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Coronavirus: Destination Updates

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With parliamentary polls scheduled to be held on August 5, Sri Lanka is still grappling with its second largest cluster with over 500 cases from a drug rehabilitation center in the north central region. A sudden spike two weeks ago nearly forced another lockdown as contact tracing from the drug center led to cases from many areas. However the authorities said the cluster had been brought under control. The sudden spike led to more stringent application of quarantine laws with people being arrested on the streets for non-wearing of masks.

The International airport, which authorities had planned to reopen on August 1, would remain closed. Sri Lanka is soon to publish fresh health guidelines for tourists intending to visit the country, as a move to resuscitate the tourism industry.

The coronavirus case count in Sri Lanka now stands at 2,752 cases with 2,064 recoveries according to latest health ministry figures. 11 deaths are reported due to the virus.

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