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

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- Social Distancing, no gathering , mainly stay at home,

Re- Respiratory Etiquette,

A- aseptic practices (hand wash,hand sanitizing)

M – proper use of 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

Functions permitted as per the country alert level are given below in Annex I.

For easy reference see the color-coded diagram indicating the alert levels given in Annex II.

The Ministry of Health will announce the alert level based on the epidemiological situation of COVID 19 in the country.


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

Activity	Alert Level			
	Alert Level 1 (list 1)	Alert Level 2 (list 2)	Alert Level 3 (list 3)	Alert Level 4 (list 4)
Number of people allowed outside	All	All	Only 2 persons permitted unless engaged in essential services/ permitted work	1
Public transport	Normal functions with adherence to DReAM	Only allowed to transport passengers up to the seating capacity of the bus/train	Only allowed to transport passengers up to 75% seating capacity of the bus/train	Only allowed to transport passengers up to 50% seating capacity of the bus/train
Private taxi services	Normal functions with adherence to DReAM	Maximum number of passengers is limited to two for cars and trishaws. For other types of vehicles, it is limited to 50% of the seating capacity.		Maximum number of passengers is limited one for cars and trishaws. For other types of vehicles, it should be limited to 25% of the seating capacity.
Utility services – electricity, water, telecommunication, Petrol stations, LP gas stations, motor garages / tyre services and postal/courier services	Normal functions with adherence to DReAM		Provide all essential services with minimum staff	
Government Offices	Normal functions with adherence to DReAM		With minimum number of staff required. Others to work from home where feasible.	Only essential staff members. Others to work from home where feasible.

Private sector offices	Normal function with adherence to DReAM		With minimum number of staff required. Others to work from home where feasible.	Only essential staff members. Others to work from home where feasible.
Export Oriented Industries (Garments, agriculture etc)	Normal function with adherence to DReAM		Function within a bio secure bubble (i.e. ensure secure accommodation and transport for workers) under close supervision of area MOH.	
Supermarkets	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	1.5m ² of available walking space can be considered as adequate for 1 person. A maximum of 75% of the total number of 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.	1.5m ² of available walking space can be considered as adequate for 1 person. A maximum of 50% of the total number of 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.	1.5m ² of available walking space can be considered as adequate for 1 person. A maximum of 25% 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	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	1.5m ² of available walking space can be considered as adequate for 1 person inside the individual shops. For shops: A maximum of 75% 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.	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.	Closed

Financial institutions (banks, finance companies, pawning centres etc)	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 75% 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.	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.	A maximum of 25% 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	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	1.5m ² of available walking space should be considered as adequate for 1 person. A maximum of 75% 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.	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.	Closed
Agriculture based	Normal operations with strong adherence to DReAM			
Grocery	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 75% 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.	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.	A maximum of 25% 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	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 50% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time	A maximum of 50% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a given time	A maximum of 25% 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.	adhering to the instructions given. To be strictly supervised by village implementation committees.	adhering to the instructions given. To be strictly supervised by village implementation committees.
Economic centres (Arthika madyasthana)	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	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.	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. To be strictly supervised by village implementation committees.	A maximum of 25% 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. To be strictly supervised by village implementation committees.
Bakery	Normal functions with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 75% 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.	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.	A maximum of 25% 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 under supervision of Village implementation committees			Not Allowed
Construction sites	Allowed			Restricted to premises
Barber and Beauty Salons	Normal functions with adherence to DReAM	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.		Closed
Furniture, Electrical, Hardware stores	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 75% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in	A maximum of 50% of the total number customers that could be accommodated in	A maximum of 25% 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.	the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.	the space available can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.
Laundry	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 75% 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.	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.	Closed
Tailors and dressmakers	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 75% 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.	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.	Closed
Communication/ photocopy shops	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 75% 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.	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.	A maximum of 25% 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	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 75% of the total number that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a	A maximum of 50% of the total number that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a	A maximum of 25% of the total number that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed at a

		given time adhering to the instructions given.	given time adhering to the instructions given.	given time adhering to the instructions given.
Prison	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 25% of the total number of visitors that could be accommodated in the space available can be allowed.	No visitors allowed	
Health Sector	Normal function with adherence to DReAM		Can function with minimum possible number to maintain service requirement adhering to the instructions given	
Day care	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	75% of the capacity	50% of the capacity	Closed
Preschools	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	75% of the capacity	50% of the capacity	Closed
Schools	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	Grade 9 and above only	Closed	Closed
Higher education centres including universities	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	50% of the capacity	Closed	Closed
Tuition classes	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	50% of the capacity	Closed	Closed
Weddings	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	Can be held with the number of guests not exceeding 50% of the seating capacity of the hall up to a maximum of 200 guests adhering to the instructions given.	Can be held with maximum of 50 guests adhering to the instructions given.	maximum of 20 guests adhering to the instructions given.
Funerals (Except COVID-19 deaths)	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	Taking all possible precautions to minimize the number attending to less than 50% of the capacity of the premises up to a	Taking all possible precautions to minimize the number attending to a maximum of 25 persons at a	Taking all possible precautions to minimize the number attending to a maximum of 10 persons at a

		maximum of 50 persons at a given time adhering to the instructions given.	given time adhering to the instructions given.	given time adhering to the instructions given.
Parties/events/ (indoor)	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	Number of participants should be restricted 50% of the capacity of the premises	Not Allowed	
Parties/events (outdoor)	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	Number of participants should be restricted 50% of the capacity of the premises	Not Allowed	
Public gatherings	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	Number of participants should be restricted 50% of the capacity of the premises	Not Allowed	
Places of worship	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	No collective activities or gatherings (except for weddings) as per the instructions given. Number of devotees at a given time should be restricted to 50% of the capacity of the premises, with a maximum of 50 people at any given time.	No collective activities or gatherings (except for weddings with permitted number above) as per the instructions given. Number of devotees at a given time should be restricted to a maximum of 25 people at any given time.	Religious observances at home
Boarding houses	Normal function with adherence to DReAM		Can remain at full capacity adhering to the instructions given. However no new persons should be given accommodation. Can remain at full capacity adhering to the instructions given. However no new persons should be given accommodation.	
Gymnasiums, indoor sports halls	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	Can function up to 75% of the capacity of the gymnasium or the hall adhering to the instructions given.	Can function up to 50% of the capacity of the gymnasium or the hall adhering to the instructions given.	Closed
Walkways	Open only to walk by self and no crowding allowed			

Cinemas, theatres	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	50% of capacity	Closed
Children's parks	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	50% of capacity	Closed
Carnivals, musical shows, beach parties	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	50% of capacity	Closed
Swimming pools	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	50% of capacity	Closed
Beach	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	Open but gatherings not allowed	Open but gatherings not allowed
Restaurant (dining in)	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 50% of the total seating capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.	Closed
Restaurant (take away/delivery)	Normal operations with strong adherence to DReAM		
Wine stores	Open with adherence to DReAM		Closed
Pubs and bars	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 50% of the total seating capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.	A maximum of 25% of the total capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given
Casino, night club	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 50% of the total capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.	Closed
Betting centres	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 50% of the total capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given. A maximum of 50% of the total seating capacity can be allowed at a given time strictly adhering to DReAM	Closed

Spas	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 50% of the total capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given.	Closed
Day rooms and home stays	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 50% of the total capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given	Closed
Hotels, rest houses and guest houses	Normal function with adherence to DReAM	A maximum of 50% of the total capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given A maximum of 50% of the total capacity can be allowed at a given time adhering to the instructions given	Closed

Annex II (English) - Color coded diagram indicating the alert levels

