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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with regulation 5 (1) and (4) of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, His Excellency the President lifts the lockdown for the Greater Gaborone zone with effect from 15th June, 2020 at midnight.

The lifting of the lockdown is based on evidence submitted by the Director of Health Services that the risks posed by COVID-19 for the Greater Gaborone zone have decreased.

For the avoidance of doubt, the following shall apply –

- (a) a person shall not undertake non-essential travel between COVID zones unless they have been issued with a permit under the Regulations;
- (b) a permit for travel across COVID zones may be issued to access –
 - (i) a farm, ranch, garden, ploughing field (*masimo*) or cattle post (*moraka*) and
 - (ii) a funeral of an immediate member of the family,
for the purposes of subparagraph (ii) "immediate member of the family" means a spouse, son, daughter, sibling or parent;
- (c) a person in a public place shall wear a face mask, homemade item or appropriate item which covers the person's nose and mouth;
- (d) a person who is a parent or guardian of a child shall ensure that a child is wearing a face mask, homemade item or appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth in a public place;
- (e) a trade, business, school, religious place of worship or funeral 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;
- (f) a person at a trade, business, school, religious place of worship or funeral, irrespective of their number, shall –
 - (i) be provided by the host with clean water and soap to wash their hands or with hand sanitiser,
 - (ii) observe the social distancing requirements of being at least two metres apart from each other, and
 - (iii) comply with directions for the prevention of spread of COVID-19 issued by the Director of Health Services as published in the *Government Gazette*;
- (g) the checking of body temperature of a person at a trade, business, school or religious place of worship, and where a person's body temperature is 37.4 degrees celsius and above, such person shall not be allowed to access a trade, business, school or religious place of worship premises and the person shall be referred to the Director;
- (h) regular disinfecting of a trade, business, school or religious place of worship premises, under the supervision of the Director;

- (i) upon direction of the Director the closing of a trade, business, school, religious place of worship where there is a reasonable suspicion that a person who has had access to a trade, business, school or religious place of worship 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 a trade, business, school or religious place of worship;
- (j) a trade or business, school, a religious place of worship and funeral host shall, for purposes of contact tracing, maintain a register containing the personal details and contact details of all persons accessing the trade or business, school, place of worship or attending a funeral;
- (k) the register referred to in paragraph (j) 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;
- (l) a gathering of more than two persons is prohibited:
Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a meeting of Cabinet, a meeting of the National Assembly, a council meeting or a meeting of the National Taskforce on COVID-19;
- (m) in relation to a religious place of worship, there shall be a maximum of four religious services per week and the number of persons attending the service at any one time shall not exceed 50;
- (n) in relation to a funeral the number of persons attending a funeral shall not exceed 50; and
- (o) the Government Notices issued by the Director of Health Services lifting restrictions under the Regulations shall apply.

[Government Notice No. 216 of 2020](#) is hereby revoked.

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President.