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Instructions on Alert levels in COVID 19 country response and permitted functions:

Revised restrictions under Alert Level III

Due to the recent increase in number of COVID-19 cases being reported in the country, the Ministry of Health has further revised the permitted functions under alert level III. This guideline will be in operation with immediate effect and until further notice.

This guideline is supported by the previous guidelines and circulars issued by the Ministry of Health on relaxation of public activities in response to COVID 19, which include operational details.

The Ministry of Health introduced the DReAM: a set of major precautions to be taken in response to COVID 19; and these are applied in the guidelines mentioned. It is re-emphasized that strong observance of DReAM is required

D – physical Distancing, no gathering, mainly stay at home


Re – Respiratory Etiquette

A – Aseptic practices (hand wash, hand sanitizing)

M – proper use of face Mask

The currently declared Alert Level III is revised with further restrictions in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

The revised functions and activities permitted are given below in Annex 1.


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Annex 1

Activities and functions permitted based on revised Alert Level III

#	Activity	Alert Level III
1.	Public transport	Only allowed to transport seated passengers of the bus/train
2.	Private taxi services	Ensure the maximum number of passengers is limited to two for cars and trishaws. For other types of vehicles, it is limited to transport seated passengers only.
3.	Utility services – electricity, water, telecommunication, Petrol stations, LP gas stations, motor garages / tyre services and postal/courier services	Provide all essential services with minimum staff. Others to work from home where feasible.
4.	Government Offices	With minimum number of staff required as per the circular issued by Secretary, Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government
5.	Private sector offices	With minimum number of staff required. Others to work from home where feasible.
6.	Conferences/ Seminars/ Meetings/ Brand launches	Not permitted until 20.05.2021. To be reviewed after this period based on prevailing COVID-19 situation in the country.
7.	Export Oriented Industries (Garments, agriculture etc)	Function within a bio secure bubble (i.e. ensure secure accommodation and transport for workers) under close supervision of area MOH.
8.	Supermarkets	A maximum of 25% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given. 1.5m ² of available walking space can be considered as adequate for 1 person. Maximum number allowed should be displayed outside.
9.	Shopping Malls	For shops: A maximum of 25% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given. 1.5m ² of available walking space can be considered as adequate for 1 person inside the individual shops. Maximum number allowed should be displayed outside. Gatherings and entertainment in the mall premises are not allowed.
10.	Financial institutions (banks, finance companies, pawning centres etc)	A maximum of 25% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the

		instructions given. Maximum number allowed should be displayed outside.
11.	Clothing/textile shops	A maximum of 25% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given. 1.5m ² of available walking space should be considered as adequate for 1 person. Maximum number allowed should be displayed outside.
12.	Agriculture based	Normal operations with strong adherence to DReAM
13.	Grocery	A maximum of 25% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given. Maximum number allowed should be displayed outside.
14.	Open market/fairs, Economic centres (Arthika madyasthana)	A maximum of 25% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.
15.	Bakery, Barber and Beauty Salons, Furniture, Electrical, Hardware stores, Laundry, Tailors and dressmakers, Communication/ photocopy shops	A maximum of 25% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given. Maximum number allowed should be displayed outside.
16.	Street/mobile vendors	Allowed with strict adherence to guidelines and DReAM
17.	Filling stations	Allowed with adherence to DReAM
18.	Construction sites	Allowed with adherence to DReAM
19.	Courts	A maximum of 25% of the total number of people that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.
20.	Prison	No visitors allowed
21.	Health Sector	Must function with required number of staff to maintain service requirement, adhering to the instructions given
22.	Day care	Closed
23.	Preschools	Closed until further notice
24.	Schools	Closed until further notice
25.	Higher education centres including universities	Closed until further notice
26.	Tuition classes	Closed until further notice
27.	Weddings	Not permitted until 20.05.2021. To be reviewed after this period based on prevailing COVID-19 situation in the country. This will be in effect from 04.05.2021.

28.	Funerals (Except COVID-19 Deaths)	Should be held within 24 hours after releasing the dead body from the hospital/Inquirer into Sudden Deaths, taking all possible precautions to minimize the number attending to a maximum of 25 persons at a given time adhering to the instructions given.
29.	Parties/events/ (indoor/ outdoor)	Not Allowed
30.	Public gatherings	Not Allowed
31.	Places of worship	No collective activities or gatherings
32.	Boarding houses	Can remain at full capacity adhering to the instructions given. However no new persons should be given accommodation.
33.	Gymnasiums, indoor sports halls	Can function up to 25% of the capacity of the gymnasium or the hall adhering to the instructions given.
34.	Walkways	Open only to walk by self and no crowding allowed
35.	Cinemas, theatres	Closed
36.	Children's parks	Closed
37.	Carnivals, musical shows, beach parties	Closed
38.	Swimming pools	Closed
39.	Beach	Gatherings not allowed
40.	Restaurant (dining in)	A maximum of 25% of the total seating capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.
41.	Restaurant (take away/delivery)	Normal operations with strong adherence to DReAM
42.	Wine stores	Open with adherence to DReAM
43.	Pubs and bars	Closed
44.	Casino, night club	Closed
45.	Betting centres	Closed
46.	Spas	Closed
47.	Hotels, rest houses and guest houses	A maximum of 50% of the total capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given

*DReAM (practice Physical Distancing, Practice Respiratory etiquette, practice Aseptic procedure, wear Face Mask)

Web link for guidelines:

http://www.health.gov.lk/moh_final/english/article_read_more.php?id=938