



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN **PHASE II**

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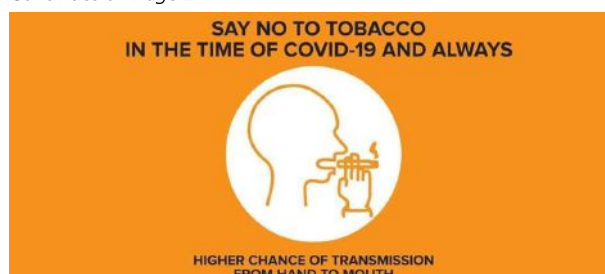
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## THE 2ND PHASE OF LOCKDOWN STARTS TODAY

**A**s Phase 2 of Lockdown kicks in, Government will now ease the COVID-19 restrictions over a three week period. This will commence with the return to work phase starting today, 8th May 2020 until 14th May 2020.

In an interview with Botswana Television, Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force National Coordinator Dr Kereng Masupu said during the Phase 2 layout, people will continue to stay home and apply for movement permits using the current systems. For employees returning to work, employers must contact their line ministries to apply for access to a portal that will register and issue pink permits for their employees to travel to their workplace localities.

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**COVID-19 Tollfree Lines**  
**16649**

**0800 600 111 | 0800 600 740**

### ***CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS***

***07/05/2020***

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	10080
Negative Cases	10057
Positive Cases	23
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	9
Active Cases	13

# The Lockdown Extended in Phases

## Phase I

The current lockdown conditions period will be extended by one week, from May 1st to May 8th, 2020. During this period, the Government will 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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Dr Masupu said the overall intention is for employees, both the public and the private sector to return to work in a phased approach in order to avoid mass movement of people from across the country at the same time.

He lamented that this approach will

ensure that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be managed in an effective manner in order to avoid a sudden and uncontrollable outbreak.

He said during the initial phase which is May 8th 2020, it will be mandatory that only 25% of the workforce

returns to work from their lockdown baseline staffing levels. In addition, he said relevant ministries shall guide their respective sectors on the process to follow in order to return to work incrementally through a permit system.

### ***While opening, organisations must ensure that the following is carried out on a continuous basis;***

- Maintain a register of all employees, visitors, customers and others.
- Always observe social distancing of 1 - 2 metres apart
- 2 to 3 times cleaning / disinfection of office equipment
- Provide sanitizers or means of washing hands
- Wearing of a tight fitting cover over the mouth and nose (home-made masks)
- Deny entry to anyone who fails to abide by the guidelines

It is in the best interest of the nation that all employers ensure that the necessary measures are put in place, and are adhered to in order to combat the spread of COVID-19. Employers are therefore, urged to source the required materials before employees return to work.

Be **SMART** & inform yourself about  
#coronavirus



Follow accurate public health advice from WHO & your local health authority



Follow the news on latest coronavirus updates



To avoid spreading rumors, always check the source you are getting information from



Don't spread rumors

Learn more to Be **READY** for #COVID19:  
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# What people living with HIV need to know about HIV & COVID-19

## What is coronavirus?

Coronavirus is a virus that causes COVID-19, a serious disease. COVID-19 comes from a new strain of coronavirus that can be transmitted from person to person and has now spread to many countries in the world. The first case of COVID-19 in Botswana was confirmed on 30 March 2020.



## How does coronavirus spread?

Coronavirus spreads through very small droplets from people coughing or sneezing, or from touching contaminated objects and surfaces.

## What are signs and symptoms of COVID-19?

- High fever
- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache

In more severe cases, it may lead to:

- Pneumonia
- Severe Respiratory Syndrome
- Kidney Failure
- Death

Symptoms appear 2 to 14 days after infection. Symptoms can be severe and life-threatening in people of older age, those with weakened immune systems and other chronic illnesses including lung and heart disease, obesity and diabetes.

## Stay safe

### HOW CAN I PREVENT INFECTION?

- Frequently wash hands with soap and clean water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.



- Cover the nose and mouth when sneezing with a flexed elbow or tissue. Throw the tissue away, and immediately wash hands.
- Avoid contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

## Be prepared

### ARE THERE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV?

All people living with HIV and other underlying health conditions should **take all prescribed medications on time**. This is the most important action to take to stay safe from COVID-19, along with staying at home to minimize exposure.

- Ensure you have the necessary **supply of medication for HIV, TB, hypertension, diabetes and any other health condition for at least 30 days or for two months** and take it on time.



- Go directly to the dispensary to fill existing prescriptions for ARVs. It may be possible to obtain medication for two months at a time to minimize trips. Routine doctor and nurse consultations are not necessary at this time.



