

**NOTIFICATION
OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF PRIME MINISTER NGUYEN XUAN PHUC
AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT ON
COVID-19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

On 13 April 2020, Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has chaired the Regular Meeting of the Government on Covid-19 Prevention and Control. Attendees at the meeting included Standing Deputy Prime Minister Truong Hoa Binh, Deputy Prime Ministers including Pham Binh Minh, Vu Duc Dam, Trinh Dinh Dung, Minister, Chairman of the Government Office Mai Tien Dung, Minister of Information and Communications Nguyen Manh Hung, Chairman of the National Assembly's Committee for Culture, Education, Youth, Adolescents and Children Phan Thanh Binh, Deputy Chief of the Central Committee's Office Nguyen Dac Vinh, representative of the Central Propaganda Department, Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee Nguyen Thanh Phong, representative of Hanoi People's Committee, members of National Steering Committee for Covid-19 Prevention and Control.

After hearing the reports made by the National Steering Committee and the Government Office, the opinions made by the Deputy Prime Ministers and the delegates attending the meeting, the Prime Minister has the following opinions:

1. The Prime Minister appreciates highly Hanoi City, Ho Chi Minh City, and many localities implementing seriously, synchronously, and strictly measures to prevent and fight against Covid-19 epidemic under Directive No. 15/CT-TTg and Directive No. 16/CT-TTg that are supported substantially by people and achieved good results.

2. The Covid-19 epidemic situation is still extremely complicated and is at risk of infection in our community, the whole country is required not to be negligent, subjective, and not to drop our guard. It is compulsory to implement strictly emergency measures in a short time so that blockade measures will not need to be applied in the long run; to continue to take all measures regardless of sacrifice of economic benefits, and health and human life must be top priorities.

In the past few days, in some places, there were phenomena of loosening implementation of measures to prevent and fight against the epidemic, crowds of people in public places, and opening of stores and so on. Therefore, the local authorities must need to learn from experience and not allow these phenomena to occur again.

3. The Prime Minister requires all agencies, authorities at all levels, and localities to continue to strictly implement and not loosen emergency measures to prevent and fight against the epidemic under Directive No. 16 / CT-TTg, especially measures to refrain from going outside, avoid assemblage of people in public places, wear face masks, and keep a distance of a minimum two meters among people. It is mandatory to continue to tightly lock sources of infection through immigration and implement strictly detection, zoning, quarantine, and stamping out in our country; people entering Vietnam through immigration must be subject to quarantine within at least 14 days as required by regulatory regulations.

For the social distancing, the National Steering Committee is assigned to make report and propose strategy to proceed with further distancing measure after April 15, 2020 for the Prime Minister.

The National Steering Committee is assigned to formulate specific guidelines on establishment and operation of Task Forces to implement quickly traceability, zoning, and stamping out in localities.

4. The heads of agencies, authorities at all levels, and enterprises are liable to prevent and fight against the epidemic in their localities and within their authority. The local authorities shall direct strictly measures to prevent and fight against the epidemic in industrial parks, enterprises, and construction sites, and to enhance safety assurance for workers and employees; pay attention to the lives of vulnerable people.

5. The Ministry of Education and Training is assigned to report to Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam expeditiously before submitting to the Prime Minister the plan in respect of schools and exams for the 2019-2020 school year.

6. The Prime Minister requires the Ministry of Public Security, especially local police to strengthen the work of ensuring public security and order and ensuring safety for people; investigate and settle strictly crimes such as act of disturbing public order, act of racing, act of obstructing law enforcement officers and so on in the process of prevention and fighting against the epidemic.

7. The Prime Minister praises the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Information and Communications for gathering and mobilizing scientists, research experts and promptly producing effective science and technology products for traceability and control of positive cases, zoning, stamping out, forecast and etc. and make positive contributions to prevention and fighting against the epidemic; praises the Border Guards who have supervised borders since Lunar New Year until now so as to prevent and fight against the epidemic due to people from other countries who enter Vietnam.

8. The National Steering Committee has the following proposals:

- a) The State Bank of Vietnam is assigned to lead and cooperate with the Ministry of Information and Communications in directing authorities to implement cashless payment solutions to limit the risk of infection through the use of cash.
- b) Online medical examination and treatment is accepted for implementation
- c) The Ministry of Information and Communications is assigned to urgently complete and soon put into use software relating to surveillance, traceability of positive cases, control of the sources of the disease, and safety assurance without disclosing personal information.
- d) Export of medical masks, protective uniforms, and medical equipment to prevent and fight against the epidemic based on the principle of ensuring sufficient supplies of these items for domestic consumption (including storage) is accepted for implementation and these items are only exported to other countries severely affected by the epidemic. The Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, and related authorities are required to settle this task promptly without missing the opportunity.

The Ministry of Health shall expeditiously submit to the Government an amendment to Resolution No. 20/NQ-CP dated 28 February 2020 issued by the Government in order to promote export above.

9. Deputy Prime Minister Trinh Dinh Dung is required to take charge in forming the ventilator manufacturing industry in Vietnam.

The Government Office notifies relevant Ministries, authorities and People's Committees in provinces and municipalities of Vietnam for implementation./.

**MINISTER - CHAIRMAN OF
GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF VIETNAM**

(Signed and sealed)

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