

Cabinet Holds Weekly Meeting

Doha, January 05 (QNA) - HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al-Thani chaired the Cabinet's regular meeting held at its seat at the Amiri Diwan on Wednesday.

Following the meeting, HE Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Sulaiti issued the following statement:

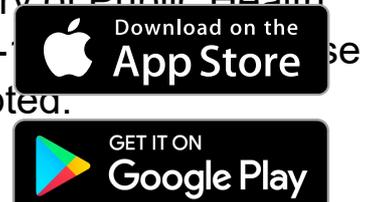
At the outset of the meeting, the Cabinet reviewed the report of HE Minister of Public Health Dr. Hanan Mohammed Al Kuwari on the latest developments to limit the COVID-19 spread and the report of the Supreme Committee for Crisis Management in this regard. The Cabinet affirmed the continuation of the precautionary measures that have been taken to combat the pandemic, and in the interest of the health and safety of all members of society, it decided the following:

First:

1- Continuation of all employees in the government sector to carry out their work at their place of work, and allowing all employees in the private sector to carry out their work at their place of work.

2- Continuing to allow meetings to be held for employees and workers in the government and private sectors who are at their workplace in the presence of no more than 15 people who have completed doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, provided that the rest of the meetings use modern technical means.

3- Continuing to oblige all employees and workers in the governmental and private sectors that are unvaccinated or have not completed the two COVID-19 doses to conduct rapid antigen tests approved by the Ministry of Public Health on a weekly basis. Those who have recovered from COVID-19 and those that have taken at least two COVID-19 vaccines, are exempted.



4- Continuing to wear masks in all open and closed public places, with the exception of people who practice sports in open places.

5- Continuing to obligate all citizens, residents and visitors to activate the EHTERAZ application on smart phones when leaving the house for any reason.

6- Continuing to open mosques to perform daily duties and Friday prayers, children under 12 years old are not allowed to enter, while adhering to the precautionary measures set by the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs. Toilets and ablution facilities remain open.

7- Continuing to allow social gatherings in homes and councils according to the following:

A) The maximum presence of 10 people who have completed COVID-19 doses in closed places in homes and majlis, with the exception of family members residing in the same house.

B) The maximum presence of 15 people who have completed COVID-19 doses in open spaces in homes and majlis, with the exception of family members residing in the same house.

8- Continuing to allow weddings to be held in wedding halls in hotels and independent wedding halls only, and for people who have completed doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to the following:

A) The presence of no more than 30 percent of the capacity of the closed wedding hall, and a maximum of 40 people.

B) The presence of no more than 50 percent of the capacity of the open wedding hall, and a maximum of 80 people.

9- Continuing to allow gatherings or sitting in public parks, beaches and the Corniche with a maximum of 15 people or family members residing in the same house. Individual sports such as walking, running and cycling are allowed, as well as the use of playgrounds and sports equipment in those parks. Beaches remain open, not exceeding 75 percent of the capacity. The parks specified by the Ministry of Municipality.



10- Continuing the work of obliging all citizens and residents when leaving and moving for any reason that no more than four people are in the vehicle, including the vehicle's driver, with the exception of family members residing in the same house when leaving and moving in vehicles.

11- Continuing to allow people to be transported by buses not to exceed 60 percent of the bus's capacity, while taking precautionary measures.

12- Continuing the operation of metro services and public transport services, not exceeding 60 percent of the capacity throughout the week, with the continued closure of places designated for smoking and not allowing food and drink in the mentioned means of transport.

13- Continuing to allow the opening of driving schools, and to provide their services with a capacity not exceeding 50 percent, provided that all trainers and trainees have completed doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

14- Continuing to allow the opening of theaters and cinemas and the provision of their services not exceeding 50 percent of the capacity, provided that all have completed doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. (MORE)

