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Press Release

Functions permitted under Quarantine Curfew
From 20/08/2021 10pm to 30/08/2021 - 04.00am.

This is issued as a general guide for health, local security and local administrative bodies to have a clear understanding on what services are to operate. Persons engaged in permitted functions will require to cross boundaries and should be allowed.

The permitted functions must be carried out strictly adhering to the health guidelines already provided.

Following functions/ organizations/ operate:

1. Health services

- Emergency services at all curative care health institutions
- Ambulance services
- Laboratory and diagnostic services
- Provision of OPD services over the phone consultations with curative care institutions
- Private health care – General practice, medical centres and laboratory services – should follow guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and College of General Practitioners
- No routine clinics will be held, but medicines will be sent to registered clinic patients
- Essential home visits for maternal and child healthcare services by Public Health Midwife/ MOH team for high risk target group, family planning services should be provided on demand
- Any other outbreak investigation and control measures by MOH team (includes non-COVID eg dengue, food poisoning)
- Pharmacy (both government and private sector)
- MOH offices and staff to be fully functional
- PDHS and RDHS office to function with the staff required as per the situation as decided by the relevant PDHS and RDHS
- COVID 19 Vaccination programs to continue

2. Police stations
3. Grama Niladhari
4. All field- based officials
5. Local government authorities- with the required staff, as decided by the relevant authority
6. Utility services – electricity, water, telecommunications, petrol stations, LP gas stations, motor garages/ tyre services- with required staff to maintain services and respond to urgent breakdowns. Road maintenance/constructions to continue
7. Agriculture- farming, livestock, fishing, without crossing district boundaries under strict precautions that can be performed with distancing only.
8. Grocery shops/ supermarkets to operate for online deliveries
9. Distributors for essential supplies
10. Bakeries- production for distribution only, which includes mobile deliveries and not bakery shops
11. Banks- for limited financial transactions. Encourage online banking for customers
12. Transport – only allowed for essential/ other permitted services, mobile deliveries and emergency transfer of patients
13. Funerals- to be held as soon as possible within 24hrs, with participation of immediate family members only. This applies only for non COVID deaths.
14. Only one person per house will be allowed outside the house premises at a time for a specific purpose
15. Vulnerable persons such as persons above 65/ patients with chronic illness are strictly advised not to move outside house unless for medical reasons.
16. No private gatherings for any purpose
17. Daily paid laborers (at constructions sites etc) are allowed to work with specific restrictions imposed to employers on on social distancing and basic hygiene measures.
18. Activities related to tourism will be exempted from above
19. Activities decided by district/local COVID committees to function under strict supervision as per urgent need of the community

All the above functions must strictly adhere to the instructions issued by health authorities for the prevention and control of COVID 19

All activities not identified herein are not allowed including religious gatherings, social gatherings, restaurants, hotels, guest houses, village fairs, tuition classes, sports festivals, cinemas, Spas etc.


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