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NEW COVID-19 CHANGES

- The country is now ready to enter a new phase in its management of COVID-19 as fewer people are becoming severely ill and require hospitalisation.
- Cabinet has eased several restrictions as part of Adjusted Alert Level 1.
- Until the proposed health regulations are finalised, both indoor and outdoor venues can now take up to 50% of their capacity provided that occupants have proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test not older than 72 hours.
- Where there is no provision for proof of vaccination or a COVID test, the current upper limit will remain- 1,000 people indoors and 2,000 people outdoors.
- The maximum number of people permitted at a funeral is now 200. Night vigils, after-funeral gatherings and 'after-tears' gatherings remain prohibited.
- It remains mandatory to wear a mask over the nose and mouth when in public indoor spaces. However, a mask is not required for outdoor gatherings.
- This means that we still need to wear masks when public places like shops, malls, offices, factories, taxis, buses, trains or any other indoor public space.
- Government intends to lift the National State of Disaster as soon as the process of public comment on the health regulations has been completed.
- The pandemic is not yet over, we should remain cautious.