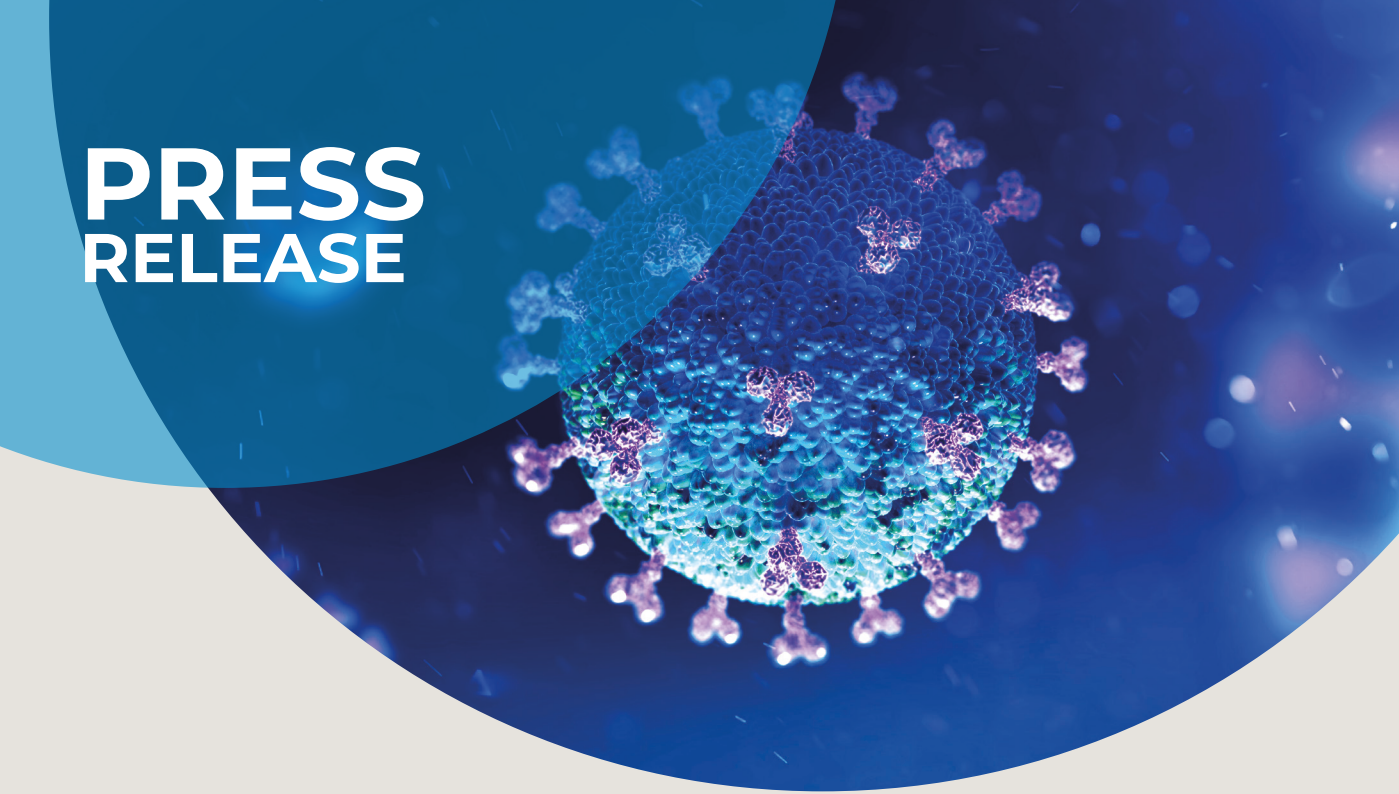




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STATEMENT REGARDING UNAPPROVED USE OF IVERMECTIN IN HUMANS

In view of the growing reports of the use of veterinary ivermectin injection for use in Covid-19 in Botswana and SADC region, the Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority [BoMRA] hereby advises against such use.

Veterinary Ivermectin is used for control of parasites in animals and has not been approved for use in humans for Covid 19 as there has not been any research presented to the National Regulatory Authorities to demonstrate the effectiveness of the product for the condition. The use of any medical product for indications that have not been approved may also have unwanted effects in humans which may prove detrimental to the health of the people.

BoMRA therefore informs the public not to use ivermectin for treatment or prevention of Covid-19. All those involved in the sale, distribution and use of veterinary ivermectin are advised to ensure the product is used for the indication above, and report to BoMRA any suspicion to the contrary.

BoMRA recommends that only regimens and protocols provided by the Ministry of Health and Wellness should be followed in the management of Covid-19.

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