



PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN **PHASE II**

Issue 29 | Tuesday, 12 May 2020

Day 40



RETURN TO WORK PERMIT

SUSPENDED ONLY FOR GABORONE

The return to work Pink Permit for those travelling into and out of Gaborone has been suspended with immediate effect.

~ Dr Masupu (Story on Page 2)

Botswana Confirms Another Positive COVID-19 Case

A truck driver from South Africa delivering goods in the country has tested positive for COVID-19. The Truck Driver entered the country through Tlokweng border gate.

The total number of active cases now stand at 11 with 12 registered recoveries and a total cases of 24 and one death

CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

11/05/2020

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Lab Tests Performed & resulted | 11495 |
| Negative Cases | 11471 |
| Positive Cases | 24 |
| Total Deaths | 1 |
| Recoveries | 12 |
| Active Cases | 11 |

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



HIGHER CHANCE OF TRANSMISSION
FROM HAND TO MOUTH

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

4,152,670

@ Johns Hopkins University & Medicine 11/05/20

Pink Permit Suspended Only For Gaborone

~Dr Masupu



The return to work Pink Permit for those travelling into and out of Gaborone has been suspended with immediate effect.

Briefing the nation on Btv yesterday, the Presidential Task Force National Coordinator Dr Kereng Masupu said this follows the confirmed COVID-19 case of a truck driver who came into Gaborone through the Tlokweng Border gate on Saturday the 9th of May 2020.

He explained that the latest development, therefore, declared Gaborone a high-risk area, which means members of the public

should limit their movements. "We will, therefore, like to advise the public that only Pink Permits issued for travel into and out of Gaborone are suspended with immediate effect until further notice," he said.

He said businesses at which the truck driver transacted with being

Fairgrounds Choppies, Puma Filling Station at Fairgrounds, CA sales and Distribution

at Commerce Park were closed immediately with their employees advised not to go to work until further notice.

"Those that came into contact with the truck driver are being

traced while the driver is currently admitted at Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital," he noted.

Dr Masupu added that various places of business where the truck driver visited on his way for delivery have been identified, while registers have been collected and contact tracing earnestly commenced.

He therefore urged business to maintain a register of all who enter their places of business and ensure that they are COVID-19 compliant.

Those holding the current Essential Services permit will be allowed to travel into and out of Gaborone except for those holding the Pink Permit.

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.

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE

Tollfree: 0800 600 111 | Telephone: 369 8337 | E-mail: neoc@gov.bw

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

No learning in tertiary institutions during Phase II of the Lockdown



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Dr Theophilus Mooko has explained that there would be no learning in tertiary institutions during the Phase 2 of lockdown.

During a media briefing, Dr Mooko said the Ministry sequenced activities that allowed for critical sectors being transport, trade and informal sector to resume functioning as part of the

planning process before learners return back to institutions of learning. Dr Mooko said the education sector further looked at the population dynamics in their sector and had to be very strategic and very careful at how learners and staff are brought back and handled when learning resumes.

He stated that delivery of education is sequenced in a particular way and

therefore the Ministry needed to look at ways of sequencing and prioritizing the delivery of the curriculum which was disrupted by the lockdown. He explained that in preparing for opening of the learning institutions, all sectors of education will be required to engage a Safety, Health and Environment Officer, have a process of cleaning and where necessary fumigate the facilities before bringing in the students.

Dr Mooko said plans are being finalized for the provision of space as the lecture halls or classrooms spaces accommodates about 40 students but now there is a need to comply with the social distance protocol requirements.

He explained that provision of sanitizers will be availed in all facilities and the Ministry expect all institutions to keep and avail registers at a given time while all students and lecturers will be expected to wear masks.

All teachers expected back to school this week



All teachers are expected to report for duty this week in preparation for teaching and learning in all primary and secondary schools.

This was announced by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Basic Education Ms Bridget John who added

that preparation for teaching and learning entailed drawing of timetables, schemes of service and planning on how best to deliver the curriculum efficiently for better grades.

She however indicated that Primary and Secondary schools shall remain closed from 8th-14th May 2020 while other preparations are being done for the healthy safety of students.

there is a team working on school readiness where all key stakeholders are represented.

