



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN **PHASE II**

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## Government Eases COVID-19 Restrictions ~PSP



**P**ermanent Secretary to the President, Mr Elias Magosi says Government has taken a decision to ease extreme social restrictions to allow the economy to function.

When briefing the media over the weekend, Mr Magosi said Government is monitoring the adherence of hygiene protocols through the advice of health authorities. The PSP said Government will be cautious of the high numbers of employees reporting for duty as the largest employer in the country.

Mr Magosi said the different Ministries will balance the numbers of officers who will be reporting back for duty to allow for social distancing protocols in

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### **CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS**

**10/05/2020**

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	11377
Negative Cases	11354
Positive Cases	23
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	12
Active Cases	10

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

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# The Lockdown Extended in Phases

## Phase I

The current lockdown conditions period will be extended by one week, from May 8th to May 14th, 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.

## Public transport to resume

Public road transport services shall operate from 8th to 21st May 2020, within 60 kilometre radius of the place of operation. However it was stated that public transport operators shall keep a register of all passengers on board which shall be open for inspection by the Director of Health Services or a law enforcement officer.

The road transport services shall adhere to the following conditions;

- Clean the interior and exterior of the vehicles with water and soap or sanitize 2 to 3 times a day.
- A person shall not be allowed to use public transport without wearing a face mask.
- Loading capacity for mini bus shall be 70 per cent of seating capacity with social distancing.
- A mini bus licensed to carry 16 passengers is limited to carry a maximum of 10 passengers
- Loading capacity for taxi services shall be on special or 60 per cent of the seating capacity
- A five seater vehicle is allowed to carry three passengers and driver.
- Loading capacity for a bus shall be 70 per cent of seating capacity with social distancing.
- A mini bus permitted to carry a maximum of 25 passengers shall be limited to carry a maximum of 15 passengers
- A bus permitted to carry a maximum of 65 and above passengers shall be limited to carry a maximum of 46 passengers.
- All passengers will be expected to wear a face mask.

## MITI gradually opens for business

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry has announced businesses that will start to operate during the second phase of lockdown.

Speaking during a media briefing this weekend, Ms Keganele Malikongwa said that hair saloons will however remain closed until further notice. Sale of liquor and tobacco related substance will remain prohibited in order to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The Permanent Secretary emphasised that anyone who goes to the mall without a mask will be denied entry. This is in line with the recent legislation that Government recently issued which makes it compulsory for members of public to wear masks/face coverings in public places, businesses and common areas of residential buildings with effect from 1 May 2020.

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## Permit still required to travel

~Dr Masupu

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**C**oordinator of the Presidential Covid-19 Task Force, Dr Kereng Masupu has said lifting of Covid-19 restrictions should be done in a moderate manner to avoid jeopardizing the positive gains made during the extreme social distancing period.

Speaking during a media briefing over the weekend, Dr Masupu said crowded shopping malls pose the highest risk to the containment of Covid-19 in the country. Dr Masupu urged the public to go to the shops when it is really necessary, adding

that in the second phase permits are still a requirement for going to the shops and work.

He said during the Phase 2 of Lockdown, the newly introduced pink permits will work alongside the existing Essential Services Permits and movements permits that have been in existence.

The Coordinator said the pink permit is issued to employees through their employers to allow for travel from wherever they traveled to before lockdown back

to their places of work. Dr Masupu said employers must apply for these permits on behalf of their employees.

Dr Masupu said the Essential Services Permit can be obtained online via [www.gov.bw](http://www.gov.bw) and that the same procedures still applies with a 5 day expiry.

He explained that the individual movement permits which allows one to go to the shops, health facilities and funerals inter alia, will still elapse after 4hrs.

