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## There is Hope that COVID-19 Vaccine will be found



**C**linical researchers around the world are working around the clock to find possible treatments for the deadly virus that has affected almost 12 million people.

During a Botswana Television COVID-19 programme, Thatayaone Didimalang who is a practicing pharmacist said there are about 200 listed companies that have registered to try clinical trials of potential coronavirus treatments.

He noted that as clinical trials are underway, there

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 11,892,382

@ Johns Hopkins University & Medicine 08/07/20



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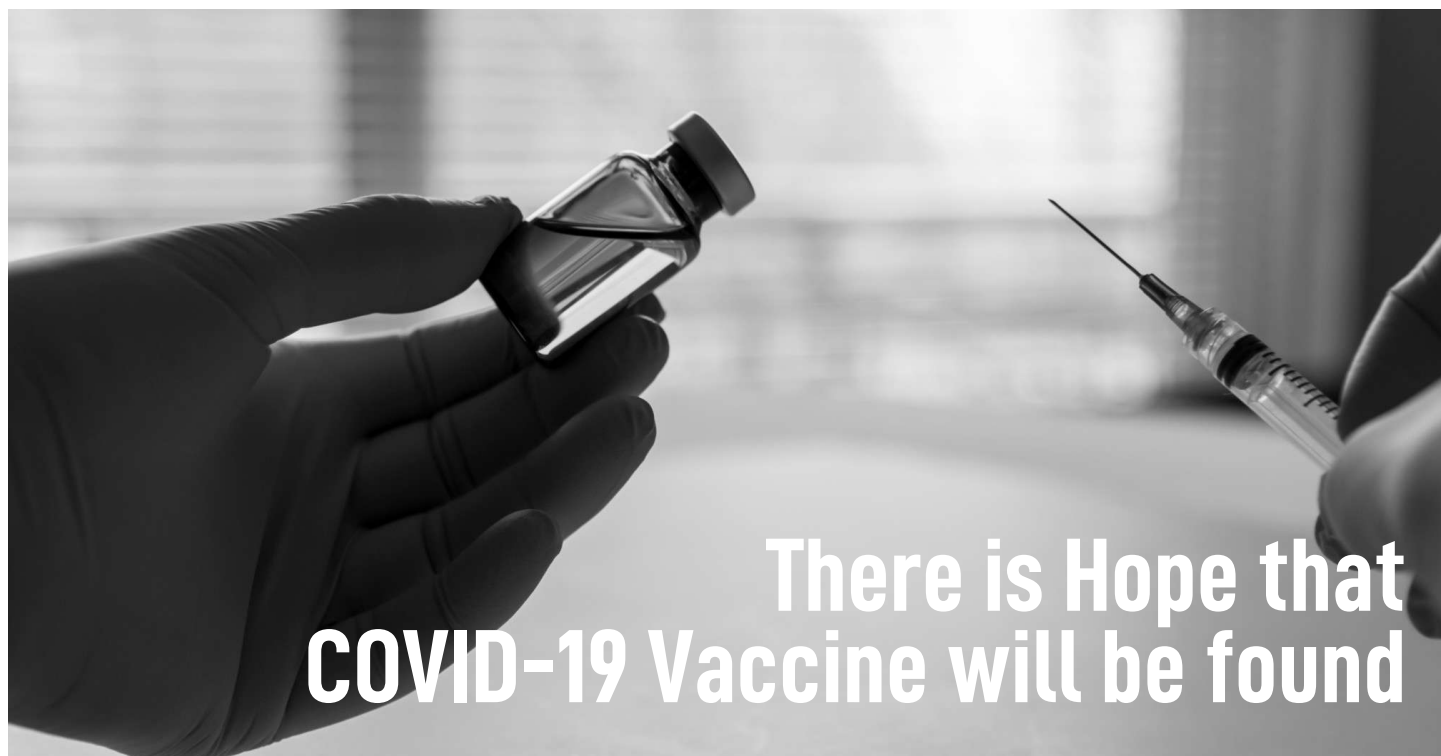
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was hope that a vaccine would be found and more lives will be saved. Mr Didimalang said there has been a lot of talk about Remdesivir drug as remedy that cures COVID-19, however he said remdesivir has been provided on very ill patients who were receiving oxygen support.

