

Standard Operating Procedures for Unlocking Throm Zone Dagana Dzongkhag

Objective

1. Prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 virus in the Throm Zone.
2. Gradually ease lockdown and allow restricted movement of people in the Throm Zone.
3. Make arrangement for systematic and coordinated opening of shops in the Throm Zone.

Application of SOP

The SOP shall apply to Daga Throm, Dagapela Throm and Lhamoizingkha Throm.

1. Movement by People

- 1.1. A color-coded Movement Pass with two-time blocks (Morning & Afternoon) shall be issued to each household in the Throm Zone for outing/shopping.
- 1.2. People can move outside their homes during their designated movement hours and only in their zone.
- 1.3. People shall not be allowed to visit neighbors' houses.
- 1.4. Only one individual from the household shall use the Movement Pass at a time. However, one child of up to 15 years of age shall be allowed to accompany the individual using the card.
- 1.5. The movement outside of the Throm Zone shall be prohibited.
- 1.6. While moving within the zone, the following Health Containment Protocols shall be observed:
 - 1.6.1. Wearing mask/cloth over nose and mouth.
 - 1.6.2. Maintaining both physical distancing (minimum of 1 meter) and social distancing while on shopping/outing.
 - 1.6.3. Washing hands before entering a shop and home.

2. Movement of Vehicle

- 2.1. No movement of vehicle shall be allowed in the Throm Zone.
- 2.2. Any movement of vehicle for transport of essential supplies and services, health services and emergency purposes within the Throm Zone shall be allowed with prior approval from RBP.
- 2.3. Any movement for procurement of essential items by the identified shopkeepers from outside of the Throm Zone/Dzongkhag shall be allowed only with prior approval from RBP.

3. Supply and Distribution of Essential Items

- 3.1. With the issue of Movement Passes, which facilitate movement and shopping, home delivery of essential items is lifted.
- 3.2. Agriculture and Livestock Sectors shall ensure that agriculture and livestock products are available at all times.

4. Delivery of Essential Services

- 4.1. Relevant Agencies shall provide uninterrupted essential services (electricity, water, telecommunication, banking, cable, road, health) as per their SOPs.

5. Opening and Operation of Shops

- 5.1. Only the identified and approved shops shall be allowed to operate.
- 5.2. The timing for opening of shops shall be from 8 am to 5 pm.
- 5.3. Opening of the shops shall be allowed on alternate timing as approved by the DTF.
- 5.4. Shops shall ensure availability of essential food items (10 items as per the list) at all times.
- 5.5. Hand washing facilities/hand sanitizer shall be placed outside the shop. The shopkeeper shall ensure that every customer wash hands/sanitizes before entering the shop.
- 5.6. The following Health Containment Protocols shall be observed by both the shopkeeper and customer:
 - 5.6.1. Wearing mask/cloth over nose and mouth.
 - 5.6.2. Maintaining both physical distancing (minimum of 1 meter) and social distancing while on shopping/outing.
 - 5.6.3. Washing hands before entering the shop.
- 5.7. The shops shall have clear demarcation for physical distancing in and outside the shop.
- 5.8. The shopkeeper shall ensure the use of Druk Trace app/Log book by all the customers.
- 5.9. As far as possible digital transactions shall be encouraged.
- 5.10. The shops shall display the rates of essential items and QR Code (Druk Trace App) at a conspicuous place outside the shop.
- 5.11. The shopkeeper shall ensure the entry of only one customer at a time in the shop while the rest of the customers queue outside the shops.
- 5.12. The aforementioned conditions for the Opening and Operation of Shops shall be printed and stuck at the entrance of the shop with clear visibility.
- 5.13. If any of the shops violate the conditions prescribed above, they shall be immediately stopped from operating till further notice.

6. Farming and Herding

- 6.1. Farm works within the Throm Zone shall follow respective SOPs developed and circulated by MoAF.
- 6.2. Households with farmland in the Throm Zone shall be allowed to do farm works only within their household/farmland area. They shall strictly adhere to the Health Containment Protocols.
- 6.3. Household groups up to 5 members at a time shall be allowed to do farm work.
- 6.4. All works related to cattle grazing and herding shall follow the SOP for Cattle Grazing & Herding (Annexure).

7. Gatherings

- 7.1. Gathering of people shall not be allowed.
- 7.2. Games and sports shall be prohibited.
- 7.3. Rituals and local festivals shall not be allowed.

7.4. Conduct of funeral rites shall be allowed with prior approval from the Incident Commander. People participating in the rites shall observe the Health Containment Protocols.

8. Monitoring

8.1. The RBP and DeSuups shall monitor the implementation of the SOP for the Throm Zones.

8.2. Dzongkhag/Dungkhag/Gewog Market Surveillance and Monitoring Teams shall monitor the availability of essential items in the shops, price escalation and hoarding.

8.3. Agriculture and Livestock Sectors shall monitor the implementation of SOPs for Farming and Cattle Grazing & Herding respectively.