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COVID-19 Declared A Notifiable Disease

~ Minister Of Health & Wellness, Hon Kwape

Honourable Dr Lemogang Kwape has exercised the powers conferred on him as the Minister of Health and Wellness by section 52 of the Public Health Act of 2013 and declared COVID-19 as a notifiable disease under the Act.

The order is cited as Notification of Disease (COVID-19) Order 2020.

Speaking to the Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force Bulletin, Minister Kwape described notifiable disease
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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

8,397,551

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CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

18/06/2020

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| Lab Tests Performed & resulted | 33176 |
| Negative Cases | 33097 |
| Positive Cases | 79 |
| Total Deaths | 1 |
| Recoveries | 25 |
| Active Cases | 4 |
| Transferred Out | 49 |

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COVID-19 A Notifiable Disease

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as any of various health circumstances that upon detection are required to be reported to the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

He said as per the ACT, Notifiable diseases shall be under surveillance and be reported within such a period as prescribed in the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response guidelines prepared by his office (Minister).

The Minister said having declared COVID-19 as a notifiable disease, it means every medical practitioner or officer in charge of any health facility shall in writing notify the Director of Health services about a notifiable disease that occurs in their medical field of work.

Hon Kwape said a person who contravenes this Act commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P5000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both.

Notifiable diseases apply to the following diseases (Some) namely,

- SARS e.g. COVID -19, MERS-COV
- Influenza like illnesses, e.g. H1N1
- Smallpox (including variola minor or alastrim),
- Cholera
- Plague
- Yellow fever
- Diphtheria
- Typhoid (enteric) fever (including paratyphoid A, B)
- Whooping-cough, tuberculosis and poliomyelitis.



BOTSWANA COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

Secretary for Development and Budget in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ms Grace Muzila says the current balance of the National Covid-19 relief Fund is P 1.091 Billion Pula. She said the total amount contributed was P 2.117 billion.

She added that government established a COVID-19 Relief Fund and put up an investment of Two Billion Pula as seed money while P117 is contributions from businesses and individuals.

Ms Muzila told the Presidential (COVID-19) Task Force Bulletin in an interview that majority of the money being P 482, 45 million went to the Wage Subsidy, followed by P 350.87 million that bought food hampers for the families that needed relief.

Ministry of Health and Wellness consumed P 189 million to buy essential health commodities. Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation used P 3.4 million to repatriate Batswana from foreign countries.

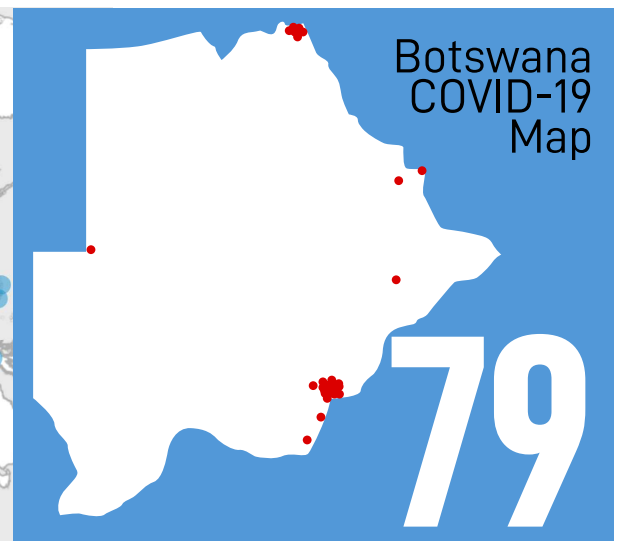
Ms Muzila further said they paid private schools from the wage subsidy as per their requests for May, adding that they will also pay them for the month of June depending on their submissions.

Ms Muzila urged the general public and businesses to continue donating to the fund because it is not yet clear when the pandemic will end. She however thanked all those who parted with their hard earned cash to support the cause.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

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|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| USA - 2,173,256 | South Africa - 80,412 | Malawi - 572 |
| UK - 301,935 | Egypt - 49,219 | Eswatini - 563 |
| Spain - 245,268 | Ethiopia - 3,954 | Zimbabwe - 401 |
| Italy - 238,159 | Zambia - 1,416 | Angola - 155 |
| France - 194,805 | Madagascar - 1,403 | Botswana - 79 |
| China - 84,462 | Mozambique - 662 | Namibia - 39 |



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Hon. Serame

There is a need for essential goods to move across the borders in the quickest possible time during this fight against the COVID19 pandemic.

When giving an update this week, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Hon. Peggy Serame said to improve trade facilitation in the region, Southern African Customs Union (SACU) member states agreed on a Rebate Facility for COVID-19 products and expectation is that BURS will reduce tax on essential products that are imported into the country.

According to Minister Serame, the SACU Agreement allows for Member States to waive customs duty on products coming from outside the Common Customs Area under Rebate Item 412.11 to relief

BURS TO REDUCE TAX ON ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS

distress in cases of national disasters. She said this will allow for the cheaper access to essential supplies for both enterprises and the end user being the ordinary citizens of Botswana.

She said to this end, a Notice will be published listing the products for which enterprises can apply for the Rebate this coming week. The list of products includes medical & pharmaceutical supplies, food, grain for milling, veterinary medication, raw sugar for industrial use, inputs for textile industry, motor vehicle (ambulances) etc. she indicated that the modalities of how and when to apply for the Rebate will be shared by Botswana Unified Revenue Services.

Minister Serame further noted that South Africa has withdrawn Export Permit Requirement for SACU

region to allow for trade facilitation in the region.

"In the two months since the region went into lockdown we have experienced difficulties in securing the undisturbed and smooth transit of goods through our borders with sister countries especially with the ports we use for importation of goods," Minister Serame said.

She further indicated that most countries have been in constant negotiations to ease the free passage of goods. She stated that a major achievement has been realized when South Africa revoked the requirement for an export permit for medical supplies going into Botswana and other SACU countries.

"To this end, we hope that security of supplies for our health facilities will be unimpaired," she concluded.

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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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