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RETURN TO WORK PINK PERMITS FOR THOSE TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF AND INTO GABORONE SUSPENDED

Following the confirmed COVID-19 case of a truck driver who came into Gaborone through the Tlokweng Border, on Saturday 09 May 2020, the COVID – 19 Presidential Task Force would like to advise the public that **only** those who have been issued Pink Permits for travel into and out of Gaborone are suspended with immediate effect until further notice. This therefore declares Gaborone a high-risk area and members of the public are strongly advised to limit their movements.

The businesses at which the Truck driver transacted with, being Choppies at Fairgrounds Mall, Puma filling station at Fairgrounds Mall, CA Sales and Distribution at Commerce Park, were closed immediately with their employees advised not to go to work until further notice.

Those that he came into contact with the truck driver are being traced while the driver is currently admitted at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital. Various places of business where the truck driver visited on his way for delivery have been identified, registers have been collected and contact tracing has earnestly commenced as mentioned.

Businesses are reminded to maintain a register all who enter their places of business and ensure that they are COVID – 19 compliant. Individuals are also advised that they keep a diary of their movements for ease of contact tracing.

Those holding the current Essential Services permit will be allowed to travel into and out of Gaborone except for those holding the Pink Permit. While the public is urged to continue to take all the necessary precautions to avoid contracting the corona virus, it is assured that an effective screening system to contain the spread of the pandemic is in place.

Thank you

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