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RECOVERED COVID-19 PATIENTS MAY EXPERIENCE NEW AILMENTS

Presidential COVID-19 Task Force Team
Deputy National Coordinator Professor
Mosepele Mosepele says some recovered patients
may experience ailments which they never had
before being infected with COVID-19.

Professor Mosepele said this on Botswana Television last night that recovered COVID-19 patients may experience short term effects and possible devastating long term effects that may affect one's immune system. He said this will also likely cause other complications which can be fatal if not monitored. *Continues on Page 2*

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

23,507,852

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COVID 19 CASE REPORT

22 August 2020

603

Total Confirmed
Botswana Cases

401

Active Cases
(Botswana)

199

Recovered
Botswana

3

Deceased

120

New positive tests since 17 August 2020
(73 Botswana / 47 Foreign Nationals)

959

Transferred out

60,801

Border Tests

45,483

Local Tests

106,284

Total Tests

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Professor Mosepele said some of the post COVID-19 recovery ailments include dizziness, new headache, erratic heartbeat, impaired memory, and sensitivity to light and sounds, extreme fatigue, excessive weight loss, brain fog, altered sleep pattern and high blood pressure amongst others.

The Deputy Coordinator said with these new complications, the healthcare system will experience a burden because the system has to battle with COVID-19 and other diseases and ailments which have been existing.

He said in the coming days, the Presidential COVID-19 Task Force Team will share more information on the topic, including the assistance of recovered COVID-19 patients.

Professor Mosepele further reminded the public that together we can defeat this pandemic through strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols such as washing hands with clean water soap, using sanitizer, social distancing, avoiding crowds and wearing masks when in public or with group of people.



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Presidential COVID-19 Task Force Deputy National Coordinator Prof. Mosepele Mosepele says Batswana should brace themselves for a summer season with influenza.

Speaking during a media briefing last night, Prof. Mosepele said the scientific experts are yet to determine the exact relationship between seasonal change and the spread of COVID-19.

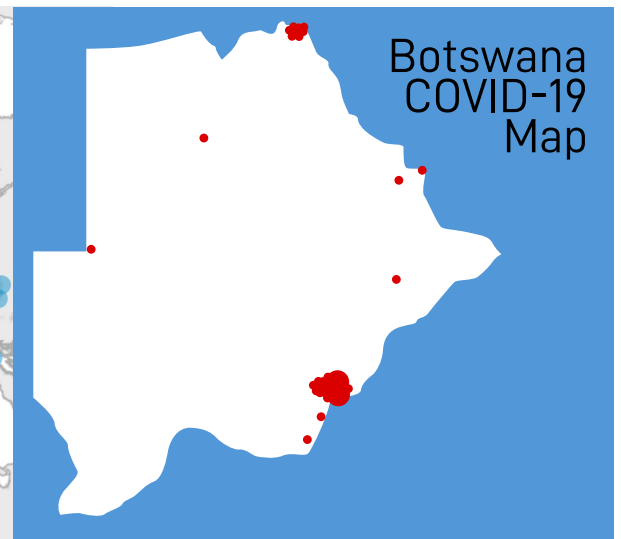
He said there was school of thought that suggested the disease spreads faster in periods of lower temperatures during winter however the pandemic has proven otherwise.

Professor Mosepele said when COVID-19 started, there was a narrative that it will wane during the summer season because most flu viral illnesses seem to slow in the summer months. *To Page 3*

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 5,719,124	Egypt - 97,340	Namibia - 5,854
South Africa - 609,773	China - 89,704	Malawi - 5,414
Spain - 405,436	Ethiopia - 40,671	Eswatini - 4,225
UK - 328,617	Madagascar - 14,402	Mozambique - 3,440
France - 282,414	Zambia - 11,082	Angola - 2,171
Italy - 260,298	Zimbabwe - 5,930	Lesotho - 1,015



COVID-19 News Around The World

BOLT AWAITS RESULTS

Olympic legend Usain Bolt says he's self-isolating while awaiting COVID-19 testing results.

*The eight-time Olympic champion posted a video on social media on Monday saying he currently has no symptoms. He took the test on Saturday. **CNN***



Travel warning for Paris and the Cote d'Azur region



Germany has issued a travel warning for Paris and the Cote d'Azur region of Southeastern France due to high levels of coronavirus infection, according to a German Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement on Monday. **CNN**

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He however said contrary to that believe COVID-19 has proven otherwise as it is still ravaging countries that are in the summer season.

Professor Mosepele said it is currently hot in the United States of America however the country is experiencing the second wave of the deadly virus.

He said countries such as Germany, France, New Zealand and other European countries are in last days of summer but still experience a surge in cases.

The Deputy Coordinator therefore urged Batswana to be vigilant and guard against COVID-19 by abiding by the regulations. He encouraged people to wash hands with clean water and soap, properly wear a face mask and to avoid unnecessary crowds as well as practicing social distancing.

He said so far Botswana has conducted over 106 - thousand COVID-19 tests of which 603 are Batswana who are COVID-19 positive and 959 are COVID-19 positive foreigners tested at ports of entry. Professor Mosepele said there are currently 401 active cases in Botswana while 199 have recovered and 3 have unfortunately passed on.

Italy registers 953 in 24Hrs



Italy has registered 953 new Covid-19 cases in the past 24 hours, according to the latest data from the Ministry of Civil Protection. In the past week, Italy has seen an increase of over 6000 cases, the highest since the period of May 11-17.

