

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(Cap. 63:01)

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OR SPREAD
OF COVID-19) ORDER, 2022**
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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Health and Wellness by section 75, as read with section 80, of the Public Health Act, the following Order is hereby made —

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Health (Prevention of Introduction or Spread of COVID-19) Order, 2022 and shall come into operation on 14th February, 2022. Citation and commencement

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation
“COVID-19” has the meaning assigned to it under the Public Health (COVID-19 Control Measures) Regulations; Cap. 63:01
“COVID-19 PCR test” means a Polymerase Chain Reaction test; and (Sub. Leg.)
“fully vaccinated” means a person who has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, including a booster dose as the Director may determine from time to time and “COVID-19 vaccination” shall be construed accordingly.

3. (1) In order to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into Botswana, a person entering Botswana shall be subject to the provisions of section 80 (1) (c) and (d) of the Act. Conditions of entry

(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.

4. (1) A person who enters into Botswana shall — Entry requirements
(a) present proof that he or she is fully vaccinated:

Provided that where such proof is not presented, the person shall —

- (i) present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result, or any other test result as the Director may determine, not older than 72 hours from the time of testing, at the port of entry, and
 - (ii) be vaccinated at the port of entry; or
- (b) at their own cost, where he or she is unable to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result under paragraph (a) (i) —
- (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 subparagraph (i) is positive.

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(2) A person under the age of 12 shall be exempt from subparagraph (1).

(3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), where the Director considers it necessary, a 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.

6. Statutory Instrument No. 79 of 2021 is hereby revoked.

MADE this 11th day of February, 2022.

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Minister of Health and Wellness.