



NAMIBIA COVID-19 STAGES OF RESTRICTION

Hybrid migration from STAGE 3 to STAGE 4, with introduction of a new STAGE 5 (dealing specifically with Entry Points & Air Travel).



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 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 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 Relaxed Precaution 30 June – 17 September 2020

Key measures:

- A. Increase public gathering - 250
- B. Points of entry remain closed, with provision for Tourism initiative.
- C. Increase Business Operating hours & amend applicable laws.
- D. Guidelines be revised to Isqm p/p.
- E. Namibians, PRPH & categories of professionals with valid Work Permits permitted entry into the country.
- F. All Non-Namibians to present negative PCR test result valid 72 hrs
- G. Travel related quarantine: All Namibians & Non-Namibians to submit to Govt supervised Quarantine at own cost. Only citizens who cant afford at own cost (as defined) can apply for cost to Govt.
- H. Vulnerable persons as defined can return to work. Adhere strictly to Protocols.
- I. Robust public education & stronger enforcement of Protocols & Regulations is critical.

MEASURES FOR ERONGO REGION WITH SPECIAL DISPENSATION FOR WALVIS BAY, SWAKOPMUND & ARANDIS LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS

- 1.1 Erongo region to migrate from STAGE 1 to STAGE 3 on 22 June 2020 until 06 July 2020 (14-days)
- 1.2 Travel between towns in Erongo and to the rest of the country is permitted, with exception of W.B, Swakopmund & Arandis.
- 1.3 Travel between W.B, Swakopmund & Arandis - permitted.
- 1.4 Travel into & out of these Local Authority Areas to the rest of the country restricted to emergency situations only (as defined).
- 1.5 Essential service providers & truck drivers permitted to travel into and out of the region on the basis of an authorized permit.
- 1.6 Public gatherings at Erongo region restricted to 50 persons. WB, Swakopmund & Arandis LAA restricted to 10 persons.
- 1.7 Education: Grade 11 & 12 may resume face-2-face instruction in Erongo region, with exception of 3 Local Authority Areas.
- 1.8 Resumption of Gr. 11, 12 & Pre-Primary (Gr. 0-3) at WB, Swakopmund & Arandis Local Authority Areas deferred to 06 July 2020.

STAGE 5 A New Normal 18 Sept – 30 December 2020

Key measures:

- A. Opening Points of Entry & Air Travel
- B. Strengthen border patrols.
- C. Travelers submit to supervised quarantine, at cost to Govt for key vulnerable groups of Namibians. Other categories of Namibians/Non-Namibians at own cost
- D. Gradual opening of borders to targeted low risk countries.
- E. Intensify testing frontline workers at Points of Entry.
- F. Resume adjusted flight schedules for air travel with direct flights to Low risk cities. Direct flights from high risk cities not permitted.
- G. Proposed course of action for visitors/travelers to Namibia
 - Accept negative PCR test, valid 72 hours.
 - Exclude visitors from 'High Risk' countries (as defined) within 14 days of travel.
 - Incoming travelers submit to mandatory, supervised quarantine.
 - Revised departure/arrival procedures and contact tracing for arriving passengers.