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Press release:

Restriction of inter-provincial travel and Revised restrictions on permitted functions - with effect from 12.05.2021 until 31.05.2021

Travel between provinces will be restricted considering the increasing caseload of COVID-19 in the country with effect from 12.05.2021 until 31.05.2021.

Crossing of provincial borders is permitted for the following essential services, ensuring strict adherence to health guidelines:

1. Health services
2. Police and triforms
3. State sector officials on essential official visits
4. Distributors of essential supplies
5. Providers of essential services – such as utility services
6. For death of immediate family member (proof required)
7. Transport of cargo and travel to/from country's ports of entry/exit (proof required)

Essential service workers residing in isolated areas are strongly discouraged from physically reporting to work unless in exceptional circumstances.

All non-essential travel is not permitted from 11.00 pm to 4.00 am daily.

Details on the revised restrictions on permitted functions is given in annex I and is effective from 12.05.2021 until 31.05.2021. This replaces the "Instructions on alert levels in COVID -19 country response and permitted functions: Revised restrictions under alert level III" issued on 01.05.2021.


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Annex I

Revised restrictions on permitted functions – with effect from 12.05.2021 until 31.05.2021

	Activity	Permitted level of function
1.	Persons permitted to leave the house	Only 1 person per household is permitted to leave the house on a given day based on the last digit of the National Identity Card (NIC) number. NICs with even numbers can leave home on even numbered days, and those with odd numbers can leave home on odd numbered days. If the last digit is zero, it will be considered as an even number. Only exceptions are for purposes of work and for obtaining health services.
2.	Public transport	Only allowed to transport seated passengers of the bus/train
3.	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.
4.	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.
5.	Government Offices	With minimum number of staff required as per the circular issued by Secretary, Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government
6.	Private sector offices	With minimum number of staff required. Others to work from home where feasible.
7.	Meetings	Essential meetings can be conducted up to a maximum of 10 participants belonging to the same institution
8.	Conferences/ Seminars/ Brand launches	Not permitted until further notice.
9.	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.
10.	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.

11.	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.
12.	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.
13.	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.
14.	Agriculture based	Normal operations with strong adherence to DReAM
15.	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.
16.	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.
17.	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.
18.	Street/mobile vendors	Allowed with strict adherence to guidelines and DReAM
19.	Filling stations	Allowed with adherence to DReAM
20.	Construction sites	Allowed with adherence to DReAM
21.	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.
22.	Prison	No visitors allowed
23.	Health Sector	Must function with required number of staff to maintain service requirement, adhering to the instructions given
24.	Day care	Closed until further notice

25.	Preschools	Closed until further notice
26.	Schools	Closed until further notice
27.	Higher education centres including universities	Closed until further notice
28.	Tuition classes	Closed until further notice
29.	Wedding functions	Not permitted until further notice. Marriage registrations can be conducted with immediate family members up to a maximum number of 15 participants.
30.	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 15 persons at a given time adhering to the instructions given.
31.	Parties/events/gatherings (indoor/ outdoor, Including in-house gatherings)	Not allowed
32.	Places of worship	No collective activities or gatherings
33.	Boarding houses	Can remain at full capacity adhering to the instructions given. However no new persons should be given accommodation.
34.	Gymnasiums, indoor sports halls	Closed until 31.05.2021
35.	Walkways	Open only to walk by self and no crowding allowed
36.	Cinemas, theatres	Closed
37.	Children's parks	Closed
38.	Carnivals, musical shows, beach parties	Closed
39.	Swimming pools	Closed
40.	Beach	Gatherings not allowed
41.	Restaurant (dining in)	A maximum of 25% of the total seating capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given. Group dining should be restricted to a maximum of 8 persons.
42.	Restaurant (take away/delivery)	Normal operations with strong adherence to DReAM
43.	Wine stores	May function from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm only with strong adherence to DReAM
44.	Pubs and bars	Closed
45.	Casino, night club	Closed
46.	Betting centres	Closed
47.	Spas	Closed
48.	Hotels, rest houses and guest houses	A maximum of 25% 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 procedures, wear Face Mask)

Web link for guidelines:

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