

## BOTSWANA COVID-19 TRAVEL REGULATIONS

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STATUS	OPEN - Botswana started a phased reopening of borders to International guests on 9 November 2020.
ACCESS INTO BOTSWANA	<p><b>AIR:</b> Entry into the country will be through Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone, Maun International Airport and Kasane International Airport.</p> <p><b>LAND BORDERS:</b> There will be a phased in reopening of land borders on 1 December 2020 which includes Kazungula Road, Kazungula Ferry, Ngoma Ramokgwebana, Martins Drift, Ramatlabama, Tlokweg, Mamuno, Pioneer and Mhembo.</p>
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</b>	
COUNTRIES ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THE DESTINATION	ALL
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<p><b>New Requirements for entering Botswana as of 14 February 2022</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Fully Vaccinated (Negative PCR test not required)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Received 2 doses of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and not yet due for booster shot.</li> <li>b) Received 1 dose of a single dose primary series vaccine and not yet due for booster shot.</li> <li>c) Received 2 doses of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and got his/her booster shot.</li> <li>d) Received 1 dose of a single dose primary series vaccine and got his/her booster shot.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. Partially Vaccinated (Negative PCR test required)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Received 1 dose of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and not yet due for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>3. Partially Vaccinated (Negative PCR test required, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot administered at the port of entry).</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Received 1 dose of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and is due for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>4. Partially Vaccinated (Negative PCR test required &amp; a Booster shot administered at the port of entry)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Received 2 doses of a 2 dose primary series vaccine and is eligible for a booster dose.</li> <li>b) Received 1 dose of a single dose primary series vaccine and is eligible for a booster dose.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>5. Unvaccinated</b> (Negative PCR test required, 1 shot of primary series of vaccine administered at the port of entry).</li> </ol> <p><b>**Please note that for those not fully vaccinated, vaccination is conducted at all ports of entry**</b></p> <p><b>Booster requirements for persons 18 years and older:</b></p> <p>Pfizer – 6 months after completing vaccination series</p> <p>Moderna – 6 months after completing vaccination series</p> <p>Johnson &amp; Johnson / Janssen – 2 months after completing primary vaccination dose</p> <p>Astra Zeneca / Covishield – 3 months after completing vaccination series</p> <p>Sinovac – 5 months after completing vaccination series</p> <p><b>Children Regulations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children 0-11yrs years are exempted from vaccination requirements &amp; the 72-hour negative COVID 19 PCR Test result requirement but should undergo screening for COVID 19 symptoms</li> <li>• Children aged 12-17 years will be required to be fully vaccinated. No boosters required yet.</li> </ul>

DO GUESTS HAVE TO GO INTO MANDATORY QUARANTINE / ISOLATION ON ARRIVAL?	NO
WILL GUESTS UNDERGO ANY ADDITIONAL SCREENING?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travelers undergo screening of temperature (Temperature 36.2C – 37.4C and symptom checker)</li> <li>Only if the screening shows COVID-19 symptoms will travelers need to retest and quarantine/isolate.</li> <li>If they arrive fully vaccinated and they pass the screening, there is no need for an additional COVID-19 test until it is time to depart Botswana.</li> </ul>
WILL GUESTS HAVE TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION ON ARRIVAL?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, Travelers will need to complete a COVID-19 self-declaration screening form.</li> <li>Travelers will also need to complete a traveler locator form, providing accurate contact information whilst in Botswana. The local Health authority may contact the traveler within 7 days of arrival.</li> <li>A complimentary Meet &amp; Greet service by a Natural Selection representative will assist our Guests on arrival at Maun Airport.</li> </ul>
IS TRAVEL INSURANCE MANDATORY?	Yes, Travel Insurance is mandatory

