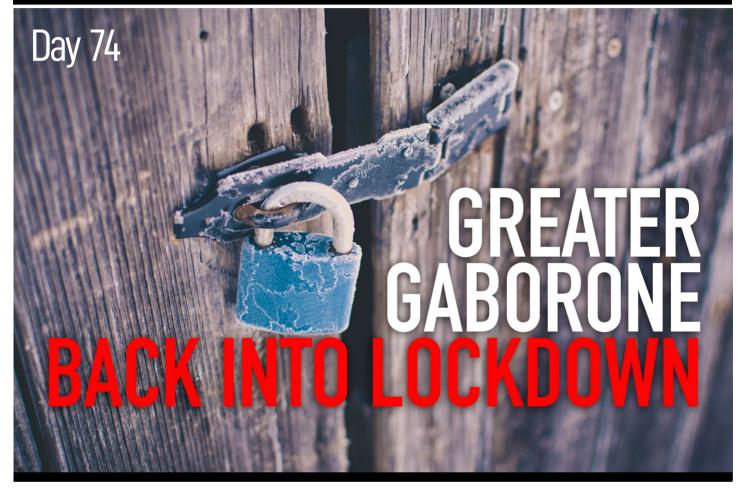


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hase 1 of Extreme Social Distancing has been re-imposed in Greater Gaborone after experiencing a probable surge of COVID-19 infections. Almost three weeks after it appeared the country had contained the spread of the virus and began easing up of restrictions.

During a televised address yesterday, Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force National Coordinator Dr Kereng Masupu announced that government had Continues on Page 2

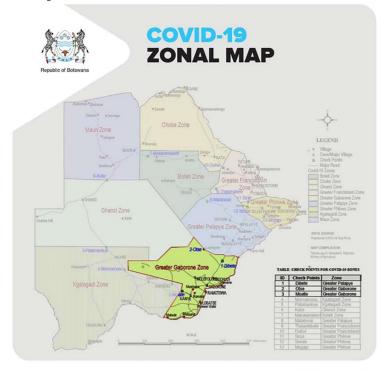
COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

7,835,340



GREATER GABORONE BACK INTO LOCKDOWN

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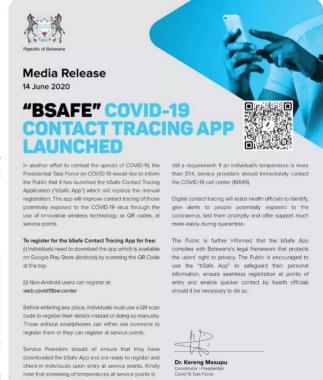
taken a decision to reinstate restrictions. This was after 16 probable COVID-19 cases were reported, indicating possible localized transmissions in the Greater Gaborone Zone. He informed the nation that due to coronavirus exposure at Gaborone Private Hospital and Stanbic Bank at Fairgrounds, the two facilities have been shut down with immediate effect until further notice.

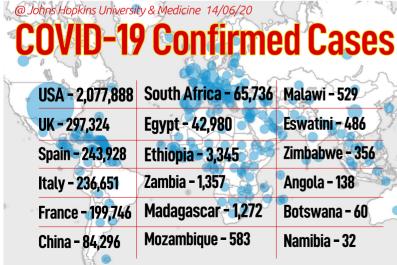
"All staff, patients and visitors of these facilities between 8th and 12th June 2020 should immediately self-quarantine for 14 days and call 16649 if they have any questions about self-quarantine", Dr Masupu cautioned. He added that while further investigations are ongoing, the contact Tracing Team will also communicate with those who have visited the bank and deemed to require further medical attention.

With Greater Gaborone back to phase 1 restrictions, only essential services will be allowed to return to work, while the rest of the populace will need a permit to leave home. Dr Masupu said the public can now use Be safe App that will use QR Code in essential outlets as it will promptly alert on movements of people.

Dr Masupu explained that all those with interzonal permits enroute to Gaborone will be allowed back into the zone while those in Greater Gaborone zone will not be allowed to leave to enable contact tracing to continue.

Meanwhile Director Health Services said all schools shall be closed until further notice in Greater Gaborone.











Lockdown of Greater Gaborone Zone

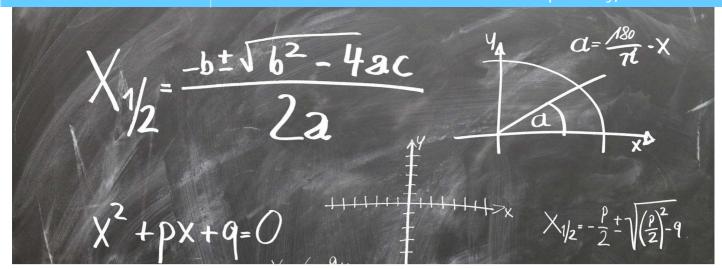
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President of Botswana Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi has declared a lockdown for the Greater Gaborone Zone as defined in the Schedule; with effect from 12th June, 2020 at midnight until further notice.

