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Subject: Restrictions on activities and movement to prevent Covid-19 spread.

To prevent Covid-19 & the new variant Omicron spread & considering the current situation, of the infection rate, socio economic situation & to keep smooth operation of the economic activities, the inter-ministerial meeting has decided the following directives from 13th January, 2022 until further notice on the movement:

- 1. People have to wear masks in shopping malls, markets, hotels, and restaurants, Otherwise, they have to face legal action.
- 2. Mask wear is mandatory in office, court and in all public places. Mobile courts will be operated countrywide to penalize violations of the health guidelines.
- 3. To dine at restaurants & to check in hotel for stay, a vaccine certificate must be furnished.
- 4. Students aged 12 years and above will not be allowed to attend classes in-person unless they are vaccinated after the date set by the education ministry.
- 5. Screening facilities at land, sea and airports have to be increased. Embargoes would be imposed on crews to prevent them from leaving the vessels. Only truck drivers will be allowed at the land port and no assistant to assist the driver are allowed to enter. No visitors will be allowed at airports.
- 6. Public transport, including buses, trains and launches will have to carry passenger's half of their capacity. The authorities concern will issue separate guidelines in this regard. Drivers and their assistants in vehicles must provide proof of vaccination.
- 7. All international arrivals will have to show a COVID-19 vaccine certificate and undergo a rapid antigen test.
- 8. Imams will have to raise awareness about following the coronavirus health rules, such as physical distancing, during sermons of Friday prayers. Deputy commissioners and upazila nirbahi officers will monitor this issue
- 9. The health ministry has been ordered to ramp up activities to raise awareness about the booster shots of the vaccines with the help of the information and broadcasting ministry.
- 10. All kinds of social, political, religious gatherings and rallies will remain suspended till further notice.
- 11. Local administration can take measures upon discussion if any unusual situation occurs in any area.

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