

# **To discuss health guidelines** PAFFREL requests EC to convene urgent meeting

The People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL) Organisation, submitting a letter to the Chairman of the Election Commission (EC) Mahinda Deshapriya, has requested him to convene an urgent meeting with representatives of all political parties who are set to contest the 5 August General Election, to discuss about the pros and cons of following the guidelines formulated for the Poll by the Director General of Health Services.

They have urged Deshapriya to identify the health guidelines that directly concern the political parties

ahead of incorporating them into the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance and then gazette them accordingly.

The PAFFREL Organisation has stated that if an agreement can be reached with the representatives of political parties who are set to contest the coming Poll, it would be far more convenient for the EC to implement and the political parties to adhere to the guidelines that have been formulated to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during the Election period.