Ms John said support staff will continue to ready the schools and make sure that hygiene protocols comply with the requirements from the Director of

Health Services. She noted that 25% of the staff in key areas at the headquarters and regional offices is also expected to report for work during this period. She further stated that there is a team working on school readiness where all key stakeholders are represented.

"A draft is already in place and we are hoping to approve it this week and share with both private and public schools to know the required protocols," she said adding that they have

600 000 learners across the country and 38 000 staff compliment. "We cannot take chances with the pupils' lives," she said

Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security

Activities permitted:

- Visit to cattle post (moraka) and ploughing fields (masimo) within the COVID-19 zone is permitted.
- The movement of livestock from the disease control zones for slaughtering purpose only for the production of food is permitted.
- Visit to the cattle post and ploughing fields outside the COVID-19 zone permitted only under full proof or evidence that it is consistent with productivity that has to take place at the cattle post or ploughing field. The provision caters for the continued harvesting that has to be scaled up for food production.
- Water supply, drilling of boreholes, construction of kraals and other activities associated with animal husbandry will also be taken on board during this second phase.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND TOURISM

Licensing of tourism facilities;

- Other licenses that expired during lockdown will be treated as valid during the State of Emergency unless directed otherwise.
- All tourism license payment will be processed through Tourism Licensing Information System (TOLIS) which is a digital platform.
- All applications made shall be granted Provisional Operating Licenses for a period of three (3) months.
- Subsistence fishing will be carried out through COVID-19 movement permit.
- District authorities should ensure that movement is limited and conditions are conducted in such a way that will not compromise health protocols.

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 |
| Total | 830 | |

HOW TO PUT ON, USE, TAKE OFF AND DISPOSE OF A MASK

To remove the mask: **remove it from behind** (do not touch the front of mask); **discard immediately in a closed bin**; **clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water**



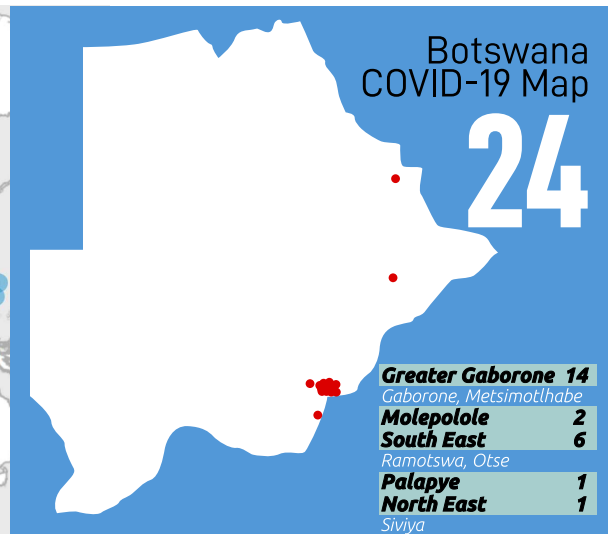
@ Johns Hopkins University & Medicine 11/05/20

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| USA - 1,339,819 | South Africa - 10,909 | Mozambique - 103 |
| Spain - 224,350 | Egypt - 9,746 | Malawi - 57 |
| UK - 224,327 | Zambia - 267 | Angola - 45 |
| Italy - 219,814 | Ethiopia - 250 | Zimbabwe - 36 |
| France - 177,547 | Madagascar - 193 | Botswana - 24 |
| China - 84,010 | Eswatini - 175 | Namibia - 16 |

Botswana COVID-19 Map

24



EDITORIAL TEAM

Editorial Advisor: Pearl Ramokoka | Editor: Treasure Mothobi

Content Producers: Lorato Okaile | Donnell Kutlape | Chandapiwa Baputaki | Fortune Ketlhaetse



Republic of Botswana

OUR FUTURE IS IN OUR MASKS

Do the right thing. Wear yours!

#LetsDefeatCOVID19Together

#AreFenyengCOVID19Mmogo

www.gov.bw



BWGovernment

BW
COVID 19
TASK FORCE
U P D A T E S