



NAMIBIA COVID-19 STAGES OF RESTRICTION

Each Stage will have average observance period of 28 days, which may be reduced or extended subject to changing country situation.

CURRENT STAGE

STAGE 1 Full Lockdown 28 March – 04 May 2020

Key measures:

- Closure of all points of entry.
- Comprehensive restrictions on cross-border, domestic travel & movement. Exempt: essential goods transportation.
- Public gatherings not exceeding 10 persons.
- Mandatory, Government supervised Quarantine.
- Provision of Essential & Critical goods and services permitted, as defined. Other sectors and employees to work from home.
- Closure of Early Childhood Development Centers, Primary, Secondary Schools & Tertiary institutions.
- Personal movements restricted.
- Motor Vehicle passenger restrictions.
- In addition to Essential & Critical Services, following industries permitted to resume activity, subject to agreed hygiene protocols: Mining, Fishing and fish processing, and Informal markets.
- School instruction, resumed on a distance-learning basis from 20 April 2020.
- Ongoing strengthening of Public Healthcare System.

STAGE 2 Reopen with Strict Precautions 05 May – 01 June 2020

Key measures:

- Closure of all points of entry.
- Comprehensive restrictions on cross border movement remains in force. Exempt: essential goods transportation.
- Mandatory, Government supervised Quarantine for returning Namibians, permanent residents and those providing humanitarian assistance.
- Public permitted to travel without restriction domestically, between regions and within towns and cities.
- Motor Vehicle passenger restrictions remain in force.
- Domestic air travel permitted in adherence to Social Distancing protocols. Road travel permitted in adherence to Passenger Restrictions.
- Public required to wear facemasks when: using both private and public transport, shopping, group outdoor exercise, workplace.
- Primary, Secondary Schools & Tertiary institutions to continue providing alternative teaching and learning.
- Productive activities across all sectors permitted to resume, subject to social distancing and hygiene protocols.
- The following activities will not be permitted to resume: Theatres; cinemas; gyms; exercise centres; contact sports; sporting events; gambling houses; nightclubs; liquor outlets, bars, shebeens; entertainment events; concerts; face-to-face seminars; conferences; workshops; summits.
- The following will be permitted subject to conditions:
 - Shopping Malls/Retail Outlets: Adhere to Shopper guidelines. Reserve special shopping hours for Vulnerable Persons. Selling of alcohol prohibited.
 - Restaurants: Continue on take-away basis. Buying and selling of alcohol prohibited.
 - Keptana Traders: Meals only on take-away basis.
 - Beauty, Hairdressers; Barbers; Laundromat; Tailors: Subject to proper personal protective equipment.
 - Employers encouraged to allow employees in vulnerable categories as defined, to continue work from home. Vulnerable Persons encouraged to stay home, work from home and use specialist shopping hours.
 - Ongoing strengthening of the Public Healthcare System.

STAGE 3 Reopen with Moderate Precautions 02 June – 29 June 2020

Key measures:

- Closure of all points of entry.
- Comprehensive restrictions on cross border movement of persons will remain in force. Exempt: imported goods transportation.
- Mandatory, Government supervised Quarantine for returning Namibians, permanent residents and those providing humanitarian assistance.
- Public gathering not exceeding 50 persons.
- ECG, Primary, Secondary Schools & Vocational Training Providers resume face-to-face classes.
- Truck drivers to adhere to Standard Operating Procedures for designated supervised points.
- Employees encouraged to allow employees in vulnerable conditions/categories to work from home.
- Face-to-face visits to Old Age Homes suspended. Caretakers to wear PPE.
- The following activities will be permitted to resume subject to conditions:
 - Restaurants, Cafés & Keptana Traders for sit down dining. Restaurants may only open for pre-booked customers. Food/buffets to be handled only by service staff.
 - Liquor Outlets, Shebeens, Bars limit alcohol sales to 12h00-18h00, Mon-Sat. No alcohol sales on Sunday. Alcohol sales permitted only for takeaway. Alcohol consumption not permitted in public. Only valid Liquor License holders permitted to operate.
 - Theatres; cinemas; libraries; galleries; theatres; museums; craft centers; Gyms and exercise centers: Subject to Operational Guidelines stipulating number of persons permitted inside an establishment per square meter and Health & Hygiene protocols.
 - Entertainment events; Seminars, conferences, workshops & summits: Sporting events & activities (with exception of contact sports): Subject to Public Gathering limit and Health & Hygiene protocols.
- The following activities will not be permitted to resume: Nightclubs; Gambling houses; Casinos.
- Measures for Walvis Bay Local Authority Area: Due to recent epidemiological developments, Walvis Bay Local Authority Area will revert to STAGE 1 from the 2nd June 2020 to the 8th June 2020 (7 days).

STAGE 4 The New Normal 30 June – End of State of Emergency

Key measures:

- Gradual reopening of borders to selected countries based on regularly updated information.
- Resume normal flight schedules. Air travel allowed subject to screening & quarantine protocols.
- Ongoing quarantine measures to be regularly reevaluated and updated.
- Universities resume face-to-face classes on 08 August 2020.
- Public gathering restrictions to be advised based on available information. Large public gatherings to resume without person limitations, subject to social distancing protocols.
- On site consumption of alcohol at shebeens, bars permitted.

NOTE: STAGE 4 is indicative in terms of steps and activities.