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Dear Mr. Tavares,

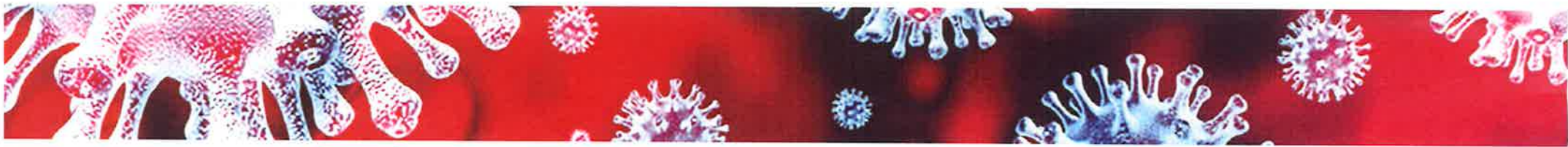
THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA'S COVID-19 MEASURES

1. I hope that this communication finds you well in these trying times.
2. The purpose of this note is to share the attached summary information sheet outlining the Namibian Government's stages of its response to Covid-19.
3. Namibia has recorded 23 confirmed cases of Covid-19, 14 recoveries, 9 active cases and no deaths. Since confirming the first two cases of Covid-19 on March 14th, Namibia sustained 21 cases for 45 consecutive days of zero infections. There have now been six new cases recorded since May 20th.
4. Namibia is currently in "stage 3" of its Covid-19 stages of restriction, which will be in place until 29 June 2020. The final stage will come in force from June 30th until September (end of the Emergency period), subject to the evolution of the virus in the country.
5. It would be appreciated if this information is communicated to interested parties accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Albertus **AOCHAMUB**
AMBASSADOR





NAMIBIA COVID-19 STAGES OF RESTRICTION

Each Stage will have average observance period of 28 days, which may be reduced or extended subject to changing country situation.

CURRENT STAGE

STAGE 1 Full Lockdown 28 March – 04 May 2020

Key measures:

- a. Closure of all points of entry.
- b. Comprehensive restrictions on cross-border, domestic travel & movement. Exempt: essential goods transportation.
- c. Public gatherings not exceeding 10 persons.
- d. Mandatory, Government supervised Quarantine.
- e. Provision of Essential & Critical goods and services permitted, as defined. Other sectors and employees to work from home.
- f. Closure of Early Childhood Development Centers, Primary, Secondary Schools & Tertiary Institutions.
- g. Personal movements restricted.
- h. Motor Vehicle passenger restrictions.
- i. In addition to Essential & Critical Services, following industries permitted to resume activity, subject to agreed hygiene protocols: Mining, Fishing and fish processing, and Informal markets.
- j. School instruction, resumed on a distance-learning basis from 20 April 2020.
- k. Ongoing strengthening of Public Healthcare System.

STAGE 2 Reopen with Strict Precautions 05 May – 01 June 2020

Key measures:

- a. Closure of all points of entry.
- b. Comprehensive restrictions on cross border movement remains in force. Exempt: essential goods transportation.
- c. Mandatory, Government supervised Quarantine for returning Namibians, permanent residents and those providing humanitarian assistance.
- d. Public permitted to travel without restriction domestically, between regions and within towns and cities.
- e. Motor Vehicle passenger restrictions remain in force.
- f. Domestic air travel permitted in adherence to Social Distancing protocols. Road travel permitted in adherence to Passenger Restrictions.
- g. Public required to wear facemasks when: using both private and public transport, shopping, group outdoor exercise, workplace.
- h. Public gatherings not to exceed 10 persons.
- i. Primary, Secondary Schools & Tertiary institutions to continue providing alternative teaching and learning.
- j. Productive activities across all sectors permitted to resume, subject to social distancing and hygiene protocols.
- k. The following activities will not be permitted to resume: Theatres; cinemas; gyms; exercise centres; contact sports; sporting events; gambling houses; nightclubs; liquor outlets, bars, shebeens; entertainment events; concerts; face-to-face seminars; conferences; workshops; summits.
- l. The following will be permitted subject to conditions:
 - i. Shopping Malls/Retail Outlets: Adhere to shopper guidelines. Reserve special shopping hours for Vulnerable Persons. Selling of alcohol prohibited.
 - ii. Restaurants: Continue on take-away basis. Buying and selling of alcohol prohibited.
 - iii. Kapana Traders: Meals only on take-away basis.
 - iv. Beauty, Hairdressers; Barbers; Laundromat; Tailors: Subject to proper personal protective equipment.
- m. Employers encouraged to allow employees in vulnerable categories as defined, to continue work from home. Vulnerable Persons encouraged to stay home, work from home and use special shopping hours.
- n. Ongoing strengthening of the Public Healthcare System.

STAGE 3 Reopen with Moderate Precautions 02 June – 29 June 2020

Key measures:

- a. Closure of all points of entry.
- b. Comprehensive restrictions on cross border movement of persons will remain in force. Exempt: imported goods transportation.
- a. Mandatory, Government supervised Quarantine for returning Namibians, permanent residents and those providing humanitarian assistance.
- c. Public gathering not exceeding 50 persons.
- d. ECD, Primary, Secondary Schools & Vocational Training Providers resume face-to-face classes.
- e. Truck drivers to adhere to Standard Operating Procedures for designated supervised points.
- f. Employers encouraged to allow employees in vulnerable conditions/categories to work from home.
- g. Face-to-face visits to Old Age Homes suspended. Caretakers to wear PPE.
- h. The following activities will be permitted to resume subject to conditions:
 - Restaurants, Cafes & Kapana Traders for sit down dining. Restaurants may only open for pre-booked customers. Food/buffets to be handled only by service staff.
 - Liquor Outlets, Shebeens, Bars Limit alcohol sales to 12h00-18h00, Mon-Sat. No alcohol sales on Sunday. Alcohol sales permitted only for takeaway. Alcohol consumption not permitted in public. Only valid Liquor License holders permitted to operate.
 - Theatres; cinemas; libraries; galleries; theatres; museums; craft centers; Gyms and exercise centers: Subject to Operational Guidelines stipulating number of persons permitted inside an establishment per square meter and Health & Hygiene protocols.
 - Entertainment events; Seminars, conferences, workshops & summits; Sporting events & activities (with exception of contact sports): Subject to Public Gathering limit and Health & Hygiene protocols.
- i. The following activities will not be permitted to resume: Nightclubs; Gambling houses; Casinos.
- j. Measures for Walvis Bay Local Authority Area:
Due to recent epidemiological developments, Walvis Bay Local Authority Area will revert to STAGE 1 from the 2nd June 2020 to the 8th June 2020 (7 days).

STAGE 4 The New Normal 30 June – End of State of Emergency

Key measures:

- a. Gradual reopening of borders to selected countries based on regularly updated information.
- b. Resume normal flight schedules. Air travel allowed subject to screening & quarantine protocols.
- c. Ongoing quarantine measures to be regularly reevaluated and updated.
- d. Universities resume face-to-face classes on 08 August 2020.
- e. Public gathering restrictions to be advised based on available information. Large public gatherings to resume without person limitations, subject to social distancing protocols.
- f. On site consumption of alcohol at shebeens, bars permitted.

NOTE: Stage 4 is Indicative in terms of dates and activities.