



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presents its compliments to all Diplomatic and Consular Missions, and Offices of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and International Organizations residing in Myanmar and has the honor to inform them that in light of the recent surge in the number of locally-transmitted cases of COVID-19 in Sittwe, Rakhine State, the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has issued the following precautionary restrictive measures on 20 August 2020 for the local people and all the travellers to and from Rakhine State in an effort to prevent and control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- (a) People residing in Sittwe Township are to observe "Stay-at-home" order with effect from 20 August 2020;
- (b) Permission must be sought from the Rakhine State Government, should anyone residing in the townships placed under Stay-at-home order need to make essential travel to another township or state or region to undertake their urgent official duty or for health reasons;
- (c) Those travelling by road from the townships placed under Stay-at-home order are subject to 14-day Quarantine upon arrival at the respective state or region, and two PCR Nasal Swab tests during the quarantine period;
- (d) Those travelling by air from Sittwe to Yangon commencing 20 August 2020 are subject to 14-day Facility Quarantine and two PCR Nasal Swab tests during the quarantine period. Travellers will also be subject to another 7-day Home Quarantine even after both test results are found negative.

(e) Foreign nationals are advised to avoid unnecessary travel to Rakhine State for the time being except on essential or urgent missions. Those who need to travel to Rakhine State to undertake their essential or urgent duties relating to health or humanitarian projects in collaboration with the Government need to seek prior permission and will have to stay in Rakhine State at least for two months. On their return from Rakhine State, they will also be subject to 14-day Quarantine at their original Township of stay and two PCR Nasal Swab tests during the quarantine period. Only if both PCR test results are found negative, they may resume their duties. The charges for PCR tests must be borne by themselves.

It would be highly appreciated if the Missions and Offices could kindly observe the directives relating to the precautionary measures against the COVID-19 issued by the authorities concerned for the health and safety of the people and the members of the diplomatic missions and the offices residing in Myanmar.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic and Consular Missions, and Offices of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and International Organizations residing in Myanmar the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nay Pyi Taw, 2nd August 2020

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