

Update 26: Zimbabwe - Imposes New Restrictions Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

- Zimbabwe has banned families from transporting their dead relatives between cities, a custom where families take the dead to their areas of birth for burial rituals and ceremonies
- The development is part of new measures to stop traditional funeral rites that are believed to be increasing the spread of the COVID-19 in the country
- Zimbabwe, like many other African countries, initially recorded low numbers of COVID-19, but has recently experienced a spike in cases
- There are fears that a new, more infectious variant of the COVID-19 arrived from South Africa when thousands of Zimbabweans living there returned home for the festive season
- Zimbabwe tightened its COVID-19 restrictions earlier in the month
- As of now, the country has reported 22,297 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 528 deaths, 2.4% of total reported cases, and 13,213 recoveries, 59.3% of total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 0.15% and 0.004%, respectively
- 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)

<https://africa.cgtn.com/2021/01/11/zimbabwe-bans-traditional-funerals-to-battle-covid-19-spike/>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/1/11/zimbabwe-bans-traditional-funerals-after-spike-in-covid-19-cases>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/zimbabwe/>

Targets Affected:

Zimbabwe

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions' and 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

Related Alerts

Jan. 7, 2021

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Update 25: Zimbabwe - Imposes New Restrictions Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Jan. 6, 2021

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Update 24: Zimbabwe - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 1,365 COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 17,194

Jan. 3, 2021

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Update 23: Zimbabwe - Imposes 30 Day Lockdown Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Infections

Dec. 19, 2020

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Update 22: Zimbabwe - Cancels Christmas Festivities as Second Wave of COVID-19 Infection Hits the Country

Dec. 16, 2020

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Update 21: Zimbabwe - Plans to Quarantine Travelers without COVID-19 Free Certificates

Dec. 9, 2020

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Update 20: Zimbabwe - Reports YoY Inflation Rate of 401.66% in November 2020, Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 19: Zimbabwe - Tightens Restrictions Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 18: Zimbabwe - Government Set to Reopen Borders as Spread Rate of COVID-19 Cases Decline

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Update 17: Zimbabwe - Government Continues to Reopen Economy as Spread Rate of COVID-19 Cases Decline

Sept. 15, 2020

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Update 16: Zimbabwe - Government Gradually Reopens Economy as Rate of Increase in COVID-19 Cases Decline

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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

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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

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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

Immediate

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

May 11, 2020

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

May 2, 2020

Immediate

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

April 20, 2020

Immediate

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

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Immediate	Certain - 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	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - 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	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - 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	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - 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.
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