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**Persons liable for quarantine
will bear the cost ~DHS**

Director of Health Services has revealed that persons liable to be quarantined will be required to pay the costs of their quarantine, as of June 5, 2020.

Dr Malaki Tshipayagae said this was in pursuant to Regulation 6 of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Amendment (No.4) Regulations, 2020.

In a public advisory released yesterday, he indicated that returning citizens and residents will be required to pay 50 % cost of quarantine and 100% if they opt
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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

6,445,457

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CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

03/06/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	24006
Negative Cases	23966
Positive Cases	40
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	23
Active Cases	4
Transferred Out	12

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Be Responsible, Sensible and Sensitive ~H.E.



Some Batswana in Gaborone queuing at a liquor outlet yesterday

Multitudes of elbow benders thronged Liquor outlets yesterday, contravening the social distancing protocols in the process as Botswana lifted a ban on alcohol which has lasted for two months.

While alcohol bingers have been given the green light to quench their thirst, COVID-19 regulations and protocols must be adhered to.

This follows caution during a national address by His Excellency President Masisi when he announced that as part of opening up the economy, Government had decided to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages however in a controlled manner.

"Please, please, please be sensitive, sensible and responsible. Government will not hesitate to respond if we see signs and evidence of none compliance and threat of transmission", Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi cautioned.

When giving the details on the sale of alcoholic beverages, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Honourable Peggy Serame said a decision was taken to allow for the sale of alcohol under restricted conditions.

"This is subject to the continued monitoring and advice of the Director of Health Services and the COVID19 Task Force. The sale of

alcohol may be suspended again in the near future should the need arise", Hon Serame reiterated.

The Minister advised that all establishments must adhere to the protocols prescribed in the Regulation: washing of hands, sanitizing, adhering to social distancing protocols, wearing of masks for employees and customers, taking temperatures and keeping a register of all who visit the establishment.

She cautioned that offending businesses which do not observe all COVID-19, protocols will be subject to stiff penalties which include immediate suspension/revocation of licenses and such businesses shall not be allowed to re-apply for a license for a period of twelve (12) months.

For the customers she said the penalties prescribed in the State of Emergency Regulations will apply.

The sale of licensed alcohol will be allowed on Wednesday to Friday from 1000hrs to 1800hrs, and Saturday from 1000hrs to 1600hrs.

There will be no sale of alcohol from Sunday to Tuesday.

All sales will be on takeaway basis only (off-site consumption), except sit-in Restaurants. If not in a Restaurant, consumers shall drink alcohol at home only.

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out of the government designated quarantine facilities, provided their chosen facility meets covid-19 guidelines.

All companies whose employees or other agents return to or enter Botswana will cover 100 % of cost of quarantine while diplomats will be permitted to self-quarantine at home.

Dr Tshipayagae said for local contacts of COVID-19 requiring quarantine the Botswana Government will cover 100 % costs of their quarantine unless they opt

out of government designated quarantine site, provided their chosen facility meets covid-19 guidelines.

Undocumented immigrants will be quarantined at police holding sites and swabbed prior to repatriation to their countries.

The Director of Health Services further stated that in exceptional cases, home quarantine may be permitted provided such quarantine facility meets Covid-19 guidelines.

"It should be noted however, home quarantine will effect fully once

Botswana Government has rolled out tracking and geo-fencing mechanisms," the advisory stated.

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Cross Border Transport remains a challenge



The SADC Council of ministers have noted challenges especially in the implementation of the Regional Guidelines on Harmonization and Facilitation of Cross Border Transport Operations across the region.

Tanzanian Minister for Foreign Affairs and East Cooperation Prof Palamagamba Kabudi also chair of the SADC Council of ministers said during the minister's virtual meeting that reports on the disruption of cross border transport, congestion at border posts and increase time as well as cost of transportation of goods

pose a challenge to all. "As a block, we have an urgent need for fast tracking the harmonisation and synchronisation among Member States in order to ease congestion at border. This is the time to strengthen our solidarity to contain the spread of the virus, while at the same time maintaining movement of essential goods and services across regional borders," he said.

He urged all to treat drivers with respect and dignity they deserve and not to stigmatise them, adding that most were already demoralised as they have been seen as the cause of

COVID-19 and not as foot soldiers to transport essential goods and services.

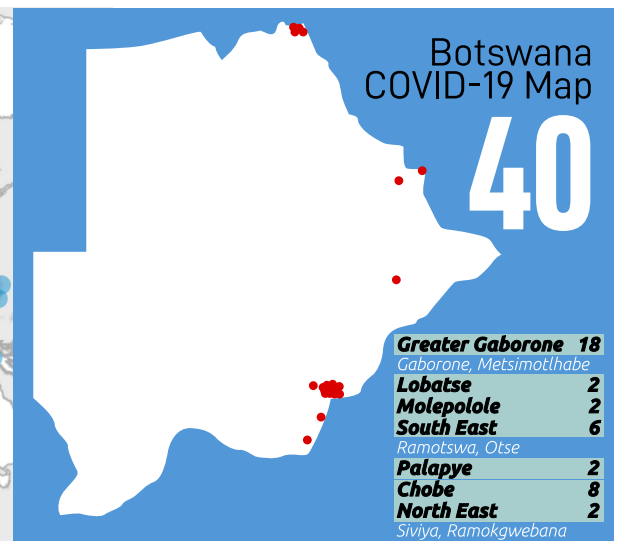
"Let us treat them humanely, let us appreciate the risk they are taking, while we are taking measures to contain the spread of COVID-19," he noted.

The virtual meeting was a follow up to the council meeting which took place in March 2020 where a consensus was reached on the need for measures to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 1,841,629	South Africa - 35,812	Mozambique - 316
UK - 281,264	Egypt - 27,536	Eswatini - 295
Spain - 240,326	Ethiopia - 1,486	Zimbabwe - 206
Italy - 233,836	Zambia - 1,089	Angola - 86
France - 188,450	Madagascar - 908	Botswana - 40
China - 84,159	Malawi - 358	Namibia - 25



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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 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

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