

Statutory Instrument No. 22 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 Cap. 63:01
(COVID-19 Control Measures) Regulations; (Sub. Leg.)
“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.

3. (1) In order to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into Botswana, a person who wishes to enter into Botswana shall, at the port of entry, on presenting proof that he or she is fully vaccinated, be allowed entry. Entry requirements

(2) Where the proof under subparagraph (1) is not presented, a person shall on entry 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 at his or her own cost be required to undertake immediate COVID-19 PCR testing.

(3) Where the test result obtained from the immediate COVID-19 PCR testing under subparagraph (2) is —

- (a) negative, the person shall be allowed entry; or
- (b) positive, the person shall isolate within the district of port of entry at his or her own cost.

(4) A person under the age of 12 shall be exempted from this paragraph.

4. 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. Offence and penalty

5. The Public Health (Prevention of Introduction or Spread of COVID-19) Order, 2022 is hereby revoked. Revocation of S.I. No. 12 of 2022

MADE this 17th day of March, 2022.

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Minister of Health and Wellness.