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## Kgosi Puso Applauds Batswana For COVID-19 Protocol Compliance

**G**overnment instituted gathering restrictions on the 30th of March as a way preventing the spread of Corona virus. Funerals and wedding were initially limited to attendance of 50 people until recently when His Excellency through powers vested in him increased the number to 75.

*Chairman of Ntlo Ya Dikgosi, Kgosi Puso Gaborone has applauded Batswana for complying with COVID-19 protocols during funeral ceremonies. Speaking to Presidential Covid-19 Task Force Bulletin, Kgosi Puso said generally Batswana observed the set Covid-19 social gathering protocols.*

He said Batswana wear masks, wash hands, register during funerals and observe the 1-2 meters distance.

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### MY MASK MY TRAVEL BUDDY

#### When to wear your mask:

- When using public transport
- When there is more than one person in the vehicle
- When entering shared spaces (malls, health care facilities, salons)

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Kgosi Puso said he has attended several funerals and Batswana complied well. He said the only challenge that he has noticed is the slightly more numbers than the prescribed one, adding that most of the time the matter is compounded by the fact that we still have people who live as extended families and thus the mourning family alone is more than set numbers.

He said this sometimes leaves neighbours, friends and church mates also attending because the mourning family cannot conduct the funeral alone. He however said except for the anomaly Batswana comply with the set protocols.

Kgosi Puso said the funerals he has attended also abided by the set time of 2 hours, saying they spend an hour at home and another at the burial site. He said people also sanitize shovels as they exchange them. He said where necessary Magosi often remind the community to abide by the set protocols.

As for washing of hands, Kgosi Puso said it has always been a Setswana custom upon arrival from the grave to wash hands. Kgosi also said he discouraged the use of kitchen hand towels since they can spread the corona virus.



Regarding the issue of meals at funerals, Kgosi Puso said he recently talked to some Dikgosi about this issue and that majority of them had a consensus that serving of food should be stopped. He said some families borrow money so that they can feed the general public which leaves them in debts.

Kgosi Gaborone acknowledged the attempt that Kgosi Kgari Sechele III of Bakwena once initiated to stop meals at funerals as a way of reducing debt burden of the grieving family. He said although there are segments of the community that resist that, as Dikgosi they will promote it going forward.

On the sale of traditional brews, Kgosi Puso said he wish they could be given a chance to engage with morafe because there are depots that sell modern brews but will take advantage and sell their brews because they are classified as depots.

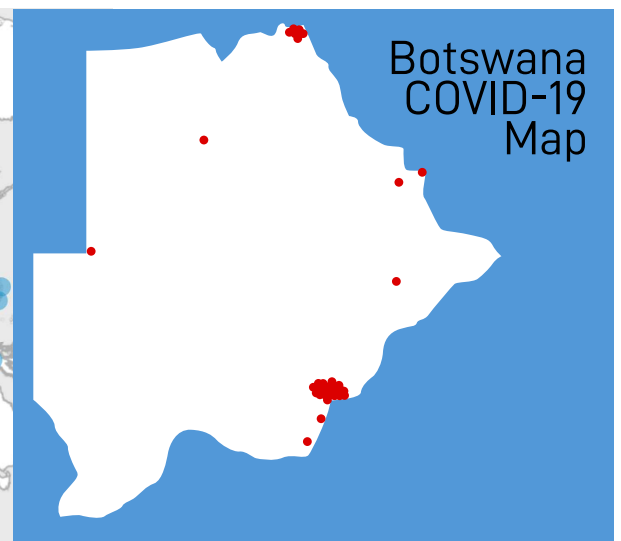
He said if it was possible, they would call a kgotla meeting where all that want to sell traditional alcohol would register and also for them to educate the brewers about proper hygiene.

Kgosi Puso said they would intensify education on non-sharing of drinking utensils such as diphafana among others.

