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## Media Statement

20 October 2020

As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **706 304**.

Province	Total cases for 20 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	92 246	13,1
Free State	53 898	7,6
Gauteng	225 734	32,0
KwaZulu-Natal	121 528	17,2
Limpopo	16 878	2,4
Mpumalanga	28 899	4,1
North West	32 006	4,5
Northern Cape	20 448	2,9
Western Cape	114 667	16,2
Unknown	0	0,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>706 304</b>	<b>100,0</b>

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 581 346** with 15 366 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested	New tested	
PRIVATE	2 621 692	57%	11 015
PUBLIC	1 959 654	43%	4 351
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 581 346</b>		<b>15 366</b>

### Total Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, we report **164** COVID-19 related deaths today: 46 from Eastern Cape, 41 from the Free State, 52 from Gauteng, 1 from Mpumalanga, 2 from Northern Cape, 8 from Western Cape and 9 from KwaZulu Natal, 5 from Limpopo. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **18 656**.

We extend our condolences to the loved ones of the departed and thank the healthcare workers that treated the deceased patients.

Our recoveries now stand at **639 568** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries
Eastern Cape	3497	87 746
Free State	1361	39 447
Gauteng	4673	204 722
KwaZulu-Natal	3148	112 236
Limpopo	440	15 759
Mpumalanga	592	27 633
North West	393	28 589
Northern Cape	256	16 996
Western Cape	4296	106 440
<b>National</b>	<b>18 656</b>	<b>639 568</b>

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