

Statutory Instrument No. 79 of 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(Cap. 63:01)

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OR
SPREAD OF COVID-19) ORDER, 2021**
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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Health and Wellness by section 75, read with section 80, of the Public Health Act, the following Order is hereby made —

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Health (Prevention of Introduction or Spread of Covid-19) Order, 2021, and shall come into operation on 1st October, 2021.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

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“Covid-19” means a disease caused by the novel corona virus, SARS-CoV-2, and declared a notifiable disease in the Public Health (Notification of Disease) (Covid-19) Order; and

“PCR test” means a Polymerase Chain Reaction test.

Conditions of entry

3. (1) In order to control the spread of Covid-19, a person shall, upon entering Botswana, be subjected to the provisions of section 80 (1) (c) and (d) of the Act.

(2) A person who refuses to be subjected to the provisions of section 80 (1) (c) and (d) of the Act commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P5 000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year, or to both.

Entry requirements

4. (1) A person who enters into Botswana shall —

- (a) at the port of entry, present a negative PCR test result, or any other test result as the Director may determine, not older than 72 hours from time of departure from the country of origin; or
- (b) at their own cost, where he or she is unable to present a negative PCR test result under subparagraph (a) —
 - (i) be required to undertake immediate Covid-19 PCR testing, and
 - (ii) isolate within the district of port of entry where the test result in sub-subparagraph (i) is positive.

(2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), where the Director considers it necessary, any person who enters into Botswana may be required to undertake immediate Covid-19 testing.

5. A person who does not meet the requirements of paragraph 4 shall not be allowed entry into Botswana. Prohibition of entry

MADE this 28th day of September, 2021.

EDWIN GORATAONE DIKOLOTI,
Minister of Health and Wellness.