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Private Sector Business

– A key driver of Economic Growth and Development
~ President Masisi



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The private sector is recognized as a key stakeholder in economic development. Government made a commitment to grow the private sector and empower the citizens. Addressing the nation last week His Excellency the President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi said Botswana must strike a balance between maintaining healthy relations with trading partners and empowering citizens whilst growing the economy.



COVID 19 CASE REPORT

10 July 2020

65

Total Confirmed
Botswana Cases

26

Active Cases
(Botswana)

38

Recovered
Botswana

1

Deceased

85

New positive tests since 06 July 2020
(10 Botswana / 75 Foreign Nationals)

318

Transferred out

31,066

Border Tests

20,313

Local Tests

51,379

Total Tests

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

12,995,037

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President Masisi urged Batswana to be involved in the logistics and value chain of the fuel industry.

“As we do our best to resolve our current challenges of supply and respond to COVID 19 health protocols, which are most essential, we must have our citizens in the forefront.

However, they must be prepared to take advantage of this opportunity” narrated President Masisi.

He said given the current experience, Government will fast track the completion of inland fuel storage at Tshele Hills, the Francistown Expansion Project and the Ghanzi Depot. Once completed, these projects are expected to go a long way in addressing the country's fuel supply chain challenges.

Meanwhile rationing of fuel in a bid to ease a crippling shortage kick started on Thursday with the aim to reduce long queues at fuel stations mainly in Gaborone and Francistown as some fuel stations ran dry.

Operating hours and rationing the sale of fuel

- Each car will fuel at a maximum cost of Two Hundred and Fifty Pula (P250) only.
- Purchase of fuel with jerry cans will be restricted to Thursdays only.
- There will be no purchasing of petrol with drums or large containers.

You can catch COVID-19, no matter how sunny or hot the weather is. Countries with hot weather have reported cases of COVID-19. To protect yourself, make sure you clean your hands frequently and thoroughly and avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.



#Coronavirus #COVID19

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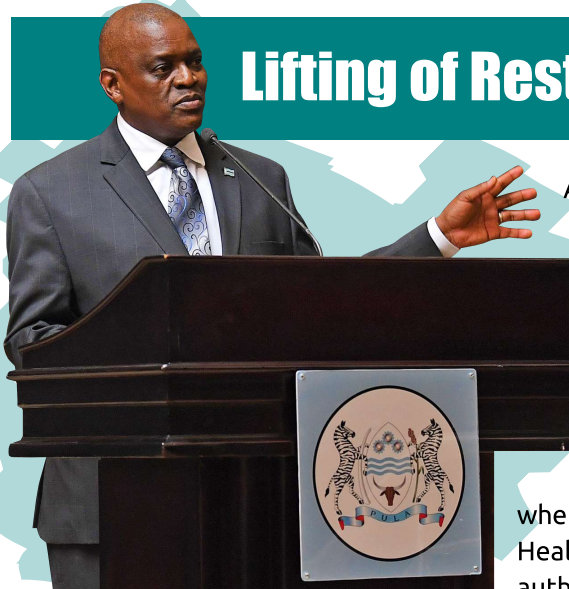
Exposing yourself to the sun or to temperatures higher than 25C degrees DOES NOT prevent the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)



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Lifting of Restrictions for Meetings of Societies

His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID- 19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised that societies may meet and the number of persons attending a meeting shall not exceed 75.

Government gazette issued by the Director of Health Services Dr Malaki Tshipayagae softens its coronavirus restrictions on society's engagements and it revokes Government notice No 218 of 2020. The regulations stipulates that faith based organizations, shall have a maximum of four services per week and each service may be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Any club, company partnership or association registered by the Registrar of Societies and all central committees of political parties.

