



MINISTRY  
HEALTH  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PRETORIA

Private Bag X828, PRETORIA, 0001, 28th Floor, Civitas Building, Cnr Thabo Sehume and Struben Street, PRETORIA, 0001

Tel: (012) 395 8086 Fax: (012) 395 9165

CAPE TOWN

Private Bag X9070, CAPE TOWN, 8000, Room 413, 120 Plein Street, CAPE TOWN, 8000 Tel: (021) 466 7262 Fax: (021) 465 1575

## Media Statement

18 October 2020

As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **703 793** with 1 662 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 18 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	92006	13,1
Free State	53384	7,6
Gauteng	225181	32,0
KwaZulu-Natal	121344	17,2
Limpopo	16777	2,4
Mpumalanga	28752	4,1
North West	31783	4,5
Northern Cape	20159	2,9
Western Cape	114407	16,3
Unknown	0	0,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>703793</b>	<b>100,0</b>

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 549 478** with 21 337 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	2 600 029	57%	12 241	57%
PUBLIC	1 949 449	43%	9 096	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 549 478</b>		<b>21 337</b>	

### **Total Deaths and Recoveries**

Regrettably, we report **63** more COVID-19 related deaths: 9 from Eastern Cape and 54 from KwaZulu Natal This This brings the total number Covid-19 related deaths to **18 471**. Of the deaths reported today, **none** were reported to have occurred in the past 24-48 hours.

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 **634 543** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	3430	86927	1649
Free State	1301	36659	15424
Gauteng	4618	204090	16473
KwaZulu-Natal	3176	112122	6046
Limpopo	435	15759	583
Mpumalanga	590	27416	746
North West	393	28589	2801
Northern Cape	248	16847	3064
Western Cape	4280	106134	3993
<b>National</b>	<b>18471</b>	<b>634543</b>	<b>50779</b>

Dr Zwelini Mkhize

Minister of Health

ENDS