



PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN **PHASE 1**

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H.E. Receives Donation

President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi last night received a consignment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) donation from the global comedian Mr Steve 'Mothusi' Harvey, his wife Mrs. Marjorie 'Lesedi' Harvey and the United Arab Emirates. President Masisi appreciated the noble gesture extended to Batswana during this time. He said the equipment will go a long way in assisting frontline workers engaged in the fight against COVID-19.

"Based on our response to date and the current trajectory of the disease, we have decided to open our economy albeit incrementally, while observing the disease patterns. The easing of the Lockdown may be reviewed from time to time depending on the Covid-19 situation in the country and the region." - Vice President Slumber Tsogwane

COVID-19 ZONES

For the purpose of preventing, controlling or containing the spread of COVID-19, the country has been divided into COVID-19 Zones. During this period a person shall only be required to have a permit when travelling across a COVID zone. Non-essential travel between COVID zones is discouraged.

SAY NO TO TOBACCO
IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 AND ALWAYS



HIGHER CHANCE OF TRANSMISSION
FROM HAND TO MOUTH

CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

05/05/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	9540
Negative Cases	9517
Positive Cases	23
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	9
Active Cases	13

Tautona o bega ka tseletso tse disha

Motlotlegi Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi a re go tlaa nna le ditseletso tsa mesepele (permits) tse disha tse di tla dirisiwang mo legatong la bobedi le la boraro go laola metsamao ya batho ka nako eno ya COVID-19.

E rile a bua kwa phuthegong ya Palamente e e haphegileng maabane, Tautona Masisi o ne a tlhalosa fa puso e dirile thulaganyo ya gore go tlaa bulwa jang ka go latelana go akaretsa madirelo mangwe. O supile fa se, se tlaa simolola ka Labotlhano.

“Go simolola ka Labotlhano go tlaa bo go dirisiwa tseletso e mmala o pink e tlaa bong e dirisiwa sebaka sa beke tse pedi fela, e bo e tswa mo tirisong.” A re tseletso eo, e tlaa rebolwa ka nako gore e goroge kwa bathong go itsa mosuke, a tlatsa ka gore e tlaa bo e le ya ba ba letleletsweng fela.

Motlotlegi Tautona one a tswela

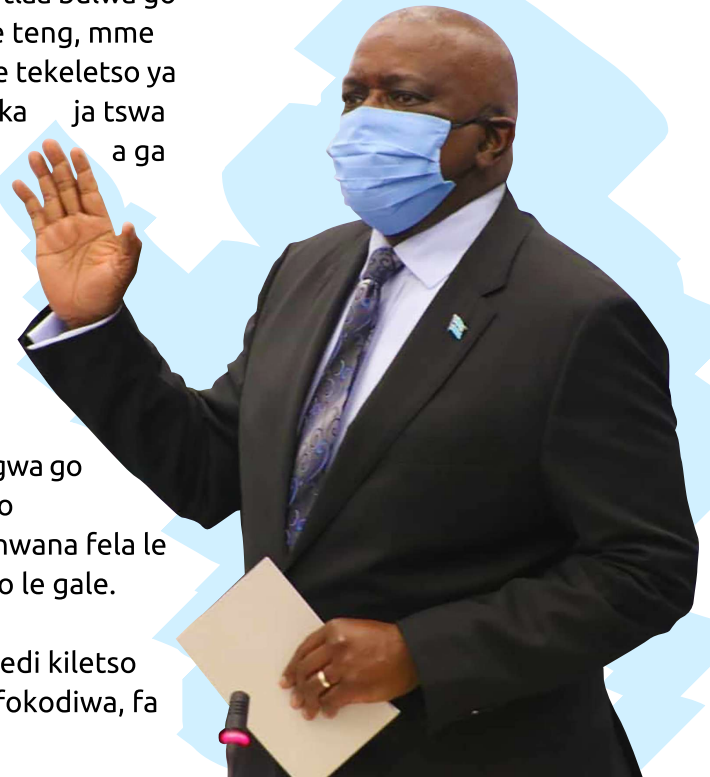
boraro go ya pele, go tlaa dirisiwa ditseletso tsa mmala o motala tse ka tsone tseletso e letlang go ka ya kwa dikgaolong tse dingwe (inter-zonal). A re batho ba ba nnang mo dikgaolong tse dingwe mme ba berekela mo go tse dingwe ba tlaa akola ditseletso tseo.

Rre Masisi a re marekisetso le madirelo mangwe a tlaa bulwa go oketsa a ntseng a le teng, mme maikaelelo a se, e le tekeletso ya gore bolwetse bo seka ja tswa mo taolong. Mafoko a ga Tautona, a sala morago pego e a kileng a e baya setshaba pele kgwedi e fetileng e ya fifing. A re go simolola Motsheganong a rogwa go fitlha a supa, kiletso metsamao e tlaa tshwana fela le e e neng e beilwe go le gale.

Mo legatong la bobedi kiletso metsamao eo e tla fokodiwa, fa

mo legatong la boraro go tla bo go sena ditsetlana tsa kganno metsamao mme go beilwe leitlho seemo sa bolwetse.

Tautona o ne gape a lebogela batlotlegi Mapalamente boineelo ja bone le go tla go diragatsa melao mo nakong eno ya COVID-19.



The Lockdown Extended in Phases

Phase I

The current lockdown conditions period will be extend 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.