The Emergency Powers Regulations states that for the avoidance of doubt;

(i) a society may operate where it has satisfied the Director of Health Services, or any person authorised by the Director for that purpose, of its ability to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

(ii) all persons in attendance of a meeting, shall -

(aa) be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or with hand sanitizer, (bb) observe the social distancing requirements of being at least two meters apart from each other, and (cc) comply with directions for the prevention of spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the Government Gazette,

(iii) the checking of body temperature of all persons in attendance of a meeting is carried out by the host, and where a person's body temperature is 37.4 degrees Celsius

and above, such person shall not be allowed to access the meeting premises and the person shall be referred to the Director,

(iv) regular disinfecting of premises where meetings are held is carried, under the supervision of the Director,

(v) upon the direction of the Director, a meeting place shall be closed where there is a reasonable suspicion that a person who has accessed, the premises has come into contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has had access to the premises,

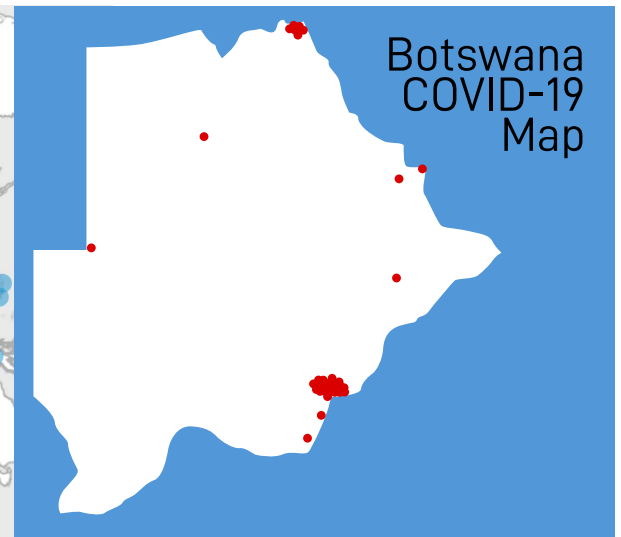
(vi) a meeting host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the premises, and

(vii) the register referred to in paragraph (vi) shall be open for inspection by the Director of Health Services for the purposes of contact tracing, and shall be open for inspection by a law enforcement officer for investigation of an offence under the Regulations.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases


USA - 3,341,838	China - 85,117	Eswatini - 1,389
UK - 291,685	Egypt - 82,070	Mozambique - 1,219
South Africa - 264,184	Ethiopia - 7,766	Zimbabwe - 985
Spain - 255,953	Madagascar - 5,080	Namibia - 861
Italy - 243,230	Malawi - 2,364	Angola - 506
France - 208,015	Zambia - 1,895	Lesotho - 245



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South Africa has introduced new restrictions, including another ban on alcohol sales, to help contain the spread of coronavirus.

A *night-time curfew has been imposed, and the wearing of masks outdoors is now compulsory.*

President Cyril Ramaphosa said the alcohol ban, South Africa's second this year would take pressure off the national healthcare system. It comes as total of infections exceed a quarter of a million.

Deaths resulting from coronavirus have also risen to more than 4,000, and government projections estimate this could rise to 50,000 by the end of the year.

South Africa remains the hardest-hit country on the continent, and earlier this week recorded it's highest-ever single-day increase in cases. Nearly half of them were in Gauteng, a province that's become the outbreak epicenter.

In a public address, President Ramaphosa acknowledged "most"

people had taken action to help prevent the spread, but he said there were still some who acted "without any responsibility to respect and protect each other".

Mr Ramaphosa said the new measures were being introduced to help the country to weather the storm of coronavirus, and a state of emergency would be extended until 15 August. The night-time ban would be in place from 21:00 to 04:00.

The government has also made 28,000 hospital beds available for Covid-19 patients. But President Ramaphosa said the country still faced a "serious" shortage of more

than 12,000 healthcare workers, including nurses, doctors and physiotherapists.

The alcohol ban comes just weeks after another three-month ban was lifted in an effort to prevent drunken fighting, cut domestic violence and eliminate weekend binge-drinking prevalent across South Africa.

Doctors and police say the previous ban contributed to a sharp drop in emergency admissions to hospital. But the country's brewers and wine makers complained they were being driven out of business.

