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5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

**Public Notification**

Chhukha Dzongkhag administration would like to acknowledge and appreciate the public support and cooperation rendered during the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown. In pursuant to the Press Release from PMO dated 4.1.2021, we are initiating the unlocking process. We look forward to the same spirit of compliance from the general public in our collective effort and solidarity towards prevention of Covid-19 pandemic in the Dzongkhag.

The first phase of unlocking for Chhukha Dzongkhag shall begin from 5:00 AM of 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 with following protocols:

**A. Health**

1. Residents of Chhukha Dzongkhag returning from yellow and red zones of other Dzongkhags must undergo one week mandatory home quarantine.
2. The home quarantine shall be enforced as per SOP of Ministry of Health.
3. Dzongkhag Health sector shall coordinate, enforce and monitor home quarantined individuals in collaboration with RBP, De-suups, Gewogs and respective health centre of the Gewogs.
4. *Contact person for Health related queries: Gups & GAOs of respective Gewogs & Deputy Chief Dzongkhag Health Officer (1760 5824/7760 5824).*

**B. Movement**

1. Movement of people on foot and bicycle within the Dzongkhag shall be allowed.
2. Vehicles transporting essential items with valid movement permits issued by RBP shall be allowed for both intra and inter-Dzongkhag movement.
3. Movement of private vehicles shall be considered by RBP on case by case basis.
4. Movement of stranded people and emergency cases to other Dzongkhags shall be facilitated with: conduct of Antigen test & issuance of movement permit.
5. Movement within Gewogs due to emergencies (death & medical issues only) shall be allowed upon scrutiny by the respective Gewogs.
6. Movement from one Gewog to another Gewog due to emergencies (death & medical issues only) shall be allowed upon scrutiny by the respective Gewogs with movement permit issued by the nearest RBP office.
7. *Contact person for movement related queries: OC, RBP, Tsimasham (1763 2412); OC, RBP, Gedu (1740 3690) & Gups & GAOs of respective Gewogs.*

**C. Business**

1. Business entities such as medical, groceries, hardware, workshops, bakeries, tailoring, cobbler, garment, vegetable and meat shops shall be allowed to operate.
2. Vegetable outlets along the highway shall remain closed.
3. Restaurants shall be allowed to open but only takeaways and no sit-in dining shall be permitted.
4. For bars, only takeaways shall be allowed.
5. Businesses such as carom board games, snookers, drayangs, karaoke, night clubs, beauty parlor and barber shops shall remain closed.
6. Business hour is from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
7. *Contact person for business related queries: Gups & GAOs of respective Gewogs; District Statistical Officer (1734 6364) & Sr. Economic Development Officer (1745 6660).*



#### **D. Sports & Recreational**

1. All indoor and outdoor games and sports activities shall not be allowed.
2. Recreational parks, including children parks shall remain closed.
3. Celebrations including, picnic, birthdays, marriages, promotion parties involving mass gatherings shall not be allowed.

#### **E. Schools/Colleges/Institutes**

1. Schools and institutions shall remain closed.
2. Online teaching-learning programs shall continue as practised.
3. *Contact person for School related queries: Chief District Education Officer (1761 1045/ 7761 1045).*

#### **F. Offices**

1. All offices (government, corporations and private) shall operate on "work from home" mode except for critical services requiring physical presence like Gewog centres, hospitals, primary health care centres, livestock and agriculture services. In providing critical services, a basic minimum required staff only shall be deployed wherever possible.
2. Trainings and workshops involving physical presence shall not be permitted.
3. *Contact person for Office related queries: Human Resource Officer (1728 8347).*

#### **G. Religious Affairs**

1. All community rituals involving less than six people shall be verified and approved by the respective Gewogs.
2. All community festivals and "lochoed" (annual household ritual) shall be deferred.
3. Funeral services shall be carried out in the respective Gewogs wherever crematorium facilities are available. However, for those Gewogs without the facilities, services shall be allowed to carry out at the nearest available facility.
4. Cremation services shall be conducted with limited attendance of less than 20 people.
5. For all religious services and rituals, communities are encouraged to seek the services of Lams and Monks from the same locality.
6. *Contact person for religious affairs related queries: Gups & GAOs of respective Gewogs & Dzongkhag Cultural Officer (1712 0570).*

#### **H. Construction Works**

1. All construction works (government and private) shall be allowed to resume as per the existing SOP of the Dzongkhag.
2. Timing for construction is from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
3. *Contact person for Construction related queries: Gups & GAOs of respective Gewogs, Dzongkhag Engineer (1768 4420) & Drungkhag Engineer, Phuentsholing (1771 2998).*

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