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‘LOCKDOWN’ THE VIRUS THROUGH BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

More than 95% of cases that are presently active in the State are from Shillong. Two distinct and worrisome characteristics of this virus is its high transmissibility and its invisible nature (asymptomatic). The only way to handle the spread of the virus is understanding these two important characteristics of this virus by every individual. The right understanding will lead to right behaviour among everyone for taking responsibility of their actions, both in personal and public space. This Behaviour Change is possible only by strengthening the capacity of every individual by practicing the necessity to wear a mask, maintain physical distancing and practicing hand hygiene to isolate the virus in their own space. Hence the Government has decided to observe the next two working days i.e. on 13th and 14th of July shall be observed in Shillong City agglomeration region as ‘Lockdown the virus through Behavior Change’. During this period, the Shillong City and the surrounding areas shall be under curfew until 0600 hrs of 15th of July, 2020. This time shall be productively used by the Community Covid Management Committees and the newly set up Behaviour Change Management Committees of various localities to inculcate awareness about the cardinal principles of Behaviour Change at the household level. Remember we need to fight and isolate this virus together, not just the Government or the Health workers, but we all need to be Covid Warriors.

This lockdown period will also be used for tracing the contacts of the positive persons who are in Shillong so that further spread may be contained. It is urged that everyone strictly adheres to the lockdown so that the virus can be isolated.