall be allowed (*ritual, rimdros, ceremonies*).
- All shops and businesses shall remain closed.
- The identified shops may be opened for emergency essential supplies as and when approved and directed by the PGC19TF. The delivery of essential items shall be facilitated by PGC19TF in coordination with Gewog Administration.



- Factories and industries operating in the containment mode shall continue to function under the strict containment mode.
- Export and import shall be allowed in regulated manner following the relevant COVID Safety protocols. The number of vehicles shall be determined by the RBP and the vehicles must exit by 6:30 PM.
- No movement of vehicles are allowed, unless authorized for essential purposes. Emergency health related travels, which include vehicles moving towards hospitals and health facilities shall be permitted.

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY TO THE YELLOW VILLAGES

Due to the presence of close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases, the villages of **Thumkay** and **Tindaray** under Phuntshopelri Gewog have been categorized under Yellow zone. The cluster testing of the above two villages will be conducted from February 10-11 and the outcome of the testing will determine the way forward for the above two villages.

Meanwhile, the following measures shall be implemented until further notice:

- Individuals can come out of their homes to carry out farming and livestock activities within their premises without interacting with the neighbours.
- No mass gathering shall be allowed (*ritual, rimdros, ceremonies*).
- All shops and businesses shall remain closed.
- The delivery of essential items shall be facilitated by PGC19TF in coordination with Gewog Administration.
- No movement of vehicles are allowed, unless authorized for essential purposes. Emergency health related travels, which include vehicles moving towards hospitals and health facilities shall be permitted.

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY TO THE GREEN VILLAGES

The **rest of the villages** under Phuntshopelri Gewog which are not categorized under Red or Yellow villages have no COVID-19 positive cases or close contacts and are therefore, categorized as Green villages.

The following measures shall be implemented until further notice:

- All offices and schools shall remain open.



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- Except bars and restaurants, all shops and businesses shall be allowed to open.
- Movement of people and vehicles within the villages shall be allowed. However, movement to the Red and Yellow villages in the Gewog shall not be allowed.
- Inter-Gewog movement shall not be allowed until further notice.
- No mass gathering shall be allowed (*ritual, rimdros, ceremonies*).

Considering the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the Gewog and high transmissibility of the virus, the general public are advised to strictly follow the COVID-19 safety protocols at all times. The DC19TF solicits the continued cooperation and support of the general public in our fight against the COVID-19.

Issued for strict compliance.

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