

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

- The Government of Zimbabwe has suspended face-to-face meetings in the public service to ensure the safety of its employees and trimmed its workforce to 30% as the fight against COVID-19 intensifies
- This regulation was introduced after Zimbabwe recorded the highest daily increase of 1,365 new COVID-19 cases and 34 deaths
- This was announced by the Acting Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services, Dr. Jenfan Muswere during an update on the level four lockdown that began on January 05, 2021
- They also stated that the essential service workforce was expected to be physically at work across all ministries and Government departments
- Meanwhile, strict COVID-19 protocols on PSC buses will be enforced
- Government employees shall be present in office till 3 PM (GMT)
- The Minister reiterated that only essential services would be allowed to operate during the lockdown as stipulated by law, including closing at 3 PM (GMT)
- The formal businesses and registered informal traders had been suspended as of January 05, 2021
- Also, other government officials will work from home and some on-call and might be told to report for duty if those at work are overwhelmed or need to rest
- The commencement of the 2021 primary and secondary schools had been deferred till further notice to allow for monitoring of the COVID-19 pattern
- Likewise, for higher and tertiary education students, classes will continue online while final exam classes will be allowed free passage to sit for their examinations
- There was also general compliance with the requirement to put on face masks although implementation of social distancing remained a big challenge in the country
- As of now, the country has reported 17,804 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 431 deaths, 2.4% of total reported cases, and 11,966 recoveries, 67.2% of total reported cases
- 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://allafrica.com/stories/202101060225.html>

<https://mainnews.net/africa/zimbabwe-govt-bans-physical-meetings-cuts-workforce-to-30pc/>

<http://glnnews.com/url.html?p=http://www.newsдзеimbabwe.co.uk/2021/01/govt-cuts-workforce-to-30-percent-bans.html>

<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. 6, 2021

Medium

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

High

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

Dec. 19, 2020

High

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

Dec. 16, 2020

Medium

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

Dec. 9, 2020

Medium

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

Dec. 3, 2020

Medium

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

Oct. 29, 2020

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

Oct. 1, 2020

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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

Sept. 9, 2020

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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

Medium

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

Aug. 16, 2020

Medium

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

July 22, 2020

High

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

July 15, 2020

Medium

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

High

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

June 23, 2020

Immediate

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

June 17, 2020

High

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

June 13, 2020

Medium

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

June 3, 2020

Medium

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

High

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

High

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.
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.