

Statutory Instrument No. 78 of 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(Cap. 63:01)

PUBLIC HEALTH (NOTIFICATION OF DISEASE) (COVID-19) ORDER, 2021
(Published on 28th September, 2021)

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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Health and Wellness by section 52 (2) of the Public Health Act, the following Order is hereby made —

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Health (Notification of Disease) (Covid-19) Order, 2021, and shall come into operation on 1st October, 2021. Citation and commencement
2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation
“Covid-19” means a disease caused by the novel corona virus, SARS-CoV-2, and declared a notifiable disease in paragraph 3 of this Order.
3. The Minister hereby declares that Covid-19 shall be a notifiable disease under the Act. Notification of disease
4. This Order shall apply to the whole of Botswana. Application
5. Parts I, II, III, V, VI, VII, VIII, XI, XV and XXI of the Act shall apply to Covid-19. Sections of the Act applicable to Covid-19
6. An officer-in-charge, medical practitioner or health officer at any authority, agency and department shall, in writing, notify the Director of any positive Covid-19 case at the facility or that the officer-in-charge, medical practitioner or health officer comes across during the course of that officer-in-charge, medical practitioner or health officer’s work. Covid-19 notification requirements
7. A person who contravenes this Order commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P5 000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both, and in the case of a body corporate, the head of that body corporate or the officer directly responsible for the body corporate shall be liable to the same fine and imprisonment. Offence and penalty
8. The Notification of Disease (Covid-19) Order, 2020 is hereby revoked. Revocation of S.I. No. 89 of 2020

MADE this 28th day of September, 2021.

EDWIN GORATAONE DIKOLOTI,
Minister of Health and Wellness.