

# Update 16: Zimbabwe - Government Gradually Reopens Economy as Increase in COVID-19 Cases Drop

- On September 14, Zimbabwe's government extended operating hours for businesses
- Operating hours for retail, wholesale, and service businesses had been extended to start at 6:30 a.m. (CAT), and close at 6:30 p.m. (CAT ) with immediate effect
- The country has also reopened its border for international travelers
- Authorities have also planned to allow the operations of all the prominent outdoor activities including boating, game drives, bungee jumping, and helicopter rides to revive its tourism industry
- Authorities already announced to resume domestic flights starting September 10 and international flights from October 01, 2020
- Zimbabwe had suspended flights and shut the borders in March 2020 to curb the spread of the COVID-19
- So far, Zimbabwe has recorded 7531 cases along with 224 deaths and 5,690 Recoveries
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health of Zimbabwe (<http://www.mohcc.gov.zw/>)for the latest information on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe

## Source(s)

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## Targets Affected:

Zimbabwe

### Guidance

#### *Actions to consider:*

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions' and 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

**Related Alerts**

**Sept. 9, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 15: Zimbabwe - Government Plans to Resume Domestic and International Flights as COVID-19 Regulations Continue to be Reduced

**Aug. 20, 2020**

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Update 14: Zimbabwe - Eases COVID-19 Curfew and Extends Business Hours

**Aug. 16, 2020**

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Update 13: Zimbabwe - Reports YoY Inflation Rate of 837.53% in July 2020, Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**July 22, 2020**

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Update 12: Zimbabwe - Declares Indefinite Lockdown Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases and Political Unrest

**July 15, 2020**

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Update 11: Zimbabwe - Halts Re-opening of Economy Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases; Reports YoY Inflation Rate of 737.26% for June 2020

**July 11, 2020**

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Update 10: Zimbabwe - President Warns Further Tightening of Lockdown Amid Spike in New COVID-19 Cases

**June 23, 2020**

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Update 9: Zimbabwe - Faces Dual Threat Amid Water-Borne Disease and COVID-19 Pandemic

**June 17, 2020**

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Update 8: Zimbabwe - Records Annual Inflation Rate of 785%; COVID-19 Cases Rise to 387

June 13, 2020

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Update 7: Zimbabwe - Extends Relaxation in COVID-19 Restrictions to Aid Economy

June 3, 2020

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Update 6: Harare, Zimbabwe - Tightens COVID-19 Lockdown Amid Increase in Cases

May 18, 2020

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Update 5: Zimbabwe - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown for an Indefinite Period

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Update 4: Zimbabwe - Announces New Banknotes to Curb Cash Shortages as Inflation Rate Increases to 926%

May 2, 2020

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Update 3: Zimbabwe - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown by Two More Weeks

April 20, 2020

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Update 2: Zimbabwe - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown by Two Weeks; Reports Malaria Outbreak

April 11, 2020

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Update 1: Zimbabwe - COVID-19 Cases Rise to 13

April 8, 2020

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Zimbabwe - COVID-19 Cases Rise to Eleven

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.