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## COVID-19, WHAT IT MEANS TO THOSE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED?

~ DR MACHEKE

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**T**he World became aware of COVID-19 in China in December of 2019 with World Health Organization describing it as a new type of coronavirus, known as severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

The world has been affected by this vastly contagious disease, with more than nine (9) million cases confirmed worldwide.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 9,157,320

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## CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

21/06/2020

Lab Tests Performed & resulted	33919
Negative Cases	33840
Positive Cases	89
Total Deaths	1
Recoveries	25
Active Cases	5
Transferred Out	58

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# COVID-19, what it means to those immunocompromised?

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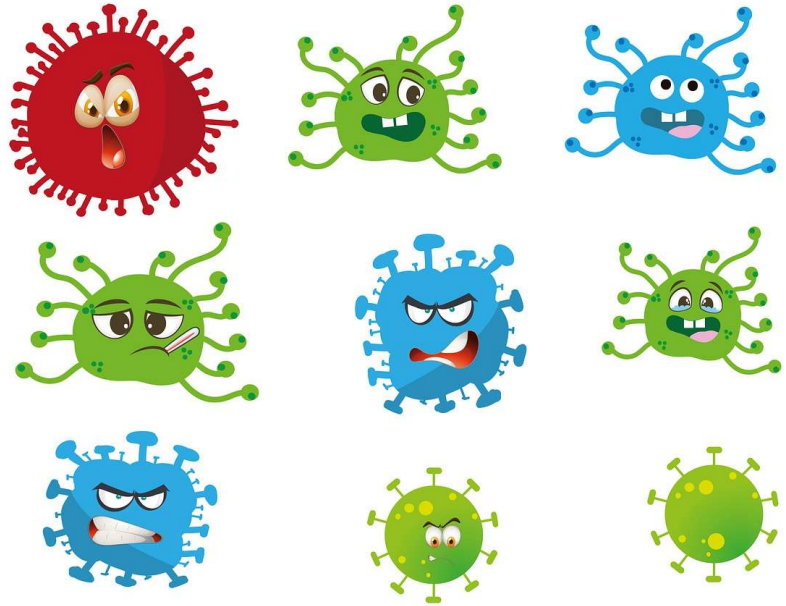
Based on clinical expertise, Public Health Specialist Dr Kutlo Macheke says people with serious underlying medical conditions like heart problems, diabetes and other Non-Communicable Diseases NCDs, the elderly and any other people who are immunocompromised are at higher risk for severe illness from the deadly virus.

Dr Macheke explained that the risk for people who are HIV positive might be higher in those that are not on HIV treatment (antiretroviral therapy) and those with low CD4 cell count.

"HIV patients' needs to adhere to COVID-19 regulations and also religiously take antiretroviral drugs as prescribed by medical personnel as failure would predispose a person to a high chance of contracting covid 19, which could be fatal", Dr Macheke narrated.

He however said HIV positive people who are clinically and immunologically stable on antiretroviral treatment are better off at fighting covid 19.

Dr Macheke advised that people living with HIV and those with other underlying health conditions should take extra precautions to prevent illness and said the medical advice also goes to the general



population.

He shared that COVID-19 is mostly spread in an event where if an infected person sneezes or coughs, without covering their mouths and nose, droplets containing the virus would spread and can settle on surrounding surfaces.

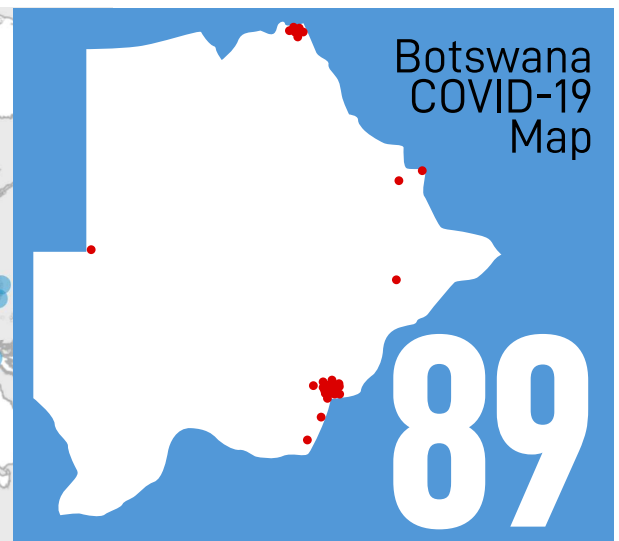
Therefore he advised that people must follow the advice from the Ministry of Health and Wellness and the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19.