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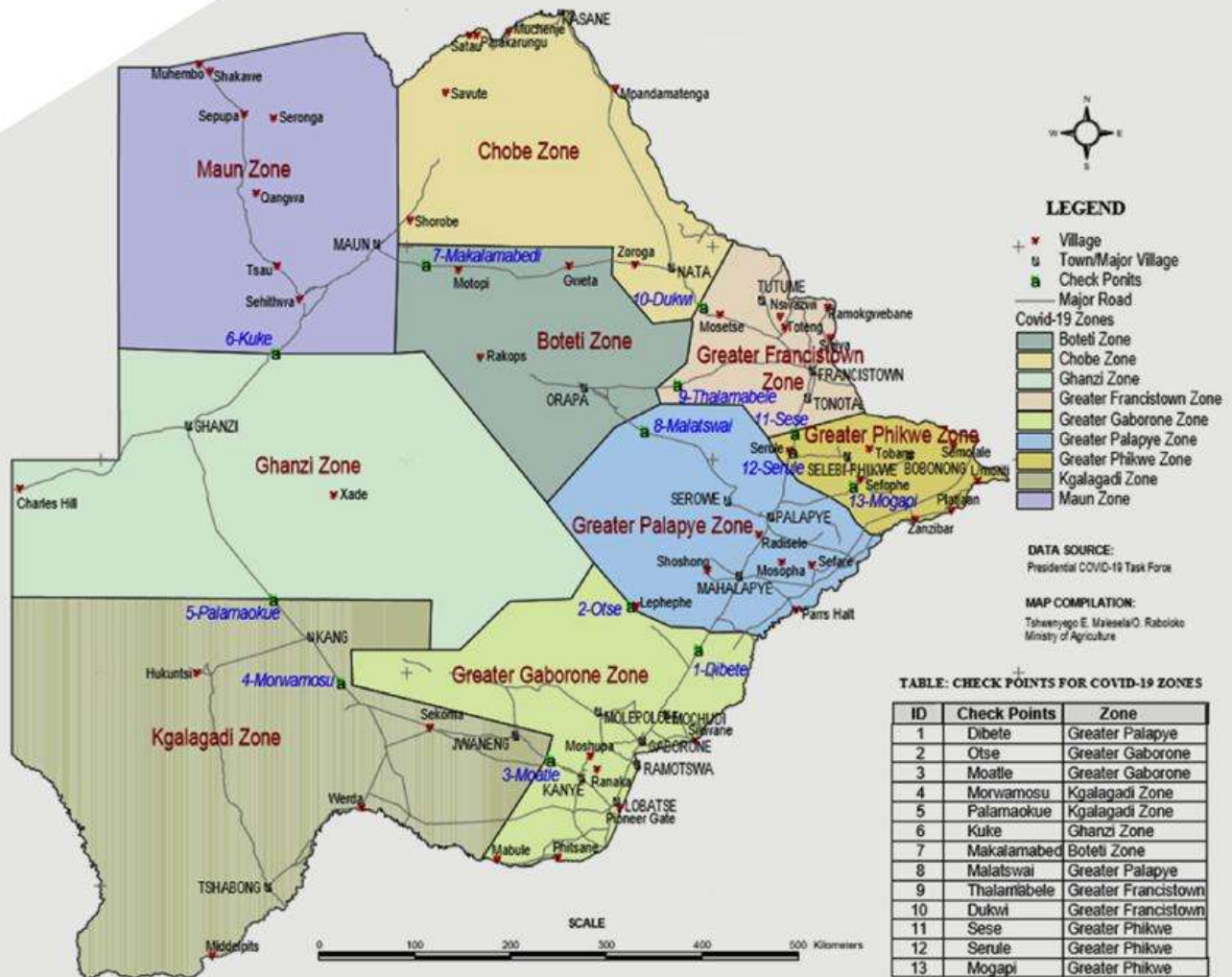
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COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



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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