



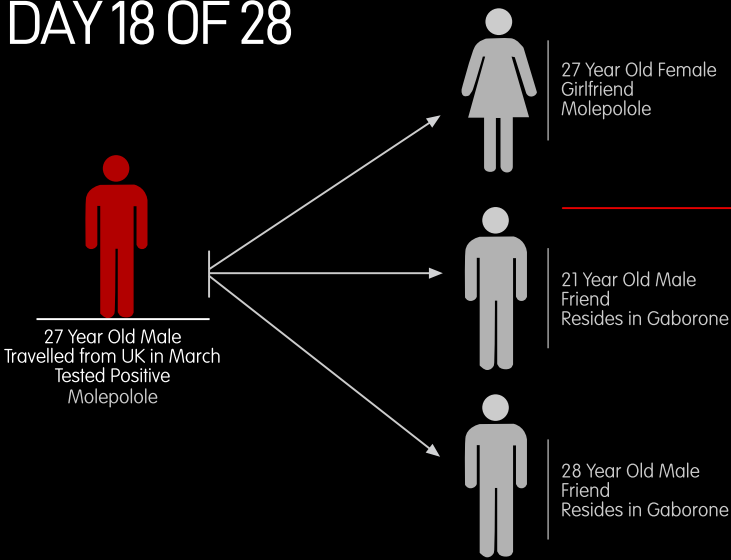
PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE

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COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN

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Five NEW Cases Confirmed

Latest 5 Confirmed Cases



As of 19 April 2020, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in Botswana is 20.

The Minister of Health & Wellness Dr Lemogang Kwape announced the 5 new cases on Sunday saying they include two of the 10 police officers who had travelled to the United Kingdom for training.

He said the other three had contact with the known existing case. The minister said so far there are 6 cases of local transmission.

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~ HE Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi*

CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

19/04/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	4683
Negative Cases	4663
Positive Cases	20
Total Deaths	1
New Confirmed Cases	5

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



WASH HANDS AFTER BLOWING YOUR NOSE

Message from His Excellency Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi



Dumelang Batswana betsho. We are doing a lot of work. We receive daily briefs from the COVID-19 Task Force and I am providing strategic direction. I have also been busy raising funds and necessary goods for the COVID-19 Relief Fund in preparation for our national response to COVID-19.

I remain positive that we are going to overcome this biggest challenge as a nation and a people.

Finally, I urge all of you to obey the law including law enforcers without exception. I once again assure you that the reported incidents of alleged abuse will all be investigated and reported on. Anyone who abuses their authority or assumes authority they do not have will face the wrath of the law or administrative sanction.

Stay at home, wash your hands regularly with soap & water, sneeze and cough into your inner elbow. Do not drink or smoke and keep at least two metres away from others, and avoid handshakes.

Keep your families safe during this time. God bless you all.

Jack Ma donates again

China's Jack Ma and Alibaba Foundation has made a second donation of medical supplies and equipment to Botswana which will be used in the fight against COVID-19.

The consignment arrived in Gaborone on 16th of April and consists of 18 900 swabs and viral transport medium, 18 912 extraction kits, 3 700 medical protective clothing, 3 800 face shields, 2 ventilation machines, 36 thermometer guns, 9 500 medical gloves and 10 320 N95 masks.

The medical supplies comes at the time when the

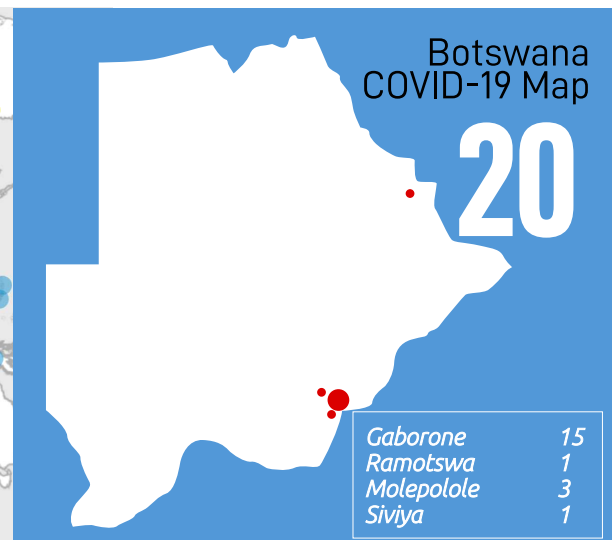
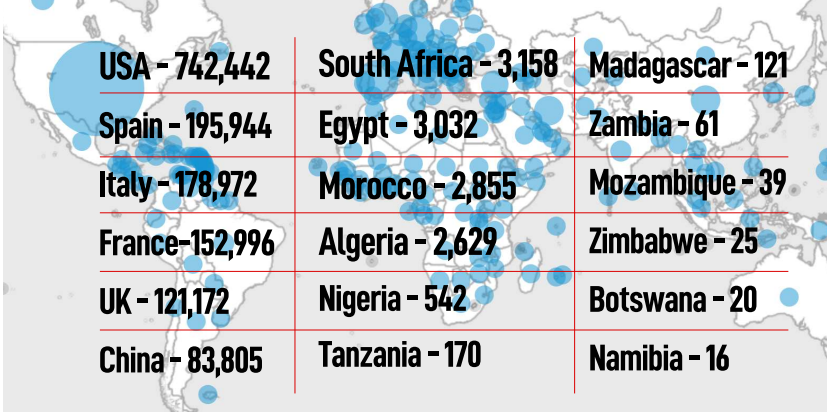


