



དཔལ་ལྷན་འབྲུག་གཞུང་།  
གསོ་བ་ལྷན་ཁག།  
ཐིམ་ཕུ།

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
Secretary's Office  
THIMPHU BHUTAN  
P.O BOX: 726



Ministry of Health, Bhutan

Ref no- MOH/SEC/44/2019-20/ 3951

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

## Executive Order

Simulation exercises (SiMEXs) and drills are one of the most useful tools for monitoring, testing and strengthening the functional capacities to respond to any potential public health emergency and disaster. It also tests and evaluates emergency policies, contingency plans and procedures. The timely conduct of SiMEXs by the health sector and its stakeholders has helped to mitigate the negative effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the simulation exercises is the only way to keep ourselves prepared for any health emergency and disaster.

Given the significance of conducting SiMEX on regular basis, the administration of all Referral Hospitals, District Hospitals and Primary Health Centers are directed to conduct SiMEX or mock drill at the respective health facilities at least once a year. The conduct of SiMEX and drills should be based on the risk profiling as per your Health Emergency and Disaster Contingency Plan.

Further, all the Medical Superintendents/ District Health Officers/ Chief Medical Officers are directed to include this activity in the Annual Performance Agreement (APA) and the funds secured.

The Emergency Medical Services Division (EMSD) under the Department of Medical Services shall time to time provide technical guidance and training. The report for the conduct of the SiMEXs and drills should be submitted to EMSD at [emsd@health.gov.bt](mailto:emsd@health.gov.bt).

(Pemba Wangchuk)  
Offtg. Secretary

Copy to:

1. Dasho Dzungda: All Dzongkhags for kind information
2. Medical Superintendents: JDWNRH, CRRH and ERRH for necessary actions
3. DHOs: All Dzongkhags for necessary actions
4. CMOs/MOICs: All hospitals for necessary actions
5. Office copy