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## Notification

### Subject: Staggered reopening of schools for the academic year 2022

Pursuant to the press release from the Prime Minister's Office dated 26 March 2022, the Ministry of Education is pleased to notify the Dzongkhag and Thromde authorities of the following:

1. Classes **VII, VIII, IX, X and XII** to reopen for the academic year 2022 from **4 April 2022**.
2. Classes **PP-VI** will re-open from **18 April 2022**. However, if any students of these classes have not been vaccinated, they should report to school on **28 April 2022**.
3. ECCDs will reopen on **28 April 2022**.
4. School management should monitor the situation very closely and any students with flu like symptoms should be discouraged from coming to school (if they are day scholars) and should be kept in separate rooms (if they are boarders).
5. School management should ensure that health focal teachers monitor the students with underlying health conditions, very closely. Health condition of these students should be reported regularly to the Chief Programme Officer of School Health and Nutrition Division (SHND), who will in turn update the National COVID-19 Taskforce on daily basis.
6. It may also be noted that due to frequent lock downs and change in reopening dates of the schools, many students may not have procured the school uniforms and other essentials including stationeries. The shops selling school uniforms and stationeries may not have adequate stock to meet the demand for these items. Therefore, the school authorities are required to relax the use of school uniforms and other essentials until the students and their parents are able to arrange them.
7. All the schools should continue to strictly follow COVID-19 safety protocols and SOPs developed by the schools, particularly that of wearing masks and washing hands regularly. Technical guidelines will be developed by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), Ministry of Health after assessing the situation of Classes VII, VIII, IX, X and XII after they reopen and circulate them to the schools.
8. All Dasho Dzongdas and Dasho Thrompons are requested to further instruct your respective DEOs and TEOs to direct the Principals of schools under your jurisdiction to follow this notification.

(Karma Galay)

Offtg. Secretary

Copy to:

1. Hon'ble Lyonchhen, Gyalyong Tshokhang, Thimphu for kind information.
2. Her Excellency, Chair National COVID-19 Task Force for kind information.



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3. His Excellency, Sherig Lyonpo, MoE for kind information.
  4. The Dasho Dzongdags/Thrompons, all the Dzongkhags/Thromdes for kind information.
  5. Director General, Desuung Head Quarter, Thimphu for kind information.
  6. All HoDs, Ministry of Education for kind information.