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The amended COVID-19 emergency power regulations

From 8th May 2020 until 20th May 2020

- i) Businesses and schools may operate provided that the Director of Health Services is satisfied that such institutions have the capacity to take body temperatures of all persons accessing the business or school
- ii) There should be regular disinfecting of business, trade or school premises
- iii) Upon direction of the Director of Health Services, business, trade or school may be closed in case there is reasonable suspicion that the person who has accessed such may have had contact with a COVID-19 positive person.
- iv) Parents or guardians have the responsibility to ensure that a child at pre-primary, primary and secondary schools is wearing a face mask.
- v) The Director of Health Services has been given the discretion, in consultation with the Ministry responsible for Tertiary Education, to direct the opening of schools in a phased manner, and under such conditions as the Director may specify.
- vi). During this period, people may move between cities, towns, villages and districts to attend a funeral of an immediate member of the family or access ranches, gardens, masimo and meraka, provided they are issued with a permit.
- vii) However, during this period, no liquor outlets and tobacco business shall be allowed to operate until further notice.

From 21st May 2020 until end of the State of Public Emergency

- i) For the purpose of preventing, controlling or containing the spread of COVID-19, the country has been divided into COVID-19 Zones. During this period a person shall only be required to have a permit when travelling across a COVID zone. Non-essential travel between COVID zones is discouraged.
 - ii) It is mandatory for businesses, churches and funeral hosts to keep a register of all individuals that access these premises for purposes of contact tracing. With regard to churches, they can hold one (1) service a week and shall not exceed ten (10) congregants.
- During the state of public emergency, traders will not be allowed to sell surgical masks to persons who are not in the medical profession
This is meant to ensure that personnel involved in the fight against COVID-19 have sufficient supplies of Medical Grade Masks.

Dr Kwape confirms 1 more COVID-19 Recovery Case

The Minister of Health and Wellness Dr Lemogang Kwape announced yesterday that Botswana has registered one more recovery case.

The announcement which was made during the debate to affirm the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Amendment No.4 Regulations 2020, means that recovery cases now stands at 9, while Active Cases of COVID-19 is 13.

Botswana has conducted 9,360 cases of COVID-19 while 9,337 of the Laboratory performed tests are negative.

Tertiary institutions resume classes next month



The Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology Dr Douglas Letsholathebe says a proposal has been made for tertiary institutions to resume classes early June.

In his contribution during the special sitting of Parliament to affirm the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Amendment No.4 Regulations 2020, Dr Letsholathebe said his ministry was working around the clock to ensure institutions refurbished ablution facilities and installed water basins as well as sanitisers where students can wash their hands as required. This, he said, was to guarantee a safe environment for students and to curb COVID-19 infection. He explained that social distancing protocols will also be observed in classrooms.

In March the Government decided that schools be closed until further notice. The decision to close schools as explained by President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi back then, was not only necessitated by the need to maintain a social distance among pupils, but to also ready school in case health facilities got overwhelmed.

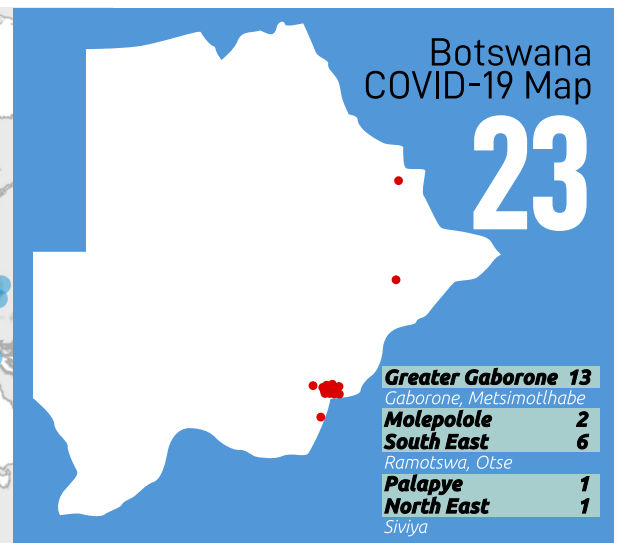
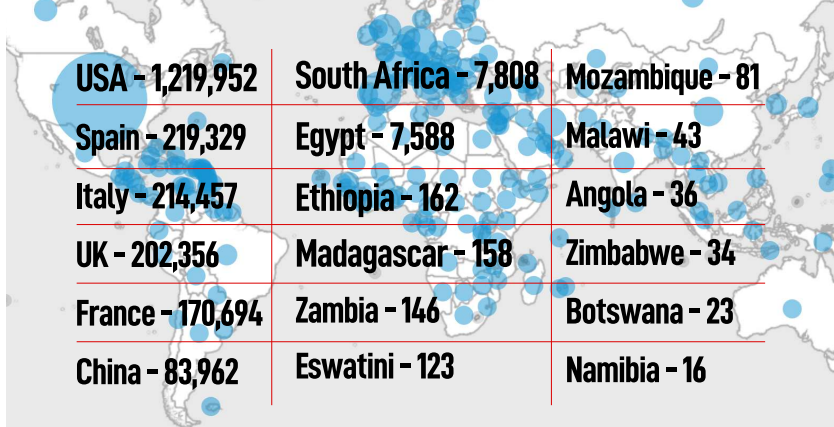
TRUCK MONITORING

05-06 MAY 2020

BORDER	Arrival	Departure
Tlokweng	52	57
Ramatlabama	70	35
Martin's Drift	30	103
Pioneer	43	31
Mamuno	61	54
Kazungula Road Border	11	6
Kazungula Ferry	56	43
Ngoma	3	0
Ramokgwebana	4	5
Mohembo	0	0
Sub Total	330	334
Total	664	

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



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