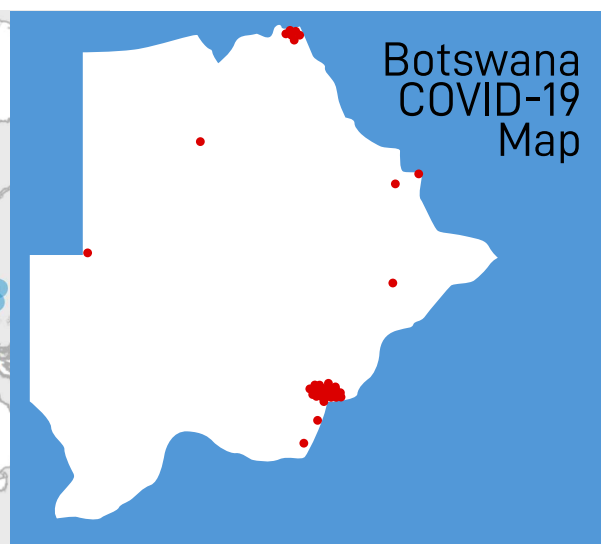
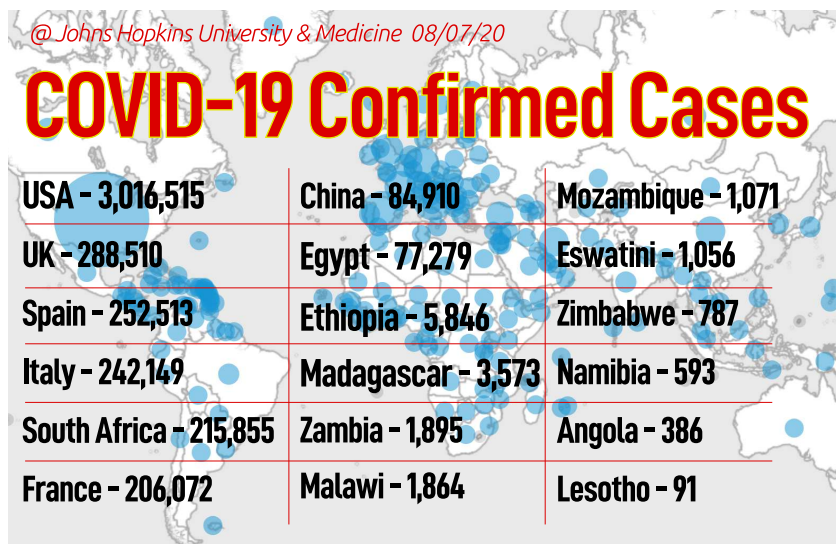
He highlighted that although it was used in some countries, it is approved to be used but not licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). He said Remdesivir has been used on broad spectrum activity against members of several viruses like Ebola.

The pharmacist said to date, no therapy has demonstrated effectiveness for patients with Covid-19. He noted that

since COVID-19 is a new strain, there is no specific vaccine that can treat it. He cited that Remdesivir work as antiviral therapeutic which interrupts viral replication, which therefore halts the virus from multiplying and infecting more cells in the body.

Meanwhile the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA, Industrial Property Registrar Mr Timothy Moalusi said people need to volunteer to do COVID-19 clinical trials.

He urged Batswana medical professionals to also work towards finding the vaccine, saying CIPA will safe guard their intellectual rights.







# Cold front expected to hit Southern Botswana this Weekend

***Cold to very cold weather conditions are expected this weekend in some parts of the country. Department of Meteorological Services Deputy Director Radithupa Radithupa says a looming cold front from South Africa is expected to pass over the southern part of Botswana.***

Speaking to the Presidential Task Force Daily Bulletin, Mr Radithupa said high pressure system following the cold front is expected to significantly drop temperatures from Friday evening to Sunday. He said minimum and maximum temperatures will range between -2 degree Celsius or below to 2 degrees Celsius and 16 degrees Celsius respectively over the southern parts of the country adding that Kgalagadi region will experience lowest temperatures.

He advised that the cold front is likely to cause crop damage due to overnight frost and prolonged period of cold temperatures. He also said people are also at a risk of contracting cold related diseases due to low temperatures.

Mr Radithupa said extra tropical cyclones develop when a wave forms on a frontal surface separating a warm air mass from a cold air mass. He said typical weather sequences are associated with extra tropical cyclones.

