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~Minister Molao

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# Teachers Are NOW FRONTLINERS.

- Hon Molao

**M**inister of Basic Education has commended teachers and support staff for going out of their way to ensure that schools meet the COVID-19 Regulations to make sure that classes resume despite the challenges they were facing in the education sector.

Minister Fidelis Molao was speaking in an interview with the Presidential COVID19 Taskforce Bulletin following the opening of school for completing students last week. Minister Molao stated that his Ministry took a staggered approach to reopening of schools with only completing classes re-opening on June the 2nd while others would resume classes on the 16th of June.

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## CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

10/06/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	26801
Negative Cases	26758
Positive Cases	48
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	24
Active Cases	1
Transferred Out	22

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# Botswana Confirms New cases of COVID-19

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**B**otswana has recorded six (6) more cases of covid-19 who have been transferred out of the country. The announcement was made last-night by the Director of Health Services, Dr Malaki Tshipayagae stating the six recorded cases were tested upon arrival from neighboring countries. The new development means Botswana has now 48 COVID-19 confirmed cases.

The cases are as follows;

1. A 45-year-old male travelling from South Africa through Martins Drift border on the 5th June 2020. He was tested and confirmed Covid-19 positive. This is an imported case.
2. A 39-year-old male travelling from South Africa through Tlokweng border on the 4th June 2020. This is an imported case.
3. A 29-year-old male travelling from Zambia through Kazungula border post on 6th June 2020. He was tested and confirmed Covid-19 positive. This is an imported case.
4. A 58-year-old travelling from South Africa through Tlokweng border post on 6th June 2020. He was tested and confirmed of Covid-19 positive. This is an imported case.
5. A 34-year-old travelling from South Africa through Tlokweng border post on 5th June 2020. He was tested and confirmed of Covid-19 positive. This is an imported case.
6. A 50-year-old travelling from South Africa through Pioneer border post on 7th June 2020. He was tested and confirmed Covid-19. This is an imported case.



## STOP THE VIRUS! WASH YOUR HANDS.



Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold); turn off the tap and apply soap.



Lather your hands by rubbing them together with soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the 'Happy birthday' song from beginning to end twice.



Rinse hands well under clean, running water.



Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of **COVID-19** and stay healthy

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 7,293,307

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Hon Fidelis Molao



however the two schools have resumed classes respectively.

Honourable Molao added that physical health inspections were conducted by the Ministry of Health and Wellness throughout the schools to check if they were in line with the COVID-19 regulations.

“Opening of the schools for completing students was geared towards test trying the system so that we can trouble shoot any issues before the larger group arrive next week,” Minister Molao said.

He, however indicated that the major challenge has been at the hostels where some schools were oversubscribed to practice social distancing.

“We have since resorted to converting common rooms to temporary hostels to decongest the rooms,” he said.

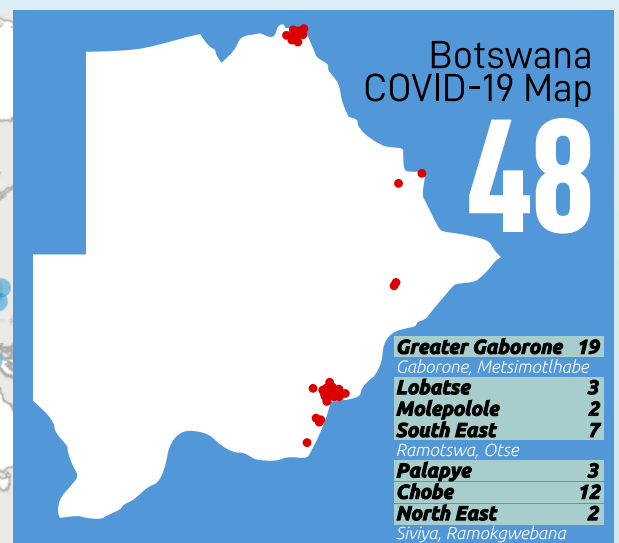
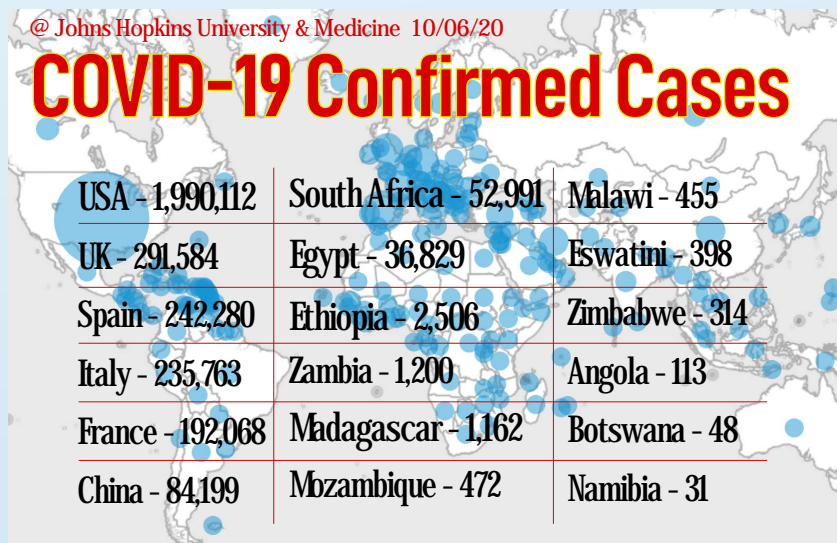
He further stated that the Ministry is in the process of procurement of constructing extra classrooms and hostel blocks to increase capacity and decongest current facilities. “I have to admit that with increased numbers coming in next week, pressure will be increased.

