



ZAMBIA COVID-19 SITUATION AND UPDATED PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL MEASURES (PHSM)

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Zambia has experienced four waves of the COVID-19 pandemic since the first cases were reported in the country in March 2020. The fourth wave has subsided and the number of cases being reported daily have reduced significantly. In the last three weeks, Zambia has recorded declining trends of COVID-19 key indicators; sporadic COVID-19 cases, percentage SARS CoV-2 test positivity rate of less than 5%, hospitalization and deaths. Therefore, Zambia's COVID-19 risk assessment is being downgraded from high to low and the following Public Health and Social Measures (PHSM) shall apply in the Country;

- No restriction on population movement and travel
- Unrestricted opening up of all businesses
- Schools and learning institutions shall resume normal schedule
- All Work places shall resume normal working schedule
- Public gathering or events including but not limited to, weddings, parties, family gatherings, sports, music concerts, festivals, performances, parades, exhibitions, funerals, burials, religious gatherings and others shall now be permitted to operate normally but maintain masking up and practice hand hygiene.
- Public transport shall remain open but maintain masking up and practice hand hygiene.
- Facial coverings with masks and hand hygiene with soap and water or hand rub alcohol-based sanitizers shall continue in learning institutions, workplaces, business premises, closed public events, in public transport, indoor public gatherings and any other congregate settings.
- All unvaccinated eligible individuals (12 years and above) are encouraged to be get vaccinated at their nearest health facilities
- People who are fully vaccinated may get booster doses accordingly.
- There will be no need to seek authority from the Ministry of Health or ZNPFI for inspections of premise to host public events.

The above measures will be revised from time to time as the COVID-19 situation evolves.

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