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ஆரம்ப சுகாதார சேவைகள், தொற்று நோய்கள் மற்றும் கொவிட் நோய்க் கட்டுப்பாட்டு அலுவல்கள் இராஜாங்க அமைச்சர்
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Press Release

Instructions on Alert levels in COVID 19 country response and permitted functions up to 31.05.2021

This guideline is supported by the previous guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health on relaxation of public activities in response to COVID 19. For any details these guidelines need to be referred to.

The COVID 19 situation in the country is subject to change from time to time and level of activity permitted and number of people engaged in these functions will need to change. The Ministry of Health introduced the DReAM 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 alert level system is introduced based on an understanding of public and work settings in Sri Lanka.

4 levels of alert are identified in Sri Lanka based on following:

Alert level	Description
Alert level 1	Cases reported are only those coming from outside the country (detected in quarantine); no clusters
Alert level 2	One cluster of cases
Alert level 3	Several clusters in different districts
Alert level 4	Cases are appearing with no connection to any cluster – Community transmission

According to the current epidemiological situation after the New Year, some restrictions needs to be imposed to reduce the risk of transmission. Functions permitted as per the country **alert level III** are given below in Annex I.

Annex I - Public Activities Based on Alert Level System – Sri Lanka

Activity	Alert Level 3
Number of people allowed outside	Only 2 persons permitted per household unless engaged in essential services/ permitted work
Public transport	Only allowed to transport seated passengers of the bus/train
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.
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
Government Offices	With minimum number of staff required. Others to work from home where feasible.
Private sector offices	With minimum number of staff required. Others to work from home where feasible.
Conferences/ Seminars/ Meetings/ Brand launches	50% of the seating capacity of the hall up to a maximum of 50
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.
Supermarkets	A maximum of 50% 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. Number allowed to be displayed outside.
Shopping Malls	1.5m ² of available walking space can be considered as adequate for 1 person inside the individual shops. For shops: A maximum of 50% 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. Gatherings and entertainment in the mall premises are not allowed.
Financial institutions (banks, finance companies, pawning centres etc)	A maximum of 50% 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.
Clothing/textile shops	1.5m ² of available walking space should be considered as adequate for 1 person. A maximum of 50% 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.

Agriculture based	Normal operations with strong adherence to DReAM
Grocery	A maximum of 50% 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.
Open market/fairs	A maximum of 50% 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.
Economic centres (Arthika madyasthana)	A maximum of 50% 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.
Bakery	A maximum of 50% 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
Street/mobile vendors	Allowed with strict adherence to guidelines and DReAM
Filling stations	Allowed with adherence to DReAM
Construction sites	Allowed
Barber and Beauty Salons	A maximum of 50% 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.
Furniture, Electrical, Hardware stores	A maximum of 50% 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.
Laundry	A maximum of 50% 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.
Tailors and dressmakers	A maximum of 50% 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.
Communication/ photocopy shops	A maximum of 50% 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.
Courts	A maximum of 50% 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.
Prison	No visitors allowed
Health Sector	Can function with minimum possible number to maintain service requirement adhering to the instructions given
Day care	50% of the capacity
Preschools	50% of the capacity
Schools	50% of the capacity
Higher education centres including universities	Closed
Tuition classes	Not allowed
Weddings	Can be held with maximum of 150 guests adhering to the instructions given.
Funerals (Except COVID-19 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.
Parties/events/ (indoor)	Not Allowed