Ministry of Health and Wellness is rolling out contact tracing for COVID-19, starting today.

The consignment was received by the health ministry Deputy Permanent Secretary-Health Management Service Dr Morrison Sinvula, DPS Health Policy Research, Moses Keetile, Chief of Protocol - John Moreti and other senior government officials.

@ Johns Hopkins University & Medicine 19/4/20

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



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What is contact tracing and why is it important?

Contact tracing is a process designed to halt the chain of transmission of an infectious pathogen - like the coronavirus - and slow community spread.

When someone tests positive for an infectious disease they become a "case." Public health workers then reach out to the case, first of all to make sure they have what they need and that they are self-isolating, and then to figure out who they had contact with who may be at risk of infection, too.

Closely watching these contacts after exposure to an infected person will help the contacts to get care and treatment, and will prevent further transmission of the virus.

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This monitoring process can be broken down into 3 basic steps:

Contact identification

Once someone is confirmed as infected with a virus, contacts are identified by asking about the person's activities and the activities and roles of the people around

them since onset of illness. Contacts can be anyone who has been in contact with an infected person: family members, work colleagues, friends, or health care providers.

Contact listing

All persons considered to have contact with the infected person should be listed as contacts. Efforts should be made to identify every listed contact and to inform them of their contact status, what it means, the actions that will follow, and the importance of receiving early care if they develop symptoms. Contacts should also be provided with information about prevention of the disease. In some cases, quarantine or isolation

is required for high risk contacts, either at home, or in hospital.

Contact follow-up

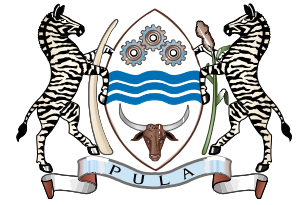
Regular follow-up should be conducted with all contacts to monitor for symptoms and test for signs of infection.

Source @ WHO and NPR

Lockdown Offences											
Division	Intentional Exposing a Person Publishing Deceiving Statements on Social Media	Misrepresentation of a Person having COVID - 19	Unlawful Movement of Persons During Lockdown	Refusal to be Quarantined	Obstructing /Assaulting a law enforcement officer	Violation of transport permit in contravention of COVID 19 Regulations	Unlawful gathering of more than two persons	Prohibited sale of tobacco	Operation outside Limitation of hours of trade	Unlawful manufacture of Sanitisers	
South Central	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	
South	0	0	115	0	0	0	1 case (1 x 5 People)	4	0	0	
North Central	0	0	45	0	0	0	4 cases (1 x 4 People) (1 x 4 People) (1 x 3 People) (1 x 6 People)	0	0	0	
North	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
TOTAL	0	0	309	0	1	0	5	10	0	0	

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COVID-19 E-PERMIT APPLICATION SYSTEM

Applying for Permits for Exceptional Movement of Persons during the State of Public Emergency

Stage 1 | Registration

- I. Log on to www.gov.bw
- II. Applicant's Details A (Personal details)
- III. Contact details of 2 household members
(Fill out your contact details)

Stage 2

- I. Click on Category of Permit (Fill appropriate Part)
- II. Essential Services (State)
- III. Transport of Essential Goods
- IV. Special Permit (Select reason)

Stage 3

- I. Notification by sms if Approved
- II. Notification by sms if pending
- III. Notification by sms if not approved

-NB APPLY THE NEXT DAY IF NOT APPROVED

Please Note

I. The best Permit is to stay home and save lives

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