



# PRESIDENTIAL (COVID-19) TASK FORCE BULLETIN

COVID-19 | LOCKDOWN PHASE 1

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## Special sitting of Parliament continues today

**S**pecial sitting of Parliament that met yesterday to deliberate on the proposed amendment of COVID-19 Emergency Power Regulations, was adjourned until today at 9am.

Legislators requested that they be accorded an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the proposed amendments of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) No.4 Regulations that were published on Extraordinary Government Gazette dated 4th of May 2020.

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### CURRENT SITUATION IN NUMBERS

05/05/2020

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Lab Tests Performed & resulted | 9360 |
| Negative Cases                 | 9337 |
| Positive Cases                 | 23   |
| Total Deaths                   | 1    |
| Recoveries                     | 8    |
| Active Cases                   | 14   |

SAY NO TO TOBACCO  
IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 AND ALWAYS



HIGHER CHANCE OF TRANSMISSION  
FROM HAND TO MOUTH

# How to talk to your child about COVID-19

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Botswana

*It's easy to feel overwhelmed by everything you're hearing about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) right now.*

*It's also understandable if your children are feeling anxious, too. Children might find it difficult to understand what they are seeing online or on TV – or hearing from other people – so they can be particularly vulnerable to feelings of anxiety, stress and sadness. But having an open, supportive discussion with your children can help them understand, cope and even make a positive contribution for others.*

## 1. Ask open questions and listen

Start by inviting your child to talk about the issue. Find out how much they already know and follow their lead. If they are particularly young and haven't already heard about the outbreak, you may not need to raise the issue – just take the chance to remind them about

## about COVID-19

hearing

2019

now.

*The outbreak of coronavirus has brought with it numerous reports of racial discrimination around the world*

good hygiene practices without introducing new fears. Make sure you are in a safe environment and allow your child to talk freely. Drawing, stories and other activities may help to open up a discussion.

## 2. Be honest: explain the truth in a child-friendly way

Children have a right to truthful information about what's going on in the world, but adults also have a responsibility to keep them safe from distress.

age-appropriate language, watch their reactions, and be sensitive to their level of anxiety. If you can't answer their questions, don't guess. Use it as an opportunity to explore the answers together.

## 3. Show them how to protect

themselves and their friends

One of the best ways to keep children safe from coronavirus and other diseases is to simply encourage regular handwashing. It doesn't need to be a scary conversation. You can also show children how to , explain that it's best not to get too close to people who have those symptoms, and ask them to tell you if they start to feel like they have a fever, cough or are having difficulty breathing.

## 4. Offer reassurance

When we're seeing lots of troubling images on TV or online, it can



## The Lockdown Extended in Phases

### Phase I

The current lockdown conditions period will be extend by one week, from **May 1st to May 7th, 2020**. During this period, The Government will also develop and finalize regulations for a phased lifting of lockdown rules in low risk sectors.

### Phase II

Starting from **May 8th to May 14th**, Government, will lift in a phased manner, some lockdown rules while at the same time introducing additional plans for further lifting of the remaining lockdown rules.

### Phase III

From **May 15th to May 22nd**, which will be the final week of the lockdown extension, Government will lift the remaining rules from the original lockdown rules implemented on March 30th, 2020.

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sometimes feel like the crisis is all around us. Children may not distinguish between images on screen and their own personal reality, and they may believe they're in imminent danger. You can help your children cope with the stress by making opportunities for them to play and relax, when possible. Keep regular routines and schedules as much as possible, especially before they go to sleep, or help create new ones in a new environment.

**Remind your children that they can have other difficult conversations with you at any time.**

**5. Check if they are experiencing or spreading stigma**

The outbreak of coronavirus has brought with it numerous reports of racial discrimination around the world, so it's important to check that your children are neither experiencing nor contributing to

bullying.

Explain that coronavirus has nothing to do with what someone looks like, where they are from or what language they speak.

**6. Look for the helpers**

It's important for children to know that people are helping each other with acts of kindness and generosity. Share stories of health workers, scientists and , among others, who are working to stop the outbreak and keep the community safe.

**8. Close conversations with care**

It's important to know that we're not leaving children in a state of distress. As your conversation wraps up, try to gauge their level of anxiety by watching their body language, considering whether they're using their usual tone of voice and watching their breathing.

Remind your children that they can have other difficult conversations with you at any time. Remind them that you care, you're listening and that you're available whenever they're feeling worried.

*UNICEF Botswana*

**TRUCK MONITORING 04-05 MAY 2020**

| BORDER                | Arrival    | Departure |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| Tlokweng              | 35         | 56        |
| Ramatlabama           | 31         | 22        |
| Martin's Drift        | 19         | 133       |
| Pioneer               | 3          | 13        |
| Mamuno                | 20         | 12        |
| Kazungula Road Border | 32         | 6         |
| Kazungula Ferry       | 38         | 17        |
| Ngoma                 | 1          | 2         |
| Ramokgwebana          | 12         | 2         |
| Mohembo               | 0          | 0         |
| Sub Total             | 191        | 263       |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>454</b> |           |

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases worldwide

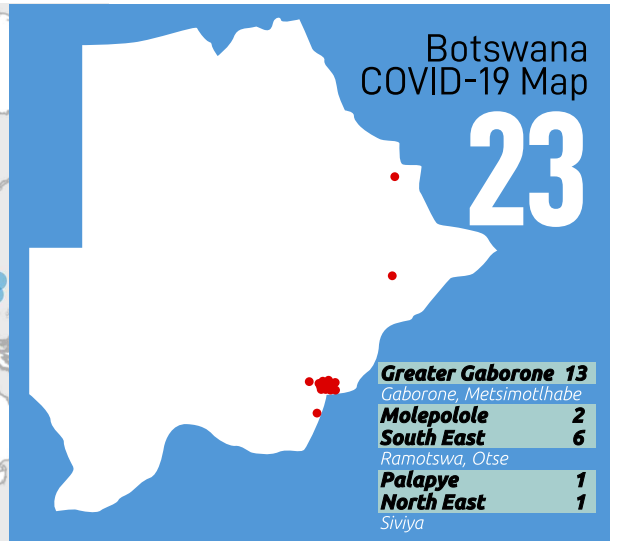
**3,607,469**

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**COVID-19 Confirmed Cases**

|                  |                      |                 |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| USA - 1,181,885  | South Africa - 7,220 | Mozambique - 80 |
| Spain - 218,011  | Egypt - 7,201        | Malawi - 41     |
| Italy - 211,938  | Madagascar - 149     | Angola - 35     |
| UK - 191,832     | Ethiopia - 145       | Zimbabwe - 34   |
| France - 169,583 | Zambia - 137         | Botswana - 23   |
| China - 83,966   | Eswatini - 116       | Namibia - 16    |



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