## Guidelines for the COVID-19 Alert Level Traffic Light System

**COVID-19 Alert Level Traffic Light System:**

- **Consists of 4 levels** based on the average percentage of new cases to tests, in addition to the level of occupancy in intensive care unit, as follows:

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Alert levels

- **Green**: When the rolling average percentage of new cases out of tests carried out is **below 2% for 14 days**.
- **Yellow**: When the rolling average percentage of new cases out of tests carried out is **between 2 – 5% for 7 days**.
- **Orange**: When the rolling average percentage of new cases out of tests carried out is **between 5% and less than 8% for 4 days**.
- **Red**: When the rolling average percentage of new cases out of all tests carried out is **8% or more for 3 days**.

- **Moving from a higher alert level to a lower one** would require staying at the same level for a period of no less than a week.
- **Moving up from a lower alert level** to a higher one can be immediate.
- **For example**, it would be possible to directly move from the green to the red level without going through the yellow and orange levels if the data indicated the need to.
- **The thresholds set for each alert level** is subject to change according to data and developments.
Green level

When the rolling average percentage of positive cases out of tests carried out is below 2% for 14 days.

The following activities are for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals:

- Retail shops
- Shopping malls
- Providing the option to attend education and training institutions
- Entering standalone government centres
- Gyms, sport halls and swimming pools
- Restaurants and cafes
- Organising events and conferences in external spaces
- Playgrounds and entertainment centres
- Barbershops, salons and spas
- Public attendance of sporting events in outdoor areas

Limited to:

- Vaccinated green shield holders
- Those recovered from COVID-19
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a vaccinated or a recovered person

- Cinemas with up to 50% of the facility’s capacity
- Organising indoor events and conferences
- Attendance of indoor sporting events

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Yellow level

When the rolling average percentage of positive cases out of tests carried out is between 2 – 5% for 7 days.

Only the red, orange, and yellow alert levels will be adopted during this phase until at least 80% of individuals aged 40 and above have received a booster shot.

Work policy
Applying 30% work-from-home policy across all government entities

The following activities are for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals

- Retail shops
- Entering standalone government centres
- Providing the option to attend education and training institutions
- Holding of private events at home, with no more than 30 attendees

Limited to:

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- Those recovered from COVID-19
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a vaccinated or a recovered person

- Shopping malls
- Cinemas with up to 30% of the facility’s capacity
- Events and conferences
- Restaurants and cafes indoor services
- Barber shops, salons and spas
- Audience attendance at sporting events
- Indoor gyms, sport halls and swimming pools
- Playgrounds and entertainment centres

The essential sectors that will remain open are:

Hypermarkets, supermarkets, grocery stores, and stores that sell meat products and fresh vegetables, bakeries, fuel and gas stations, private health clinics, with the exception of some health services for which a circular is to be issued by the National Health Regulatory Authority, banks and currency exchange services, administrative offices of institutions and companies, whose activities are not directly customer facing, import and export distributors, automobile repair and spare parts shops, businesses operating in the processing, construction and maintenance sectors, factories, telecom operators, pharmacies.

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Orange level

When the rolling average percentage of positive cases out of tests carried out is between 5% and less than 8% for 4 days.

**Work policy**
Applying 50% work-from-home policy across all government entities

**Mandatory rapid testing**

**Vaccinated and not-vaccinated individuals can**

- Hold home gatherings with a limit of no more than 6 people
- Have the option to attend education and training institutions

**Limited to:**

- Holding outdoor events and conferences for 50 people, and in indoor areas for 30 people
- Restaurants and cafes outdoor service for 50 people, and in indoor areas for 30 people per reservation
- Outdoor gyms, sport halls and swimming pools
- Retail shops outside of shopping malls
- Barber shops, salons and spas (services that do not require removing the mask)
- Outdoor cinemas
- Shopping malls
- Outdoor playgrounds and entertainment centres
- Public attendance of sporting events in outdoor areas
- Entering standalone government centres

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Red level

When the rolling average percentage of positive cases out of all tests carried out is 8% or more for 3 days.

**Work policy**
- Applying 70% work-from-home policy across all government entities
- Mandatory rapid testing

### Closure of all below sectors
- Suspending attendance at all educational and training institutions, activate distance learning, with the exception of attendance for international examinations
- Shopping malls
- Gyms, sport halls and swimming pools
- Barber shops, salons and spas
- Audience attendance at sporting events
- Restaurants and cafes
- Cinemas
- Events and conferences
- Retail shops outside of shopping malls
- Holding of private events at home
- Playgrounds and entertainment centres

### Limiting shop and restaurant services to external orders and delivery

**Limited to:**
- Entering standalone government centers

**Vaccinated green shield holders**

**Those recovered from COVID-19**

**Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a vaccinated or a recovered person**

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