

Coronavirus Update

Date – 6th March 2020

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In line with the precautionary measures taken by the Bhutan Government with the detection of one positive case of COVID-19 on 5th March, considering the health, safety and well- being of the tourists, tourism personnel and general public at large, the following advisory notice is being issued for the tourism.

The government will impose two weeks restriction on all incoming tourists with immediate effect. This is to enable rigorous monitoring, source assessment of infection and mitigate the situation. In addition, all international conferences and seminars to be held in the country in the two weeks are also postponed.

- The government will assess the situation after two weeks and accordingly decide on the restrictions.
- All incoming foreigners (Tourists) by flight from tomorrow will be restricted for two weeks.
- Government will assess the current situation in this two weeks and accordingly decide on the restrictions.
- It is advised to restrict movement beyond Thimphu, Paro and Punakha. Change the itinerary, if the tour programme includes travel beyond Thimphu, Paro and Punakha.
- Hotels to keep record of contact details of the clients and their next destination.
- All suspected case is to be reported to the following health officials by phone (avoid visiting hospitals directly).

All incoming clients for next two weeks will be cancelled and full refund will be processed by Bhutan tourism council and tour operators.



We continue to monitor the situation and will update you as and when required. We will keep you updated on the situation & further development.. For the latest updates you may visit <u>https://www.gov.bt/covid19/</u>