



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

**COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN**

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## H.E. Released From Home Quarantine

**H**is Excellency the President of the Republic of Botswana, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has been released from home quarantine.

Speaking to Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force Bulletin, Press Secretary to the President, Mr Batlhalefi Leagajang confirmed that indeed the first citizen and his deputy were given the green light by the Director of Health Services, Dr Malaki Tshipayagae after testing negative for COVID-19.

His Excellency and Members of Parliament were placed under quarantine after they were exposed to a nurse on duty who had tested positive to COVID-19. This was after a special meeting to discuss a request by President Masisi for an extended state of emergency.

The President, Vice President and all legislators went on quarantine the 9th of April 2020.

DAY 22  
OF 28

### CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

23/04/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	5567
Negative Cases	5545
Positive Cases	22
Total Deaths	1
New Confirmed Cases	0

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



HIGHER CHANCE OF TRANSMISSION  
FROM HAND TO MOUTH

# Protected Together

## #VACCINESWORK

### Implementation of Child Health Day interventions

**T**he month of May is designated for Child Health Day (CHD) which aims to accelerate high impact interventions that include Immunisations and Vitamin A Supplementation.

Ministry of Health and Wellness therefore advises that all Child Health Days activities should be conducted in cognizance of the COVID-19 preventive measures.

The ministry says Immunisations and Vitamin A Supplementation should be given on the scheduled day of the child's Child Welfare Clinic day.

All districts are therefore advised to implement all CHD as scheduled from

1st to 31st May 2020.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Thursday warned that shutting down immunisation services in the COVID-19 pandemic will trigger a resurgence of diseases that can be prevented with safe and effective vaccines.

This came ahead of World Immunisation Week celebrated in the last week of 24 to 30 April.

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros

This year's theme is  
#VaccinesWork for All

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Ghebreyesus noted that when immunisation

services are disrupted, even for brief periods during emergencies, the risk of vaccine-preventable disease

outbreaks, such as measles and polio, increase. "Disease outbreaks must not remain a threat when we have safe and effective vaccines to protect us," said WHO Director-General.

"While the world strives to develop a new vaccine for COVID-19 at record speed, we must not risk losing the fight to protect everyone, everywhere against vaccine-preventable diseases. These diseases will come roaring back if we do not vaccinate."

This year's theme is #VaccinesWork for All and the campaign will focus on how vaccines and the people who develop, deliver and receive them are heroes by working to protect the health of everyone, everywhere.

### Illegal manufacturing of hand sanitisers



**T**he high demand for hand sanitizers due to COVID-19 has resulted in some individuals manufacturing illegal products which are slowly entering the market.

Botswana Police Service Public Relations Officer Mr Dipheko Motube said it had become evident that some individuals wanted to profit from the current situation of the pandemic.

He said they have so far recorded 5 cases since lockdown whereby perpetrators were using products such as hair conditioners, hand soap, engine cleaners, spirit and other substances to manufacture illegal disinfectants. He noted that they have been

charged with illegal manufacturing of sanitisers and trading without licences. Mr Motube said they were suspicions that the alleged products were not meeting the set standards by Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS). He therefore, cautioned Botswana to be on the lookout so that they do not fall victims of counterfeit products which were also a hazard.

BOBS recently announced that they have developed and published a regulatory standard on alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

BOBS wishes to remind that non-compliance by illegal traders will lead to confiscation and charges will be effected against unscrupulous traders and manufacturers.

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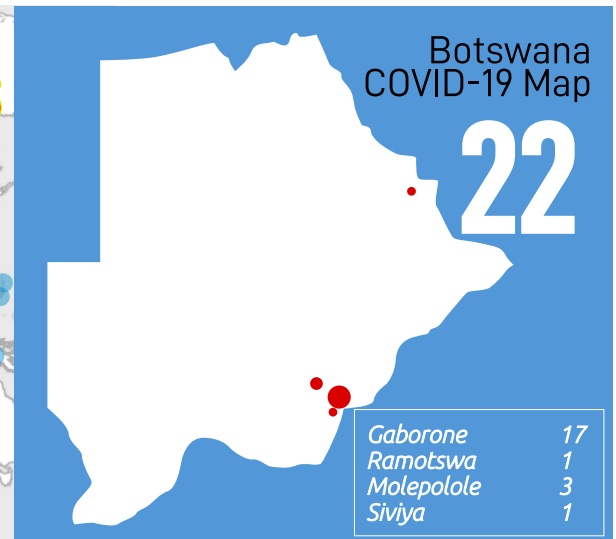
The NEOC is located on the 4th floor at the Ministry of Defence Justice and Security.