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**Businesses allowed to operate during Phase 2 of Lockdown include the following:**

1. Baby shops
2. General clothing shops for spares & maintenance
3. Car wash
4. Drillers
5. Laundromat/dry cleaners
6. Dry-clean depots
7. Industrial hardwares
8. Haberdashery
9. Cellphone shops
10. Cosmetics

11. Commercial hardwares
12. Workshops
13. Motor dealers
14. General hire services
15. Opticians
16. Plant Hire Services
17. Informal sector business
18. Furniture shops
19. Florists

**However, businesses will have to meet requirements below to operate;**

- Maintain a register of all visitors and employees who will be coming to the mall and individual shops

- Screening of body temperature for all visitors
- Designating separate doors for entry and exit to also help manage the flow of customers
- Sanitising the entrances, rest rooms, common areas, door handles and elevators
- Clothes that have been tried by customers shall be sanitised before they are put back as part of stock.
- Businesses shall install hand sanitisers at entrances
- Dedicate a room that will be used to isolate potential positive cases
- Encourage use of smart cards for payments to minimise contact
- It is mandatory that clothes that have been tried by customers be sanitised before they are put back as part of stock

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# 50%

## of civil service to start work this week

~DPSM Director

**D**irectorate of Public Service Management Director Ms Goitseone Mosalakatane has indicated that Government is expecting 50% of the civil service to start working today until the 14th of May 2020 when Phase 1 of the Lockdown ends.

Addressing the media on

Saturday, Ms Mosalakatane said Government has been running with 25% of the staff during lockdown, adding that about 63,000 civil servants will be expected at work during this second phase.

Ms Mosalakatane said she expects the entire 127,000 to be back at

work by June 2020. She however said Government will evaluate the worker's welfare adding that health inspectors and Safety Health and Environment Officers will check whether departments comply with the regulations.

On the lessons learnt, she said that her department realized that working from home and flexi hours is possible.

### TRUCK MONITORING

08-09 MAY 2020

BORDER	Arrival	Departure
Tlokweng	54	69
Ramatlabama	77	82
Martin's Drift	74	104
Pioneer	22	31
Mamuno	47	70
Kazungula Road Border	48	40
Kazungula Ferry	67	26
Ngoma	2	1
Ramokgwebana	7	7
Mohembo	1	1
Sub Total	399	431
<b>Total</b>	<b>830</b>	

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### Govt Eases Restrictions

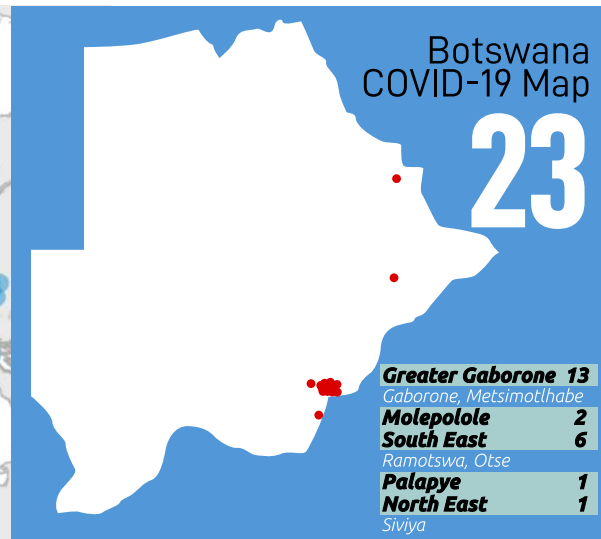
the offices. which will be back to kick start the economy against the Covid-19 scourge. He said every organization will have to abide by the gazetted regulations.

Mr Magosi thanked Cabinet, Covid-19 Task Force team and Parliament for passing laws under difficult circumstances. He thanked the frontline staff for executed their mandate diligently despite the challenges they are experiencing.

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,320,362	South Africa - 9,420	Mozambique - 91
Spain - 223,578	Egypt - 9,400	Malawi - 56
UK - 220,449	Zambia - 267	Angola - 43
Italy - 219,070	Ethiopia - 239	Zimbabwe - 36
France - 176,782	Madagascar - 193	Botswana - 23
China - 83,994	Eswatini - 163	Namibia - 16



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