NB: During the period of a lockdown every person shall remain confined to their place of residence, inclusive of the yard space to avoid contact outside his household.

Here is a Summary of the Lockdown: (WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW)

- All religious places of worship shall be closed until further notice.
- Until further notice, the number of persons attending a funeral shall not exceed 50.
- All schools shall be closed until further notice. (For purposes of the regulation, "school" means a pre-primary school, primary school, post primary school, driving school and tertiary institution, including a university.
- All liquor outlets shall remain closed and no liquor shall be sold, including traditional beers.
- Restaurants and takeaway shall only operate as a take-away service for essential service providers between the hours of 0800 hours and 2000 hours.
- Public transport is permitted for essential service providers or persons accessing essential supplies at regulation.
- A person other than a legal practitioner or medical practitioner shall not visit or be permitted to visit; (any place of quarantine or isolation station, a patient in a hospital or facility, except a responsible adult in the case of a minor, a detainee in a prison or police cell, any rehabilitation centre and, refugee camp or centre for illegal immigrants).

NB: A person who contravenes the regulation commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P5 000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both movement of persons during lockdown.



All lower classes across the country will remain closed until further notice.

Following the declaration of lockdown for the Greater Gaborone, The Minister of Basic Education has announced that all lower classes across the country will remain home until further notice.

Honourable Fidelis Molao was speaking in a media briefing this weekend following the announcement that Great Gaborone has been placed under lockdown after a possibility COVID19 local transmission.

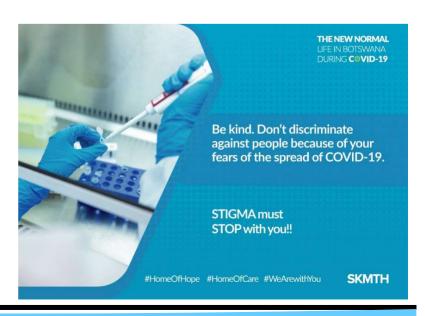
"Through abundance of caution, the Ministry has advised that the lower classes standard 1 to form 4 should not report to the schools as initially planned until further direction by the Ministry. They must stay home until advised and this applies to all schools across the country," he said. He said the Ministry also advised Private Schools to remain closed in the Greater Gaborone until the Director of Health Services declares otherwise.

Minister Molao stated that for all the schools outside the Greater Gaborone, only completing classes will be expected to continue with their classes as the current lockdown has not affected them.

He indicated that this is inclusive of the private schools outside greater Gaborone.

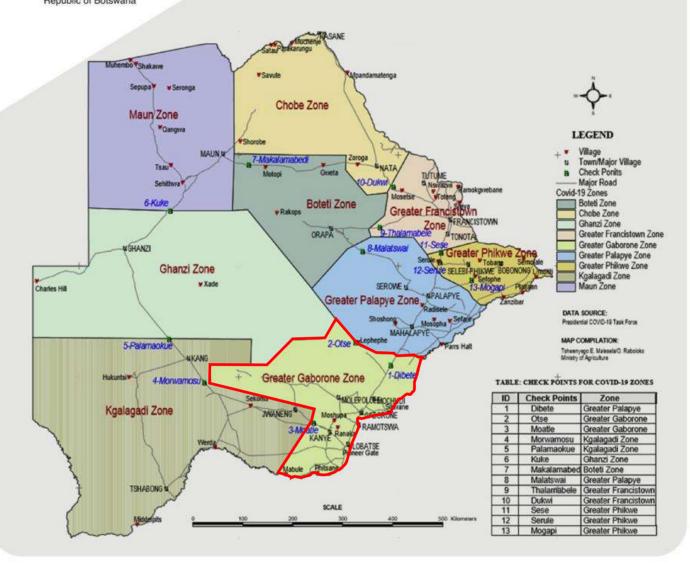
The Minister further announced that the schedule for Public Schools' Pre-Primary still is slated for 4th August, 2020. However, Private Schools are free to open as per their schedules provided they adhere to the protocols and guidelines of COVID-19.

Meanwhile boarding students will remain in boarding school facilities until further direction is given by the Health Officials. Minister Molao said the Director of Health Services will advise when schools will be open.





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