

PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE

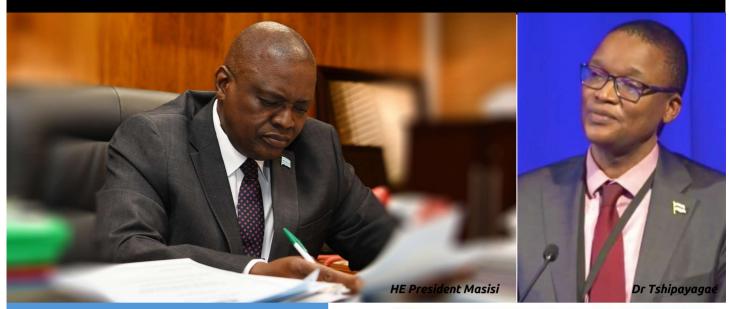
## BULLETIN

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### Director of Health Services authorises release of President Masisi from home quarantine.



is Excellency the President of Botswana, Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, has completed a mandatory 14 day home quarantine following attendance at SADC Extra Ordinary Summit on Politics, Defense and Security that was held in Zimbabwe.

Press Secretary to the President Batlhalefi Leagajang confirmed to the Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force daily bulletin that President Masisi was tested on Friday, 29th May, 2020 and his COVID-19 test results came out negative.

The Director of Health Services Dr Malaki Tshipayagae then authorized the release of His Excellency The President from home quarantine with effect from today (2nd June 2020).

President Masisi went into quarantine following his one day trip to Harare, Zimbabwe on the 19th of May to attend the SADC Extra Ordinary Summit on Politics, Defense and Security. The meeting was attended by Zimbabwean President H.E Emmerson Mnangagwa, Mozambique President H.E Filipe Jacinto Nyusi and Zambian President H.E Edgar Lunga.

President Masisi is the incoming Chairperson of the SADC Extra Ordinary Summit on Politics, Defense and Security Organ.



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# Public Schools Re-Open Today

ll Public Schools re-open today for completing classes being Standard Seven (7), Form Three (3) and Form Five (5). This include completing learners with intellectual disability who can practise social distancing and other safety protocols.

This was said by the Minister of Basic Education Hon Fidelis Molao when addressing the media on the level of easing restriction for the education sector. "It is expected that noncompleting classes will return to school on the 16th June 2020. Pre-primary learners and learners with severe and profound disability will return to school on the 4th August 2020."

Hon Molao said the Ministries of Basic Education and the Local Government and Rural Development have taken steps to ensure compliance to safety guidelines and Covid-19 protocols. These included general cleaning, disinfecting, renovations and repairing of school buildings including the ablutions, kitchens and work areas. He further said all School Heads are expected to put in place ground rules for the whole school community to ensure that facilities are properly used, cleaned frequently and that staff and learners are safe at all times. He added that all staff and learners should wear masks, practise social distancing and comply with Covid-19 safety protocols at all times.

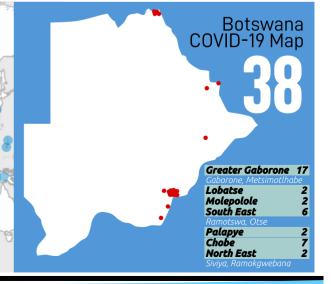
The Minister highlighted that in order to allow for social distancing in some schools a shifting timetable may be in operation depending on numbers per class per school. "Some students will attend morning or afternoon sessions or they may attend throughout," said the Minister. Hon Molao also advised parents to familiarise themselves with the timetable that their children are to follow, adding that all timetables will run within the normal working hours of 0730h to 1630h daily.

Hon Molao however said private pre-primary, primary and secondary schools can decide how and when to reopen. He further advised them to ensure compliance to Covid-19 regulations and seek permission from the relevant authority.



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USA - 1,792,512	South Africa - 34,357	Malawi - 284
UK - 276,156	Egypt - 24,985	Mozambique - 284
Spain - 239,479	Ethiopia - 1,257	Zimbabwe - 178
Italy - 232,997	Zambia - 1,089	Angola – 86
France - 189,010	Madagascar - 826	Botswana - 38
China - 84,150	Eswatini - 285	Namibia - 25





ivil Aviation Authority of Botswana have revised operating times at all airports under their management following ease of restriction on movements of people.

Head of Public Relations and Communications Mr Modipe Nkwe stated in an interview over the weekend that, with immediate effect Sir Seretse Khama International Airport will open from 0600hrs to 1800hrs from Monday to Sunday while PG Matante International Airport, Kasane International Airport and Maun International Airport will operate from 0730hrs to 1630hrs midweek only.

Mr Nkwe stated that local airports were never closed during the extreme social distancing phase of containing the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic as a way of facilitating transportation of essential goods, chartered and private planes and government air transport.

He said shops and domestic commercial flights are at liberty to conduct business under the stipulated times, adding that there are about 15 air operators in Botswana.Mr Nkwe also said CAAB will continue to facilitate Emergency and Medical Evacuation operations as per the usual practice.

He further urged members of the public to observe Covid-19 regulations and practice hand hygiene as instructed by health officials.







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#### EXTENSION OF COMPANIES AND BUSINESS NAMES RE-REGISTRATION PERIOD

inister of Investment Trade and Industry, Honourable Peggy Serame, has revealed that the Ministry, through the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) has extended the re-registration of companies by six months with the new deadline being 2nd December 2020.

Minister Serame said following the original Commencement Orders published in the Government Gazette on 3rd June 2019, the mandatory transition period of registration of companies will lapse today (2nd June 2020).

Addressing the media, Minister Serame said this means that companies and business names would not be able to

re-register beyond 2nd June 2020 and that they would automatically be deregistered and removed from the Companies and Business Names Registers unless the mandatory period is extended.

"At the launch we had 222 339 companies and 219 836 business names in our old system (CBNAS). We set a target to re-register 60% of the migrated companies and business names. To date we have reregistered only 35% of companies and 5% of business names," explained the Minister.

She said the ministry also took into account the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and the

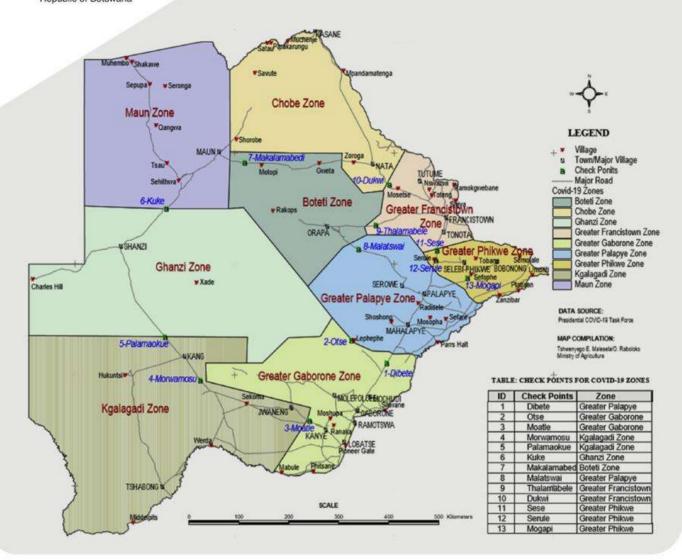
subsequent lockdown suspending ordinary activities.

The re-registration exercise allows for businesses to be registered under a completely automated register, the Online Business Registration System (OBRS).

The Companies Re-registration Act and Registration of Business Names Re-registration Act were enacted by Parliament in 2018 as transitional legislation to allow for re-registration of existing Companies as well as Business Names that were registered under the Companies Act and Registration of Business Names Act.



## **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



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