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## NOTIFICATION ON 72 HOURS BLACKOUT OF SAMTSE, NORBUGANG AND TASHICHOLING GEWOG

This is to notify the general public that fifteen COVID-19 positive cases (*Samtse-10, Norbugang-3, Tashichhoeling-2*) have been detected from the community on February 20, 2022 during routine testing from the flu clinic.

Based on the above test result and epidemiological assessment of the presence of virus in the community, the entire Samtse, Norbugang and Tashichhoeling Gewog shall be under **72 hours blackout** with immediate effect. The blackout has been put in place to assess the situation and to carryout risk categorization.

The following *measures* shall be followed during the 72 hours blackout period:

1. All offices and institutions shall remain closed.
2. Samtse Higher Secondary School, Norbugang Central School and Peljorling Higher Secondary School shall function under strict containment mode.
3. All shops and businesses shall remain closed.
4. Factories and Industries shall operate under strict containment mode.
5. Export of boulders shall be allowed under strict containment mode. However, no re-stocking shall be allowed.
6. Except for LPG and POL products, other imports shall be halted temporarily.
7. Construction activities shall be allowed under strict containment mode. However, transport of materials and fuels shall not be allowed.
8. No movement of people and vehicles are allowed for the above Gewogs. Emergency health and death related travels, which include vehicles moving towards hospitals and health facilities, shall be facilitated.
9. Farmers shall be allowed to carry out farm and livestock activities within their premises without visiting and interacting with neighbors.
10. No **Inter-Gewog Movement** of vehicle and people shall be allowed in the Dzongkhag during the blackout period. However, transport of agriculture and livestock products shall be facilitated with e-movement pass.



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11. For medical emergencies and other enquiries contact the following numbers/helpline:

Gewog	Medical Helpline	General Helpline
Samtse	1182	1077
Norbugang	17161754	
Tashichhoeling	17554595	

We would like to solicit continued support and cooperation of the general public as in the past and request everyone to stay home and follow COVID-19 safety protocols (use of face mask, hand washing, practice physical distancing) at all times. The general public may also call **1010** for any queries.

  
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