## ARRIVAL PROTOCOLS

WHAT PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE ON ARRIVAL?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand sanitizing</li> <li>Travellers to show proof of vaccinations being up to date and negative COVID-19 PRC test where applicable as per above.</li> <li>Travellers undergo screening of temperature (Temperature 36.2C – 37.4C and symptom checker)</li> <li>Travellers complete register of details for contact tracing.</li> <li>Only if the screening shows Covid-19 symptoms, travelers will need to retest and quarantine/isolate.</li> </ul>
WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST SHOWS SYMPTOMS ON ARRIVAL?	Symptomatic guests upon arrival will be required to undergo mandatory testing and possible isolation and or quarantine. They will be required to remain in contact with the local health authority for a period of 5-7 days while self-monitoring.
WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST TESTS POSITIVE DURING THEIR TRIP?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All fully vaccinated people who test positive for COVID-19 will self-isolate for 5 days calculated from the date of the testing, if they are asymptomatic or if they have mild symptoms.</li> <li>For those who are partially vaccinated or not vaccinated at all, but still asymptomatic or have mild symptoms, self-isolation period will be 7 days.</li> <li>All people who test positive for COVID-19, experiencing moderate to severe symptoms, whether fully vaccinated or not, will be required to isolate a minimum of 10 days. Health care workers may use this discretion to extend the isolation period beyond 10 days where necessary, before medically discharging them.</li> <li>Contact tracing and quarantine of contacts will no longer be implemented in the general population.</li> </ol>
IS SOCIAL DISTANCING / WEARING MASK PRACTICED AND MANDATORY?	Yes - guest need to adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures that include wearing masks and practicing social distancing of 1.5 meters (4.9 feet).
WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT MAUN APT AND THEY TEST YOU FOR THE RAPID ANTIGEN TEST PRIOR TO ENTERING THE AIRPORT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When you arrive in Maun and get off the plane, officials will direct you to the shaded area outside the Airport building.</li> <li>You then get tested 1 by 1 one in a little tent outside the airport building (free Rapid Covid-19 test)</li> <li>Once you have had your test it takes 15 mins for the result to come through.</li> <li>You sit under cover in a separate area from point 1 above whilst you wait for the result.</li> <li>Once you have the negative result, you proceed into the airport building.</li> <li>So – advice to operators for all the above is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Try and get seated towards the front of the plane as it is first off – first to get tested.</li> <li>If you are at the back of the plane it could take up to an hour to get processed from waiting for the test and then waiting for the result.</li> <li>You are under shade (corrugated sheeting roof tunnel) and it can get very hot.</li> <li>Although the results of the Rapid antigen testing are very quick (approximately 15 minutes) the process of waiting in line to be tested can take quite some time so please be prepared to wait especially if guests are the end of the queue.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This document is based on current information received and is a work in progress as things change.

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## DEPARTURE PROTOCOLS

EXIT REQUIREMENTS	<p>Please check the requirements of the airline onward destination home country of the guests to see if a negative test is needed before departure.</p>															
ARE THERE A COVID TESTING FACILITY IN MAUN APT?	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnofirm has a testing facility within the terminal building in Maun International Apt, as well as Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone and Kasane International Airport.</li> <li>• Diagnofirm Maun Apt testing facility is open from 08h00-17h00 during weekdays and until 13h00 on weekends. If our guests require testing done at the Airport on weekends after 13h00 then according to Diagnofirm, they can arrange for a nurse from Maun head office to go to the Airport to test them. This is done on special request only.</li> <li>• Diagnofirm results are usually out within 4-6 hours. If the case is positive and needs a re-run or arrives late before the last run is done, they are usually out by 9am the following morning.</li> <li>• Diagnofirm has introduced an Express Testing option with a 1–2-hour turnaround time.</li> <li>• Diagnofirm Maun emails results to the guests as soon as they are authorized. They can also print their results at a self-help printing counter at Maun International Apt.</li> <li>• Diagnofirm are the only ISO accredited laboratory to do covid testing in the country.</li> <li>• Pharma Group also has testing facilities in Maun.</li> <li>• Pharma Group swabbing office in Maun Apt is located at Okavango Air Rescue Complex approx. 1,5km from Maun Apt so guests would require transfers to/from testing facility.</li> <li>• If booking Pharma Group, a Natural Selection representative will meet guests at the Airport when they arrive for their testing. They will be transferred to the testing facilities.</li> <li>• Cost for this service = P110/ USD10/ ZAR150 per person return.</li> <li>• Transfer will be strictly Maun Apt – Testing Facility – Maun Apt.</li> <li>• These are not private transfers. They will be shared shuttle transfers.</li> </ul>															
HOW MUCH DO THESE TESTS COST?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Covid Test = BWP 750 / approximately USD 70</li> <li>• Express Covid Test (Diagnofirm) = BWP 1200 per person (USD 105 if you need a USD rate)</li> <li>• PCR test costs is for the guest's account.</li> </ul>															
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET THE PCR TEST RESULTS?	<p>Diagnofirm test results take approximately 4-6 hours. Express Option takes 1-2 hours.</p> <p>Pharma Group test results these days take approximately 4 hours.</p> <p>Both Pharma Group and Diagnofirm can email test results through to the guests if needed. In cases where guests will not be passing through Maun on departure and are instead departing through Kasane or other borders and they require an emailed copy.</p>															
WHERE CAN GUESTS OBTAIN A TEST FOR DEPARTURE?	<p>Diagnofirm: <a href="http://diagnofirm.co.bw/">http://diagnofirm.co.bw/</a></p> <p>Diagnofirm testing Facility close to Maun. Bookings done daily between 14h00-15h00</p> <p>Diagnofirm Maun contact – John – 00267 7664 3111</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:john@diagnofirm.co.bw">john@diagnofirm.co.bw</a></p> <p>Pharma Group: <a href="https://www.pharma.co.bw/">https://www.pharma.co.bw/</a></p> <p>Pharma Group booking contact is John – <a href="mailto:john.ctdiagnostics@ngami.net">john.ctdiagnostics@ngami.net</a> / 00267 71 460 006</p> <p>The testing will be offered between 08h00 - 16h45 every day and Sundays from 10h00 – 12h45.</p>															
IN-CAMP TESTING FOR ALL OUR PROPERTIES	<p>Our preferred supplier for in-camp testing at all our camps is Heli Horizons.</p> <p>For In-camp testing - Heli Horizons: rates are valid from 03 November 2021 &amp; 2022.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">ROUTE</th> <th style="text-align: center;">PP USD (MIN2)</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Cut off for P/P cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>KHWAI PRIVATE CONCESSION CAMPS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">USD 310</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 pax thereafter USD 70 P/P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MENO A KWENA</td> <td style="text-align: center;">USD 310</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 pax thereafter USD 70 P/P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NG12 CONCESSION CAMPS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">USD 310</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 pax thereafter USD 70 P/P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CT11 CONCESSION CAMPS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">USD 310</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4 pax thereafter USD 70 P/P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>** Above rates are inclusive of test costs**</p> <p>** The above rates are the NS Sell rates**</p> <p>** All in-camp testing must be pre-booked by Natural Selection**</p> <p>** Guests should not be allowed to book or settle directly in camp for the in-camp testing**</p> <p>** Heli Horizons uses Diagnofirm for their in-camp testing**</p>	ROUTE	PP USD (MIN2)	Cut off for P/P cost	KHWAI PRIVATE CONCESSION CAMPS	USD 310	2 pax thereafter USD 70 P/P	MENO A KWENA	USD 310	2 pax thereafter USD 70 P/P	NG12 CONCESSION CAMPS	USD 310	3 pax thereafter USD 70 P/P	CT11 CONCESSION CAMPS	USD 310	4 pax thereafter USD 70 P/P
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HOW TO BOOK IN-CAMP  
TESTING WITH HELI  
HORIZONS

