**COVID-19 AFRICA HEADLINES**

- **Botswana:** Police will investigate a report lodged by the opposition party alleging the governing party violated Covid-19 guidelines during the country’s lockdown.
- **Kenya:** Police kill three people following a confrontation while enforcing Kenya’s new mandatory facemask law.
- **Nigeria:** The Presidential Task Force announces eighteen localities may need to enter stricter lockdown measures.
- **Rwanda:** The French Development Bank will finance a $45 million loan to Rwanda to assist with Covid-19 recovery.
- **Senegal:** The president lifts the state of emergency.
- **Tanzania:** A new report claims that truck drivers along the Ugandan border routinely block traffic and dispute Covid-19 test results.
- **Zimbabwe:** Officials will recruit 500 additional healthcare workers to upgrade the country’s capacity to treat Covid-19 patients.

**UN Economic Commission for Africa:** Leaders search for African pharmaceutical companies to manufacture drugs on the continent, lowering import costs as part of the AfCFTA.

**MEDIA TRENDS**

- **South Africa:** “Petrol price increase” – Motorists rush to gas stations before a major price hike begins at midnight.

16 students evade mandatory quarantine sites after classmates test positive.

Data compiled from WHO Regional Office for Africa, NCovAfrica Tracker, Worldometer and government sources.