*The country has had a total of 260,298 cases and 35,441 deaths. The Italian intensive care units are currently treating 65 Covid-19 patients, 6 less than yesterday. **CNN***

A second wave of Covid-19 infections is likely but unpredictable, says top NICD expert. **News 24**



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Public Notice

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COVID-19 PERMIT SYSTEM LINK OPERATIONAL

The Public is informed that the original COVID-19 Permit System address that was out of service is now back in service. The link is **www.gov.bw** (then select movement permits to access the site).

The **<https://covid19admin.permits.co.bw>** link, which was activated recently, may continue to be used alongside the original one.

Thank you.



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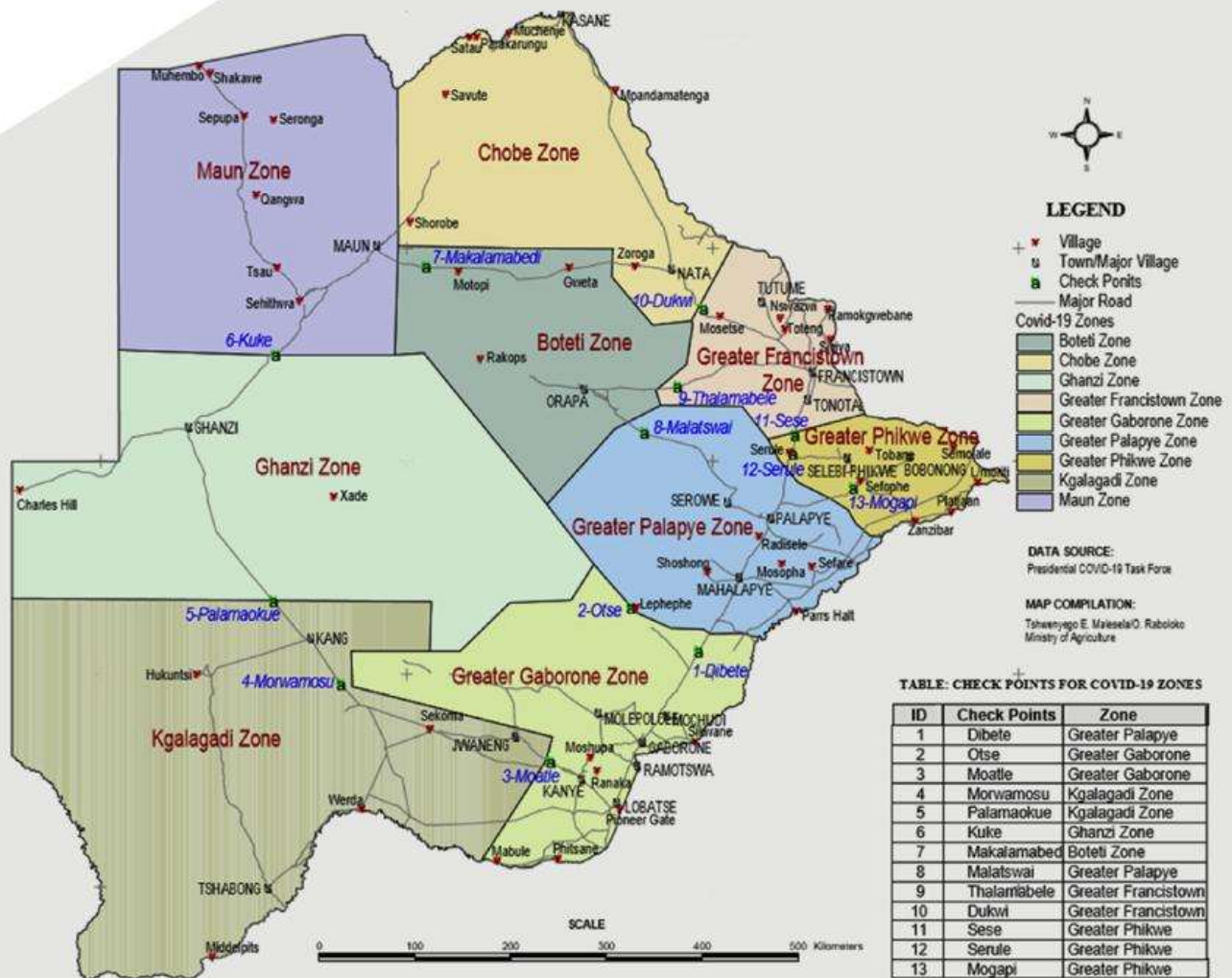
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COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



KNOW YOUR ZONES

Extreme Social Distancing ended on 20th May 2020 signaling the end of the three phases which were introduced to curb the spread of the virus in the country. The Presidential Task Force has developed a surveillance plan to monitor the disease. This resulted in the different zones to create cohorts for easier monitoring, easier tracing of contacts of positive cases and to avoid uncontrollable spread across the country.

The Inter-Zonal permit is therefore a requirement for people to travel from one zone to the other. Thirteen law enforcement check points have been designated across the country to monitor movements of people.

The nine (9) COVID -19 Zones are as follows;

1. Greater Gaborone zone
2. Greater Palapye zone
3. Greater Selibe Phikwe Zone
4. Greater Francistown
5. Boteti zone
6. Chobe zone
7. Maun zone
8. Gantsi zone
9. Kgalagadi zone