



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

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## Community testing on the cards

Government is working on a plan to roll out community testing as part of the efforts to fight COVID-19.

In an interview, the Minister of Health and Wellness Dr Lemogang Kwappe said community testing which was expected to be rolled out in a week would help identify hot spots and contain the virus.

"Through community testing, we are tracking the virus. We are trying to contain and keep the virus at bay," he said. Minister Dr Kwappe noted that the 12 patients admitted at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital after testing positive for COVID-19 were recovering well including the one who was in a critical condition.

**Members of Parliament on quarantine, will be tested after 10 days.**

### CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

14/04/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	3441
Negative Cases	3428
Positive Cases	13
Total Deaths	1
New Confirmed Cases	0

PREVENT THE SPREAD  
OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



WASH HANDS AFTER  
BEING IN A PUBLIC SPACE

# Cyber awareness

As the world grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic, cybercriminals on the other hand are actively looking for opportunities to exploit unsuspecting users.

The National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) therefore advises Batswana to be cautious of common remote access platforms used for videoconferencing and remote systems access such as Skype, ZOOM, Cisco Webex and TeamViewer which have become susceptible to cyber hacking. Although these platforms are

advertised as having end-to-end encryption, there are many reports showing possibilities of hacking. Singapore has just suspended the use of ZOOM video conferencing tool as cyber criminals hacked virtual meetings and classrooms designed to mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

The cyber environment is currently at its most vulnerable as institutions and people alike have resorted to virtual staff meetings, shopping and learning online due to social distancing and lockdown.



## All is not gloom during extreme social distancing

### #LockdownChallenge

**Batswana have joined the world in sharing the feel-good content in social media platforms to entertain and uplift moods during the 28 days of extreme social distancing.**

They are using the content to ease emotions and anxiety that come along with being confined in the same space for a long time without much activity. The content challenges the other person to share among others, culinary skills and dance moves centred on the activities that one engages in during the lockdown period to ease the monotony.

However, the pillow challenge emerged popular strange as it seemed, as it had no reasons except that you are in your house, and so are your pillows. Why not turn your pillow into a fashion statement with a belt to pull out glamour.



According to Glamour magazine, people all over the world were doing it. A quick search turned up posts from Italy, the U.K., Belarus, French Guiana, Israel, Germany, Bolivia, Iran, and Russia. **What has been your feel good activity during this lockdown?**

	BARS	RESTAURANT	DEPOTS	OTHERS	COMPLETED BY A OF G	PENDING
South Central	0	0	0	3 Residential (Shebeen/Traditional brew)	2	1
South	0	0	0	5 Residential (Shebeen/Traditional brew)	5	0
North Central	0	0	0	25 Residential (Shebeen/Traditional brew)	15	10
North	0	0	0	4 Residential (Shebeen/Traditional brew)	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	37	25	12

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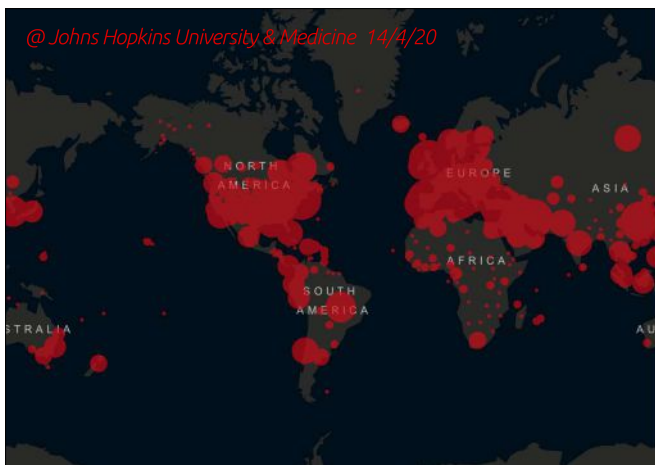
**Insight:**

The World Health Organisation Director General Tedros Adhanom has rightly stated that countries fighting the coronavirus should “Test, Test, Test”. As we have argued in our primer on Covid-19 Testing in the UK, moving towards mass testing is essential for both getting people the treatment they need now and for eventually easing lockdown measures and enabling people to get back to work. Weekly testing of whole populations would allow immediate quarantine of those infected and allow lockdowns to be gradually released.  
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Tedros Adhanom  
Director General, WHO

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 584,073	South Africa - 2,415	Nigeria - 343
Spain - 172,541	Egypt - 2,190	Zambia - 45
Italy - 162,488	Morocco - 1,838	Mozambique - 28
France - 137,887	Cameroon - 848	Zimbabwe - 17
UK - 94,829	Tunisia - 726	Namibia - 16
China - 83,306	Code d'Ivoire - 626	Botswana - 13

## Spain relaxes lockdown

**Spain - Around 300 000 nonessential workers are estimated to have gone back to their jobs in Spain's Madrid region on Monday as the country began a partial lifting of lockdown restrictions aimed at curbing the spread of coronavirus, a spokesperson for Madrid's regional government told CNN.**

As Spain enters its second month of lockdown, some restrictions were eased, allowing those who cannot work from home, such as those in the construction and manufacturing industries, to return to work. However, shops, bars, and restaurants and other businesses considered nonessential remain closed. Lockdown restrictions have helped slow

a spiralling death rate that reached its peak in early April, but they have tested the resolve of people cooped up inside their homes.

“You finally convince yourself that we are at home for a good cause,” said Benito Guerrero, 28-year-old communication consultant still locked at home in Madrid.

“I wouldn't want to go back to work again until it is strictly necessary since that would put my health and others at risk.”

The country has now recorded a total of more than 17,400 deaths. On Monday, it recorded the second-lowest daily rise in deaths for three weeks: 517 fatalities in the past 24 hours. (CNN)

# 1,949,210

**The number of COVID-19 confirmed cases worldwide**

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### COVID-19 virus can be transmitted in areas with hot and humid climates

From the evidence so far, the COVID-19 virus can be transmitted in ALL AREAS, including areas with hot and humid weather. Regardless of climate, adopt protective measures if you live in, or travel to an area reporting COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself against COVID-19 is by frequently cleaning your hands. By doing this you eliminate viruses that may be on your hands and avoid infection that could occur by then touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.

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