## Coronavirus Continues To Surge Across U.S.

***The U.S. has reported more than 3 million coronavirus cases as of Wednesday morning, with all but a handful of states struggling to control outbreaks of COVID-19.***

***One million of those cases have been confirmed over the past month, part of a wave of infection that began after many states started to reopen their economies in May.***

***The total number of cases also includes nearly 1 million people declared to have recovered. But more than 130,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, roughly twice the death toll of any other country, according to a tracker from Johns Hopkins University. Most experts believe those numbers vastly underestimate the disease's true toll.***

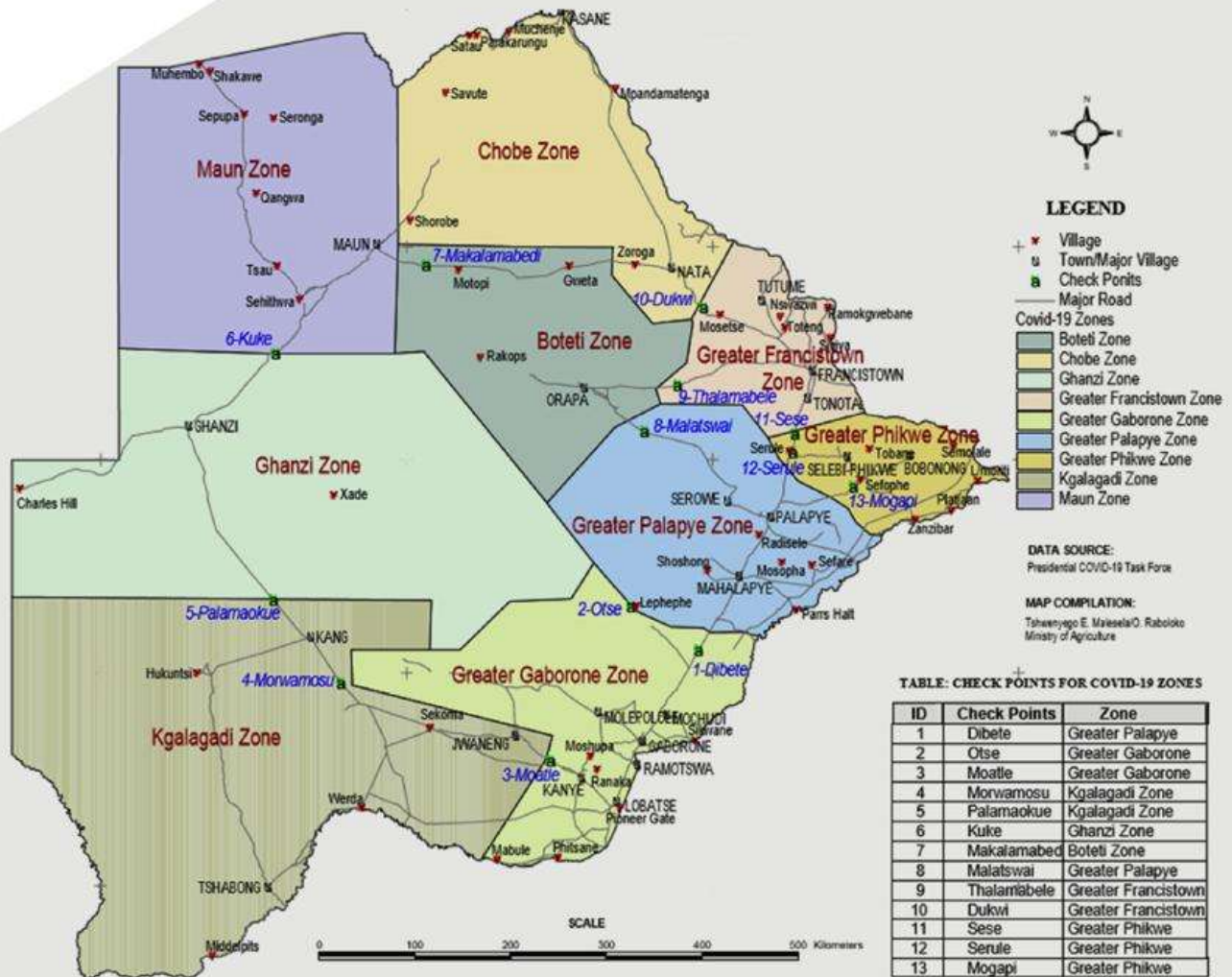
***The U.S. effort to fight the virus has been undermined by problems ranging from flawed tests early on to resistance among many Americans - and in some cases, outright refusal - to wear a face mask or take other precautions recommended by health experts.***

***While some early hot spots such as New York State have been able to tamp down new cases, COVID-19 has exploded elsewhere, with record case numbers and hospitalizations in states such as Florida, Arizona, Texas and California.***



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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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