



PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN

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DAY 27 OF 28

5 COVID-19 RECOVERIES

– Director Health Services, Dr Tshipayagae

Five (5) patients who have been under medical care at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital have fully recovered and subsequently discharged from the isolation facility to join their families. These are the first confirmed recoveries in Botswana.

New Confirmed COVID-19 Case makes it 23

Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force Deputy National Coordinator Professor Mosepele Mosepele says Botswana has recorded one more positive case of COVID-19. This brings the total number of cases to 23.

Prof Mosepele said to date 6,548 samples have been tested and 6,525 came back negative. He also urged Botswana and members of the media to respect the privacy of patients and families affected.

"Let me urge you all to dedicate some moment of your time to ask God Almighty for guidance, wisdom and protection during this difficult period. With prayer, all things are possible."

~ President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi

CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

28/04/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	6548
Negative Cases	6525
Positive Cases	23
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	5
New Confirmed Cases	1

PREVENT THE SPREAD
OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



WASH HANDS AFTER
BLOWING YOUR NOSE

The Lockdown Extended in Phases

Phase I

The current lockdown conditions period will be extended by one week, from **May 1st to May 7th, 2020**. During this period, The Government will also develop and finalize regulations for a phased lifting of lockdown rules in low risk sectors.

Phase II

Starting from **May 8th to May 14th**, Government, will lift in a phased manner, some lockdown rules while at the same time introducing additional plans for further lifting of the remaining lockdown rules.

Phase III

From **May 15th to May 22nd**, which will be the final week of the lockdown extension, Government will lift the remaining rules from the original lockdown rules implemented on March 30th, 2020.

COVID-19 stigma refuses to shake off

The COVID-19 stigma proves harder to shake off for those tested or those identified as contacts of COVID-19 cases.

Speaking to the bulletin, Public Health Specialist Dr Thebeyame Macheke said COVID-19 fight will not be won by health workers alone but rather changed positive behavioural patterns and unified national efforts.

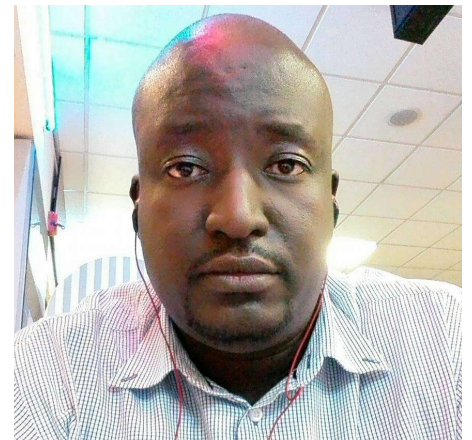
He said even though there has not been a pattern to show that people do not want to come forward when showing fluish symptoms and has travel history, stigmatisation is an issue that cannot be



STIGMA

ruled out. Dr Macheke said initially there was stigmatisation towards certain foreigners resulting in questions whether they had been free to come forward to seek medical attention when they developed symptoms.

He however said there have been an element of discrimination against locals who were quarantined as contacts of COVID-19 cases or those with a recent history of overseas travel. He said there are always suspicions of possible illness for families visited by health officers donned on Personal Protective Equipments.



Dr Macheke

"We cannot say the extent of the magnitude of the problem but anecdotal data suggest it exists. We are also not sure of the extent to which it affects our interventions," Dr Macheke said.

@ Johns Hopkins University & Medicine 27/04/20

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,008,066	Egypt - 5,042	Eswatini - 71
Spain - 232,128	South Africa - 4,996	Malawi - 36
Italy - 201,505	Madagascar - 128	Zimbabwe - 32
France - 166,036	Ethiopia - 126	Angola - 27
UK - 162,350	Zambia - 95	Botswana - 23
China - 83,938	Mozambique - 76	Namibia - 16

Botswana
COVID-19 Map

23

Gaborone	18
Ramotswa	1
Molepolole	3
Siviya	1

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HOW TO PUT ON A FACE MASK



1. *Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before touching the mask.*
2. *Remove a mask from the box and make sure there are no obvious tears or holes in either side of the mask.*
3. *Determine which side of the mask is the top. The side of the mask that has a stiff bendable edge is the top and is meant to mold to the shape of your nose.*
4. *Determine which side of the mask is the front. The coloured side of the mask is usually the front and should face away from you, while the white side touches your face.*
5. *Follow the instructions below for the type of mask you are using.*
 - *Face Mask with Ear loops: Hold the mask by the ear loops. Place a loop around each ear.*
 - *Face Mask with Ties: Bring the mask to your nose level and place the ties over the crown of your head and secure with a bow.*
 - *Face Mask with Bands: Hold the mask in your hand with the nosepiece or top of the mask at fingertips, allowing the headbands to hang freely below hands.*

Bring the mask to your nose level and pull the top strap over your head so that it rests over the crown of your head. Pull the bottom strap over your head so that it rests at the nape of your neck.

6. *Mold or pinch the stiff edge to the shape of your nose.*
7. *If using a face mask with ties: Then take the bottom ties, one in each hand, and secure with a bow at the nape of your neck.*
8. *Pull the bottom of the mask over your mouth and chin.*

HOW TO REMOVE A FACE MASK

1. *Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before touching the mask. Avoid touching the front of the mask. Only touch the ear loops/ties/band. Follow the instructions below for the type of mask you are using.*
2. *Face Mask with Ear loops: Hold both of the ear loops and gently lift and remove the mask.*
3. *Face Mask with Ties: Untie the bottom bow first then untie the top bow and pull the mask away from you as the ties are loosened.*
4. *Face Mask with Bands: Lift the bottom strap over your head first then pull the top strap over your head.*
5. *Throw the mask in the trash. Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer.*

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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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