He said frequent washing of hands, sanitizing, and the use of face masks in public area would significantly curb the spread of the virus.

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 2,325,970	China - 84,640	Mozambique - 757
UK - 307,682	Egypt - 56,809	Eswatini - 643
Spain - 246,752	Ethiopia - 4,848	Zimbabwe - 512
Italy - 238,833	Madagascar - 1,724	Angola - 186
France - 197,381	Zambia - 1,430	Botswana - 89
South Africa - 101,590	Malawi - 803	Namibia - 67



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# Un-calibrated thermometers can give a wrong temperature reading

**D**ue to medical equipment and Personal Protective Equipment rush to address the COVID-19 pandemic, a lot of equipment was imported into the country. However, some of the equipment was not tested and calibrated.

When briefing members of the media yesterday, Lamworld Technologies Chief Executive Officer Mr Obed Motsumi, said equipment that is not tested or calibrated can lead to misdiagnose of a health condition which will lead to dire consequences.

Mr Motsumi said about 10, 000 infra-red thermometers were imported in the country, but were not tested. He said this is evidenced by wrong reading that they record. He said all those who supply the thermometers should have them calibrated as per ISO IEC 17025 international standard which Botswana has adopted. He said all calibrated thermometers should have stickers indicating such and should match with the serial number.


He said it is every Motswana's right to ask for calibration certificates, adding that they have witnessed that even the people who use them are not infrared thermometer savvy. Mr Motsumi said these thermometers differ, highlighting that some are supposed to be held 10 to 20 centimeters from a person to record the correct temperature.

Meanwhile he said there are different players regarding use of these thermometers therefore called all stakeholders to do their part. He said there is a need for the regulator to intervene in this matter.

Yes. Respiratory viruses can be passed by shaking hands and touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Greet people with a wave, a nod or a bow instead.

Should I avoid shaking hands because of the new coronavirus?



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## 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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# Novak Djokovic tests positive for Covid-19

**T**he beleaguered world No 1, Novak Djokovic, has tested positive for coronavirus, along with his wife, Jelena, throwing tennis into turmoil as the sport's official tour prepares to resume after a four-month lockdown.

Djokovic expressed regret and sympathy but little contrition in a prepared statement. He was clearly upset that his close friend, Viktor Troicki, and the Serb's pregnant wife, along with Grigor Dimitrov and Borna Coric - who played each other on Saturday - as well as Dimitrov's coach and his own fitness trainer had also tested positive. **THE GUARDIAN**

According to THE GUARDIAN, they join three other leading players and two trainers infected by the disease towards the end of the Serb's unsanctioned Adria Tour, which was aborted moments before the final in Croatia on Sunday.

Djokovic, who will go into quarantine for 14 days, said this was "the new reality", although he had organized his tour "with a philanthropic idea" and said he was sorry for the other people who tested positive.

Djokovic declined to be tested on site and with his family flew directly to his home city, Belgrade, where he sought medical advice and was tested. He received the results on Monday evening and issued a statement yesterday.

The Serb stands widely accused of complacency for organizing an unofficial charity event - in Belgrade, Zadar and Montenegro (subsequently cancelled) - without safety protocols applicable in most other countries and which have prevented resumption of the main Tour until August.

CORONA VIRUS IS STILL A SERIOUS THREAT!



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- Upon entry at service points you will be required to scan QR Code or provide your national ID number (Oman).

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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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