

PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE

COVID-19 | STATE OF EMERGENCY

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he Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Honourable Peggy Serame says sale of alcohol in the country is still suspended until further notice.

In an interview with the Presidential Task-Force Daily Bulletin, she clarified the misinformation regarding the published industrial development Act and industrial Development Regulations, 2020 and Trade ACT and Trade Regulations, 2020 which appeared in the Government Gazette Extraordinary Vol. LVIII, No.49 of the 20th May 2020, both of which will commence on the 1st June 2020.

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CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS 21/05/2020

21/03/2020		
Lab Tests Performed & resulted	15395	
Negative Cases	15366	
Positive Cases	29	
Total Deaths	1	
Recoveries	19	
Active Cases	9	

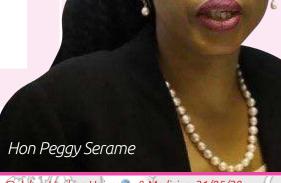
THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE

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STILL NO SALE OF ALCOHOL

"As a fact, Emergency Powers Regulations, regulating the prohibition of the sale of alcohol still apply. I want to categorically state that there shall be no sale of alcohol in all liquor outlets until further notice". Minister Serame explained that alcohol ban applies to all businesses in the country, including bars, grocery stores, traditional depots, liquor restaurants and liquor stores.

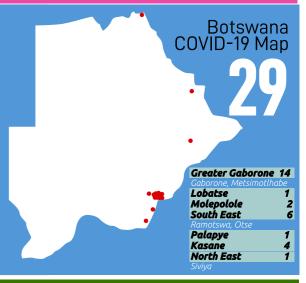
She stated that as at present, the Emergency Powers Regulations are in effect and prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor. As such, there shall be no sale of liquor in all licensed liquor outlets until notice is given by the Director of Public Health to the effect that liquor may be sold in licensed outlets.



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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,556,749	South Africa - 19,137	Mozambique - 162
UK - 252,234	Egypt - 14,229	Malawi = 71
Spain - 233,037	Zambia - 832	Angola - 58
Italy - 227,364	Ethiopia - 389	Zimbabwe - 48
France - 181,700	Madagascar - 371	Botswana - 29
China - 84,063	Eswatini - 217	Lesotho - 1



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

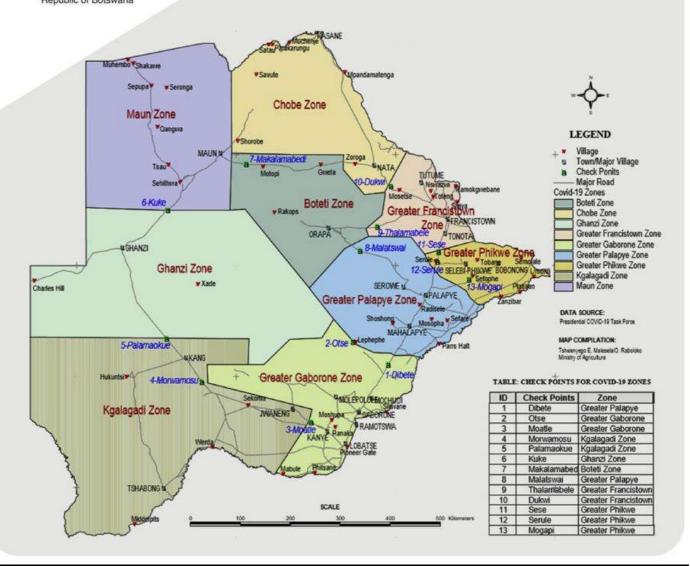
To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



TRUCK MONITORING	;	20-21 MAY 2020
BORDER	Arrival	Departure
Tlokweng	60	81
Ramatlabama	58	107
Martin's Drift	71	42
Pioneer	0	0
Mamuno	55	18
Kazungula Road Border	31	10
Kazungula Ferry	17	7
Ngoma	0	1
Ramokgwebana	16	6
Mohembo	3	1
Sub Total	311	273
Total		584



COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



KNOW YOUR ZONES

Extreme Social Distancing ended on Wednesday 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 survellance 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



GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY

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EMERGENCY POWERS ACT (Cap. 22:04)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVD-19) REGULATIONS (Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.))

Lifting of Road Transport Restrictions

FOLLOWING CONSULTATION with His Excellency the President in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, Notice is hereby given that road transport restrictions imposed by the Regulations are lifted with effect from the 21st May, 2020. The following road transport services shall operate -

(a) taxis; (b) combis; (c) call cabs; (d) buses; (e) school buses; (f) tour operation; (g) staff buses; and (h) own account:

Provided they adhere to the following conditions -

- (i) abide with Covid-19 protocols,
- (ii) public transport associations to certify readiness of vehicles to operate as per the Covid-19 protocols,
- (iii) clean the interior and exterior of the vehicles with water and soap or sanitize 2 to 3 times a day, or after every trip for long distance routes,
- (iv) a person shall not be allowed to use public transport without wearing a face mask,
- (v) loading capacity for mini bus shall be 70 per cent of seating capacity with social distancing,
- (vi) loading capacity for mini-bus shall be 70 per cent of seating capacity with social distancing,
- (vii) a mini bus licensed to carry 16 passengers is limited to carry a maximum of 10 passengers, including the driver,
- (viii) loading capacity for taxi services shall be on special or 60 per cent of seating capacity, loading capacity for bus shall be 60 per cent of seating capacity with social distancing,
- (ix) a mini-bus permitted to carry a maximum of 22 passengers shall be limited to carry a maximum of 15 passengers including the driver,
- (x) a bus permitted to carry a maximum of 65 and above passengers shall be limited to carry a maximum of 40 passengers including the driver, and
- (xiii) 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.

Government Notice No. 185 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 20th day of May, 2020. DR. MALAKI TSHIPAYAGAE, Director of Health Services



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