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Date: January 21, 2022

Dasho Dzongdags/Thrompons  
20 Dzongkhags and 4 Thomdes

**Sub: Preparation for school board examinations**

Dear Dashos,

The Ministry of Education would like to inform you that despite the surge of COVID-19 cases in the country, the Board Examinations for X and XII scheduled from 14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 shall be conducted as announced earlier. This is in accordance with a high level virtual consultative meeting the Ministry of Education had with the Hon'ble Prime Minister and HE Health Minister on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022. In order to ensure smooth conduct of the board examinations, the Dzongkhag and the Thromde administrations are hereby requested to undertake the following:

1. All schools will immediately operate on self-containment mode;
2. The boarding schools shall admit the day-scholars as boarders immediately; the students should be tested for COVID before the admission into the hostel;
3. All day schools shall make necessary arrangements such as hostel and kitchen facilities to accommodate students on campus; the students should get tested for COVID 19 before entering the campus;
4. For day-scholars and those boarder students of schools in the red zones such as Wangduephodrang, Sarpang, Punakha and Samdrup Jongkhar who could not join their schools on 14 January 2022, shall report to school only after undergoing quarantine and getting checked for COVID-1;
5. Dzongkhag and Thromde administrations shall also make necessary arrangements to accommodate teachers who will also stay on containment mode with the students until the examinations are over;
6. Each school will identify students with co-morbidity issues so that the necessary attention can be paid to them;
7. In-coming students shall be housed in different accommodation from those students who are already in the school;
8. Schools should stagger timing for meals and other activities to avoid crowding and mixing of students.
9. Schools are advised to plan a reporting system in a staggered manner to avoid mass gatherings;
10. Except for students who are required to undergo quarantine, the rest of the students should report to schools latest by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.



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11. Each school shall develop a standard operating procedure (SoP) for smooth coordination during the reporting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, on campus and after the conduct of examinations.

Dzongkhags/Thromdes may contact following officials for further information.

1. Karma Galay, Director General, DSE - 17719477
2. Kinley Gyeltshen, Chief, SPCD - 17685536 (West)
3. Karma Wangchuk, Chief, SHND - 17632271 (East)
4. Dorji Wangchuk, Chief, PSD - 17761714 (Private Schools)
5. Kinley Gyeltshen - DCPO, PSD - 17782085 (Central)
6. Pema Wangchuk, DCPO, SPCD - 17500411 (South)

As always, the Ministry of Education shall remain indebted for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

(Karma Tshering)

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1. HE Education Minister, Ministry of Education, Thimphu for your information, please.
2. HE Finance Minister, Ministry of Finance, Thimphu for your information, please.
3. HE Health Minister, Ministry of Health, Thimphu for your information, please.
4. Dasho Secretary, Chairman, SC19TF, Phuntsholing for your kind support.
5. Dasho Secretary, Chairman, EC19TF, Samdrup Jongkhar for your kind support.
6. Dasho Secretary, Chairman, WC19TF, Wangduephodrang for your kind support.
7. Director, Prime Minister Office, Thimphu, for information
8. Director Generals/Director, DYS/DAHE/DCPD & DoS, MoE, Thimphu for your information.
9. Director, BCSEA, Thimphu for your information.
10. Office file.