I really have to applaud and commend teachers for the sterling job they continue to do to ensure successful implementation of the new normal in schools,” Minister Molao concluded.

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Minister Molao stated that his Ministry has not experienced any major challenges following the re-opening of schools except for two schools which were lagging behind on compliance.

The two schools are Phillip Moshotle Primary School in Gaborone and Maun Senior Secondary School



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# The Effect of Covid-19 on Fashion Designers

Mr Donald Noto  
Keno-Custom Suits



***COVID-19 affected the global economy and various industries, the fashion and textile industry was no exception. The virus coerced the country's fashion industry to come to a hasty halt.***

Speaking to the Presidential COVID-19 Taskforce Bulletin, Keno-Custom Suits Manager Mr Donald Noto said already as it stands, Botswana's fashion industry is characterized and defined by home-based tailors who focus mainly on formal and corporate wear as well as stylish designs for events such as weddings.

Mr Noto said as a result of the lockdown, businesses shut down and many events that fashion designers depend on were cancelled. He said production for wedding gowns, evening wear and other fashion tailored clothing exhibited devastating consequences in so far as its fashion and design industry is concerned.

"It is only until the regulations were passed that made it mandatory to wear masks at all times that resuscitated a lot of tailoring establishment," he stated.

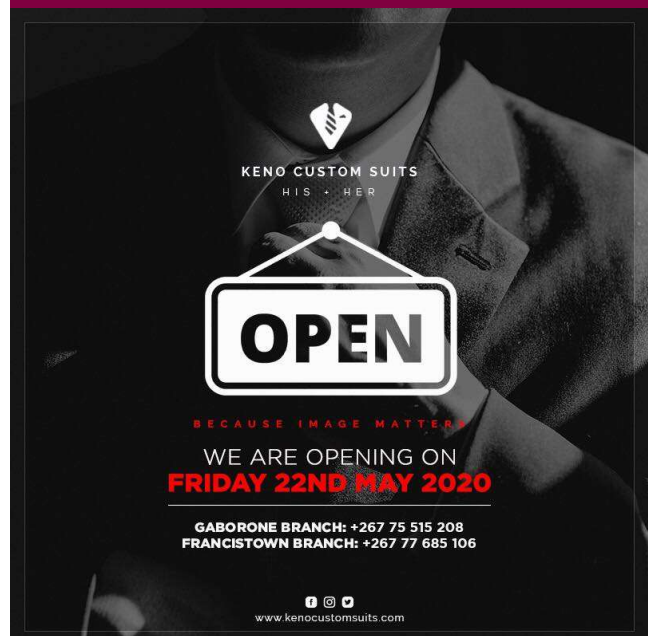
Mr Noto said many factories in Botswana have been shut down while some workers were given less than a month's salary as severance and many others have received nothing at all from their



employers. He advised that as part of the citizen economic empowerment policy initiative, funds must be set aside specifically towards helping those within the fashion industry; citizen tailors.

He indicated that the fashion and textile industry needs an exhaustive legal and regulatory framework that will allow for the growth of sustainable businesses within the sector. We have to make provision for businesses that are home grown to make clothes for the local market and sell to retail stores and have access to markets.

Mr Noto said what the country experienced in the last two months, is just the beginning of an uncertain wave. The COVID-19 pandemic will alter the complexion of the fashion industry more so that the country is not out of the woods yet.



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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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