

Statutory Instrument No. 12 of 2022

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. Citation
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. (Sub. Leg.) 63:01
 - “COVID-19 PCR test” means a Polymerase Chain Reaction test; and
 - “fully vaccinated” means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, including a booster dose when eligible as the Director may determine.
3. (1) In order to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into Botswana, a person who enters into Botswana shall, at the port of entry, present proof that he or she is fully vaccinated, and where such proof is not presented, the person shall — Entry requirements
 - (a) 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 and be vaccinated at the port of entry; and
 - (b) where he or she is unable to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result under paragraph (a) —
 - (i) at their own cost be required to undertake immediate COVID-19 PCR testing,
 - (ii) where the test result in subparagraph (i) is negative, vaccinate at the port of entry, and
 - (iii) where the test result in subparagraph (i) is positive, isolate within the district of port of entry at their own cost.
- (2) A person under the age of 12 shall be exempt from subparagraph (1).
- (3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), where the Director considers it necessary, any person who enters into Botswana may be required to undertake immediate COVID-19 testing.

Prohibition of entry

4. A person who does not meet the requirements of paragraph 3 shall not be allowed entry into Botswana:

Provided that a person who presents a certificate in terms of section 69 that he or she is not in a fit state to be vaccinated may be allowed entry.

Offence and penalty

5. A person who refuses to be subjected to the provisions of this Order 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.

Revocation of S.J. No. 3 of 2022

6. The Public Health (Prevention of Introduction or Spread of COVID-19) Order, 2022 is hereby revoked.

MADE this 25th day of February, 2022.

DR. EDWIN GORATAONE DIKOLOTI,
Minister of Health and Wellness.