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# COVID-19

ZIMBABWE FACT SHEET

MEDIA BULLETIN #1

## ABOUT ROOTED IN TRUST

The Covid-19 pandemic has created chaos and confusion around the world and put vulnerable communities in even more danger. Right now, accurate and relevant information about COVID-19 prevention, vaccines and new strains is imperative to protect the lives of the communities around the world that are already suffering from marginalisation, displacements and insecurity. People need to know on how to protect them selves and on regulations about movement ,latest vaccine information and on ways to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Rooted in Trust is a global pandemic information response program countering the unprecedented scale and speed of the spread of rumours and misinformation. Rooted in trust will work with Media, Health and Humanitarian Actors in ensuring that information disseminated is responsive to the need of the communities

## ZIMBABWE COVID-19 REGULATIONS (SI 267 of 2021) December 2021

1. All returning residents and visitors have to undergo PCR testing (notwithstanding that they present a PCR negative test from elsewhere), and those found to be negative will be quarantined at their own cost for ten days, while those who are found positive will be isolated in accordance with guidelines from Ministry for Health.
2. Curfew hours from 2100hours to 0600hrs
3. Business hours 7am to 7pm
4. Restaurants, licenced premises and night clubs are restricted to fully vaccinated customers

## RUMOUR TRAVELLING TO ZIMBABWE

*" We have to balance between spending Christmas with our families and going back to work in a short period of time. Other people have abandoned plans to travel back home due to the quarantine law announced. Everyone was looking forward to be with their families back in Zimbabwe but the Zimbabwe Covid-19 new law has resulted to people abandoning their trips. Personally i passed through the South African and Zimbabwe Boarder without having to go through quarantine ". (Traveler from South Africa, 12.12.2021)*

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION NEEDS FROM THE MEDIA

1. local communities and diaspora community require more information on the implementation of SI 267 of 2021 at the boarders with regards to quarantine of negative travelers. This will help them make informed decisions as Christmas is fast approaching and people want to be with their families.
2. The media can interview migration authorities, travelers and do observations at the airports and road boarder posts.



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