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# COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 856,209	South Africa - 3,953	Madagascar - 121
Spain - 213,024	Egypt - 3,891	Zambia - 76
Italy - 189,973	Morocco - 3,537	Mozambique - 41
France - 157,135	Algeria - 3,007	Zimbabwe - 28
UK - 139,246	Nigeria - 873	Botswana - 22
China - 83,878	Tanzania - 284	Namibia - 16



## KGAOLO POTLANA YA GOOD HOPE E ABELA BATSWANA DIJO

**M**okwaledi wa kgaolo potlana ya Good Hope Rre Robert Rabasimane a re kgaolo ya gagwe e gatetse pele mo go diragatseng lenaneo la go abela Batswana dijo ka nako eno ya COVID-19.

Rre Rabasimane o buile se mo potsolotsong le ba Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force Bulletin, are ba setse ba sekasekile malwapa a le dikete tse tlhano le makgolo a mane (5,400), mme a re mo palong eo ke malwapa fela a le dikete tse nne le makgolo a mabedi le masome a matlhano (4250) a tla thusiwang ka dijo. A re ba setse ba abetse malwapa a le dikete tse nne le masome a mararo (4030) dijo.

Mokwaledi a re ba fetile seelo se ba neng ba se ipeetse, sa gore ba ofisi ya boipelego a le mongwe a sekaseke malwapa a le lesome ka letsatsi. O supile fa modiri wa ba ofisi ya boipelego a le mongwe o sekaseka malwapa a le masome mararo ka letsatsi, a tlatsa ka gore ba abela banni dijo gone foo ba fetsa go dira tshekatsheko. Rre Rabasimane a re mo lenaneong la go abela Batswana dijo



Mr Rabasimane

tsa temo-thuo, ba setse ba abetse Batswana ba le sekete le makgolo a mabedi (1200) dijo di akaretsa mmidi, magapu, nche, dinawa, morogo le makgomane.

Rre Rabasimane o ne gape a bolela fa ba tsweletse le ka mananeo a mangwe a go phakisa ba ba kobo dikhutshwane le batlhoki dijo jaaka ba ntse ba thuswa ke puso. E rile a tsibogela dikgang tsa gore ba ofisi ya boipelego ba tlole malwapa a a ageletsweng ka mabotana, o ne a tshwaela fa ba sa dire jalo, re ba tsena mo malwapeng otlhe go sena kgethololo.

Le fa go ntse jalo Rre Rabasimane a re o tshwenngwa ke dipego tsa gore go na le Batswana bangwe ba ba sa amogeleng badiri ba Boipelego mo malwapeng a bone, a re Batswana ba tshwanetse go tlhaloganya gore ba leka ka bojotlhe gore ba akaretswe mo ditshekatshekong tsa bone.

**COVID-19 Tollfree Lines**  
**16649**  
**0800 600 111 | 0800 600 740**

You can catch COVID-19, no matter how sunny or hot the weather is. Countries with hot weather have reported cases of COVID-19. To protect yourself, make sure you clean your hands frequently and thoroughly and avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.



#Coronavirus #COVID19

**FACT:**  
Exposing yourself to the sun or to temperatures higher than 25C degrees DOES NOT prevent the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)







## Batswana kwa Lotlhakane, ba tsweletse ka go nna mo malwapeng

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# Germany praised for handling COVID-19

**C**hancellor Angela Merkel says her country took lessons from South Korea. As restrictions are eased, Merkel has pointed to South Korea as an example of how Germany will have to improve measures to “get ahead” of the pandemic with more testing and tracking of cases to slow the infection rate.

Derided by many economists for insisting on a balanced budget, and criticised for a health care system seen as bloated and overly expensive, Germany has found itself well equipped now to weather the Coronavirus pandemic. Already applauded for early actions such as social-distancing regulations and aggressive testing seen as helping keep the death toll comparatively low, Europe's largest economy has had the financial flexibility to launch a massive rescue plan to help businesses and keep workers paid.

Germany is now taking cautious steps to ease restrictions, allowing smaller shops to reopen this week while sticking to strict social-distancing guidelines and requiring face masks on public transport and in stores. The effect will be analysed after two weeks to see whether infections have again started to significantly climb. “We must not overwhelm our health care system,” Merkel said, warning restrictions could be snapped back.

“The best path is one that is careful, and not taken light-heartedly.” [source@shropshirestar](#)

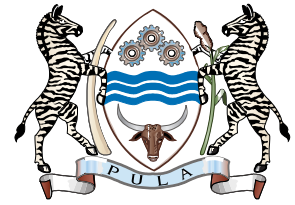


Angela Merkel  
German Chancellor

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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](http://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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