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Media Statement

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As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **716 759** with 891 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 26 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	94182	13,1
Free State	55843	7,8
Gauteng	227340	31,7
KwaZulu-Natal	122342	17,1
Limpopo	17234	2,4
Mpumalanga	29384	4,1
North West	32759	4,6
Northern Cape	21433	3,0
Western Cape	116242	16,2
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	716759	100,0

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 709 403** with 11 464 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	2 697 257	57%	6 993	61%
PUBLIC	2 012 146	43%	4 471	39%
Total	4 709 403		11 464	

Total Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, we report **40** COVID-19 related deaths today: 8 from Eastern Cape, 4 from Gauteng, 1 from KwaZulu Natal, 4 from Mpumalanga, 16 from North West and 7 from Western Cape. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **19 008**. Of the 40 deaths reported today, **10** were reported to have occurred in the past 24-48 hours: 2 from Eastern Cape, 4 from Gauteng, 1 from KwaZulu- Natal and 3 in the Western Cape.

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

Our recoveries now stand at **646 721** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	3560	88437	2185
Free State	1478	40991	13374
Gauteng	4707	206750	15883
KwaZulu-Natal	3192	112468	6682
Limpopo	451	16218	565
Mpumalanga	598	28161	625
North West	434	28804	3521
Northern Cape	256	17504	3673
Western Cape	4332	107388	4522
National	19008	646721	51030

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