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## COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

USA - 4,197,184	Egypt - 91,583	Zimbabwe - 2,434
South Africa - 434,200	China - 86,637	Eswatini - 2,142
UK - 301,020	Ethiopia - 13,248	Namibia - 1,775
Spain - 272,421	Madagascar - 9,295	Mozambique - 1,616
Italy - 246,118	Zambia - 4,328	Angola - 916
France - 217,801	Malawi - 3,557	Lesotho - 505



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## Alcoholic Beverage Consumers Not Sober Enough To Adhere To COVID-19 Guidelines

***It has been observed that some liquor outlets are not adhering to COVID-19 guidelines and protocols.***

Minister of Investment Trade and Industry Honourable Peggy Serame even tweeted “*I thought we had a deal*”, a message directed to alcoholic beverage consumers.

The Minister's tweet stirred debate as social media followers articulated their views with some posting pictures of outlets which had more than the required number of customers.

Most outlets especially in the Capital City were filled to the rafters with elbow benders quenching their thirst and in the process forgot that the country was not yet out of the woods. The use of masks which was declared mandatory in Botswana was seriously not followed through as most customers were not using one.

Honourable Serame had on the 31st of May 2020 advised the nation that the decision taken

to allow for the sale of alcohol under restricted conditions, was subject to the continued monitoring and advice of the Director of Health Services and the COVID-19 Task Force Team. “Sale of alcohol may be suspended again in the near future should the need arise” warned the Minister.

The sale of alcohol was previously outlawed since Botswana went on a State of Emergency. Its sale became legal again in June as government started easing down restrictions to open up some sectors.

Botswana has seen a surge in Covid-19 infections to more than 113 confirmed cases of Botswana and residents with 60 Active cases and 52 recoveries.

Due to lack of adherence of COVID-19 protocols, South Africa banned alcohol sales again as a measure to combat Covid-19 spread. A decision taken to take pressure off the South African healthcare system.

# Preventing and managing COVID-19 across long-term care services: Policy brief, 24 July 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected older people disproportionately, especially those living in long-term care facilities.

In many countries, evidence shows that more than 40% of COVID-19 related deaths have been linked to long-term care facilities, with figures being as high as 80% in some high-income countries. Concerted action is needed to mitigate the impact across all aspects of long-term care, including home- and community-based care, given that most users and providers of care are those who are vulnerable to severe COVID-19.

This policy brief provides 11 policy objectives and key action points to prevent and manage COVID-19 across long-term care. Its intended audience is policy makers and authorities (national, subnational and local) involved in the COVID-19 pandemic.

The brief builds on currently available evidence on the measures taken to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID 19 pandemic across long-term care services including care providers.

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

# 16,100,905

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## OPERATING TIMES FOR LIQUOR OUTLETS

Licence	Days of the week	Trading hours
1. Bar Liquor	Wednesday to Friday Saturday	1000 hours to 1900 hours 1000 hours to 1600 hours
2. Bottle Store	Wednesday to Friday Saturday	0900 hours to 1700 hours 1000 hours to 1400 hours
3. Liquor Depot	Wednesday to Friday Saturday	1000 hours to 1900 hours 1000 hours to 1600 hours
4. Discotheque/ Nightclub	Wednesday to Friday Saturday	1000 hours to 1900 hours 1000 hours to 1600 hours
5. Distributor Liquor	Monday to Thursday	0800 hours to 1600 hours
6. Wholesale Liquor	Monday to Thursday	0800 hours to 1600 hours
7. Club Liquor	Wednesday to Friday Saturday	1000 hours to 1900 hours 1000 hours to 1600 hours
8. Temporary Liquor	Closed	
9. Bar in a Restaurant	Daily	1000 hours to 2200 hours



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## KGAKOLOLO KA COVID-19

A o na le dikai tsa mhikela? Kopa thuso ya ba bongaka ka potlako ka go leletsa nomoro ya **16649**. O seka wa ya tirong kana wa tsena mo sechabeng pele ga o fola.

**Go botoka go nna kelotlhoko go na le go ikotlhaya.**



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# COVID-19 ZONAL MAP



## KNOW YOUR ZONES

*Extreme Social Distancing ended on 20th May 2020 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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A SERIOUS THREAT!**

# FROM "I" TO "US"...

**Team building means marching  
in step. Let US all:**

- Sanitise.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Wear masks.
- Remember to bSafe. Use the app.

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