Send an email to Heli Horizons to book in-camp testing and they will handle the entire process.

On confirmation they will require the following information:

- ✓ Party Name
- ✓ Testing date
- ✓ Number of pax being swabbed.
- ✓ Camp that guests will be at for testing
- ✓ Guest full names

- Once Heli Horizons receives all the information, they will book everything for us.
- They normally try and do all the testing between 07h00-12h00 to accommodate enough process time for results.
- Exact times will be confirmed to each respective camp the day before.
- On reconfirmation the day before, Heli Horizons will also send through to the camps a form that each guest will need to fill in and hand to the nurse when they get swabbed.
- When the test results are available, they will be delivered to our NS Maun office so that we can hand them over to the guests when they arrive in Maun Apt.
- Our NS Representative Maggie will ensure the hand over of results to the guests.

TESTING IN KASANE APT

**Pharma Group:**

CT Diagnostics also offers PCR testing in Kasane Apt.

Standard PCR testing = BWP 750 / USD 70 per person (4-hour turnaround time)

Express Testing (available only in Kasane) = P1000 per person (1-hour turnaround time)

Testing can either be done at the lab situated within the Pharma Africa pharmacy which is opposite Chobe Marina in the Village of Kasane or at Kasane Airport where we they use Mack Air offices.

All bookings to be made with John Brebner - [john.ctdiagnostics@ngami.net](mailto:john.ctdiagnostics@ngami.net) / 00267 71 460 006

Or [ctdiagnosticslab@gmail.com](mailto:ctdiagnosticslab@gmail.com) / 2267 71 820 974

RECOMMENDED TESTING  
OPTIONS ON DEPARTURE

- Heli Horizons in camp testing
- Maun Apt – Diagnofirm Express testing

WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST  
SHOWS SYMPTOMS  
WHILE TRAVELLING?

Please refer to our [Natural Selection COVID-19 Health & Safety document](#).

CAN GUESTS ISOLATE AT  
A HOTEL / LODGE AFTER  
TESTING POSITIVE?

Please refer to our [Natural Selection COVID-19 Health & Safety document](#).

WHO PAYS FOR THE  
TREATMENT AT A HOSPITAL  
OR  
ISOLATION FACILITY?

All additional costs will be the responsibility of the guest. Therefore, Travel Insurance is compulsory.

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE**

This document is intended to be a guide in assisting with current Botswana Travel regulations.  
The information regarding COVID-19 travel regulations is continuously changing and evolving.  
Therefore, the information on this document will keep changing and evolving as things do on the ground.  
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