



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN

**BLESSED  
EASTER  
MONDAY**

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**DAY 11  
OF 28**

## Universities join the fight against COVID-19

**I**n response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Botswana International University of Science and Technology and the University of Botswana have come up with a number of initiatives as part of the response towards the fight against COVID-19. *Page 2*

## US Hits 2000+ Deaths in 1 Day

**T**he United States of America became the first country to record more than 2,000 fatalities of covid-19 in one day. The COVID-19 death toll in the United States has surpassed Italy's as of Easter Sunday, with more than 20,087 Americans losing their lives from the virus. Italy has recorded 18,849 deaths as of Sunday.

**COVID-19 Tollfree Lines  
16649**

**0800 600 111 | 0800 600 740**

*"Mogare ga o tsamae,  
go tsamaya rona.  
Fa re ema, rea o emisa."*

~ Dr Lemogang Kwape

### **CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS**

**12/04/2020**

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	3115
Negative Cases	3102
Positive Cases	13
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



# BIUST

## Respond to COVID-19

### - Drone Disinfection

A drone sprayer to disinfect open spaces where there is inevitable people movement like at hospitals, police, district commissioners offices, shopping areas and any other areas where there is human traffic.



- **600 litres of hand sanitisers and 5 large scale dispensers.** The Sanitiser was produced in accordance with the World Health Organisation and Botswana Bureau of Standards specifications.

- **Bar and liquid soap.** The 3000 litres of liquid soap and 500 bars of soap will be donated to essential public places in Palapye and Serowe such as health facilities, police and the less privileged members of Palapye community.



## University of Botswana students initiate hand sanitisers



Sanitisers

**U**niversity of Botswana scientists have produced hand sanitisers in an effort to help fight COVID-19.

The production of hand sanitisers was initiated by students of School of

Pharmacy in the Faculty of Health Science to help alleviate the burden of COVID-19 infection in Botswana.

The 80 litres of topical solution hand sanitises was donated to Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital, which has been designated by the government as the principal site for management of COVID-19 patients.

The donation was part of the University's contribution towards alleviating the burden of COVID-19 on the country's health sector. Currently, sanitizers are scarce and very expensive.

The University has also designed a face shield that can be used as part of protective gear for medical personnel involved in the fight against COVID-19.



Face shield

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# Mo Kanye, Ba Ga Ngwaketse ba kaha mahuri



## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 532,339	South Africa - 2,028	Nigeria - 318
Spain - 166,019	Egypt - 1,939	Zambia - 43
Italy - 156,363	Morocco - 1,617	Mozambique - 21
France - 130,730	Cameroon - 820	Namibia - 16
UK - 85,175	Tunisia - 685	Zimbabwe - 14
China - 83,134	Code d'Ivoire - 484	Botswana - 13

## MYTH BUSTERS

**The new coronavirus CANNOT be transmitted through mosquito bites.**

To date there has been no information nor evidence to suggest that the new coronavirus could be transmitted by mosquitoes. The new coronavirus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose. To protect yourself, clean your hands frequently with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Also, avoid close contact with anyone who is coughing and sneezing.

- WHO

**Frequent or excessive alcohol consumption can increase your risk of health problems.**

**FACT:**

**Drinking alcohol DOES NOT protect you against COVID-19 and can be dangerous**



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#Coronavirus

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## 'My Hero is You, How kids can fight COVID-19' helps children to cope

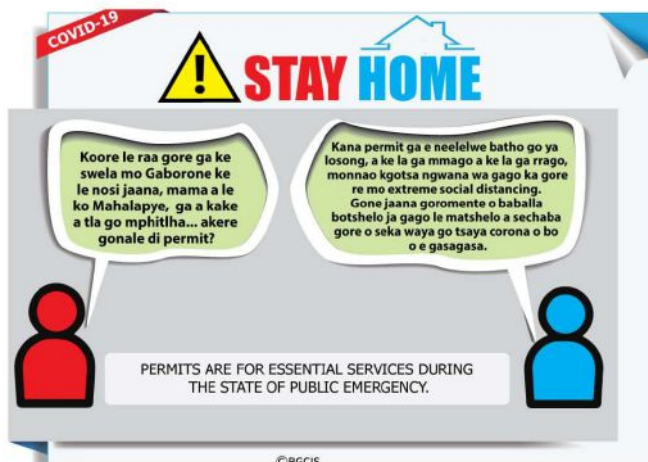
United Nations Children's Fund, in collaboration with more than 50 humanitarian organizations has released a new story book that aims to help children understand and cope with Covid-19.

"All over the world, children's lives have been completely upended, the majority of them living in countries with some form of restricted movement or lockdown," UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore said in a statement Thursday.

The book would help children understand and navigate

this new landscape and learn how they can take small actions to become the heroes in their own stories. It features the fantasy creature Ario, who helps children understand how they can protect themselves, their families and friends from coronavirus, and how to manage difficult emotions when confronted with a new reality.

The book is aimed at children aged between 6 and 11, and it is widely translated in 6 language versions. It is being released as a printable version available online for download, and as an audiobook. **CNN**



*During the period of a lockdown every person shall remain confined to their place of residence, inclusive of the yard space to avoid contact outside his household.*

*Emergency Powers Act (Cap. 22:04)*

*Any person who relays any information to the public about COVID-19 from a source other than the Director of Health Services, and the WHO commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P100 000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both.*

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