- **Key populations**, including sex workers, gay men and other men who have sex with men, transgender people and prisoners, should ensure that they have essential means to prevent HIV infection, such as condoms and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Adequate supplies of other medications, such as contraception, should also be obtained.

If you have fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call the **COVID-19 help-desk at 16649** or call **997 if it is an emergency**

- If you have a health question, call your clinic rather than going in person. If you have to go to the clinic, show your appointment notice at the checkpoint to be granted movement to the clinic.



## Support yourself and people around you

- The outbreak of COVID-19 may cause fear and anxiety: take care of each other and your loved ones.
- People living with HIV have decades of experience of resilience and strength and can draw on their history to support communities in this crisis.
- Take care of the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, as they are the most vulnerable to COVID-19.
- Pay particular attention to your mental health:
  - > Discuss the crisis with members of your local networks of People Living with HIV networks, support groups or family and friends and maintain social connections, using the phone and internet during social distancing
  - > Take care of your body. Take deep breaths and stretch. Exercise regularly and try to eat healthy, get plenty of sleep, avoid drugs and alcohol use.

## Stay informed

- Currently there is no cure or vaccine for COVID-19.
- Only read information from trusted sources.
- Don't spread rumors.
- Know the facts about COVID-19 and always check a reliable source, such as official Government of Botswana notices from the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Botswana Facebook and Twitter pages (@BWGovernment) and the official Coronavirus update page @Covid-19\_Mohw

## Stop stigma and know your rights

- Stigma and discrimination prevents an effective response to both HIV and COVID-19.
- Know your rights to access all services including health and medication.
- Help others in your community and ensure they also have an adequate supply of food and essential medicines.





# LEA WORK ON FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP ENTERPRISES

COVID-19 has provided an opportunity for enterprises to adapt, innovate and exploit new opportunities. Local Enterprise Agency (LEA) Chief Executive Officer Dr Racious Moatshe said 13 enterprises have been identified for assistance with

scaling up to compete sustainably in the production of medical consumables and personal hygiene products.

This support, he said will also be extended to enterprises that provide goods and services that

are imported in large quantities, and will be supported through the horticulture promotion and small-stock training and production incubator projects.

Dr Moatshe said plans are at an advanced stage, and partners have been identified to develop the horticulture sector at strategic locations across the country, through provision of infrastructure and expertise that will enable the farmers to produce various crops for the local and export market.

The CEO said three locations have been identified for this purpose and clients with potential to scale up are being considered to occupy the land. LEA will use a cluster model and coordinate the cropping plan to facilitate import substitution.

He revealed that the small stock incubator is planned for Ghanzi, and will provide training with production to small stock potential farmers. Graduates from the incubator will be supported to set up commercial small stock production businesses across the country. Furthermore, LEA plays a role at the Lobu small stock farm, and will support farmers through virtual incubation to ensure business growth.

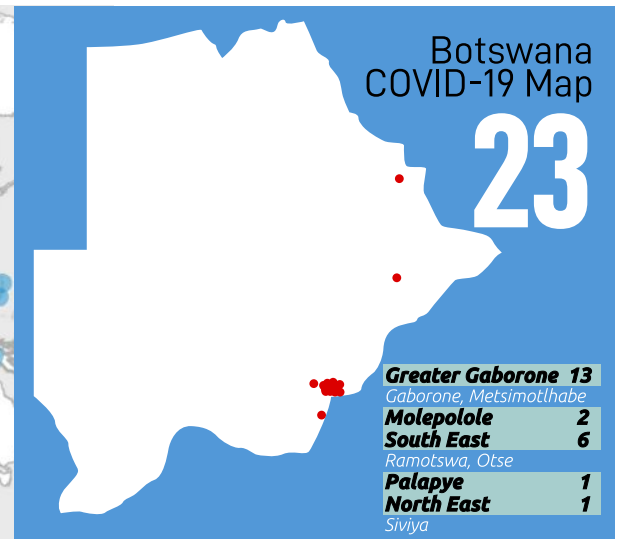
## TRUCK MONITORING 05-06 MAY 2020

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>664</b>	

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,245,622	South Africa - 8,232	Mozambique - 81
Spain - 220,325	Egypt - 7,981	Malawi - 43
Italy - 215,858	Madagascar - 193	Angola - 36
UK - 207,973	Ethiopia - 191	Zimbabwe - 34
France - 174,337	Eswatini - 153	Botswana - 23
China - 83,974	Zambia - 153	Namibia - 16



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