

## Coronavirus Update

**Date – 08<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **BHUTAN**

Bhutan is currently under lockdown due to a surge in Omicron variant. Bhutan has announced that it will not impose lockdowns on its citizens from mid-April onwards unless hospitalization cases rise, or a new more life-threatening variant develops. This gives the indication that Bhutan will open borders for vaccinated tourists with no quarantine from July 2022.

Present protocols for Arrivals from other countries:

#### **Key Points**

- Upon arrival, individual travelers will have to undergo a 14-day quarantine period for fully vaccinated travellers at a facility chosen by the taskforce. Individuals will undergo a RT-PCR test twice during the quarantine, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day and on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> day.
- Entry will be facilitated via Air only. The Tourism Council of Bhutan will be facilitating and approving visas of the tourists on case-to-case basis upon fulfilling the existing requirements.
- Mandatory for all travelers to be fully vaccinated.
- Any nationalities are allowed to enter the country provided they have a valid visa to enter the country. All expenses for quarantine & any medical expenses will be self-borne.
- The minimum daily package rate along with associated exemptions will be applicable during the quarantine period.

**Flights** – Commercially Druk Air has resumed its 7 flights with lesser frequency as of now. Currently Druk Air has flights to/from Bangkok, Delhi, Kathmandu, Singapore. Flights to/from Bagdogra, Kolkata and Guwahati are yet to resume. Bhutan Airlines is yet to begin any commercial passenger flights to any destination.

**Monuments / Attractions** – All monuments and attractions are open as of date for the domestic tourism.

**Restrictions** – Mandatory quarantine of 07 days from high risk to low risk states during interstate movement.

The number of corona virus cases in Bhutan are follows:

**Overall Data (Updated on 08<sup>th</sup> March 2022)**

<b>Infected (Active)</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
4,109	11,003	7

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