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Media Release

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As of today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is **7220**.

Case Data

Provinces	COVID-19 confirmed cases
Eastern Cape	814
Free State	125
Gauteng	1661
KwaZulu-Natal	1106
Limpopo	39
Mpumalanga	53
North West	35
Northern Cape	25
Western Cape	3362
Unknown	0
Total	7220

Testing Data

A total of **257 541** tests have been conducted to date with **11 794** tests done in the past 24 hours

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
Private	128 149	50%	4 569	39%
Public	129 392	50%	7 225	61%
Grand Total	257 541		11 794	

Reported Deaths and Recoveries:

Regrettably, we report **7** more COVID-19 related deaths: 6 from Western Cape and 1 from KwaZulu Natal. This brings the total deaths nationally to **138**.

We wish to express our condolences to the families of the deceased and thank the health care workers who treated these patients.

We are, however, pleased to report **2746** recoveries as of 2 May 2020.

The provincial breakdown is as follows:

Province	Deaths	Recoveries (as at 2 may 2020)
Eastern Cape	17	341
Free State	6	96
Gauteng	14	979
KwaZulu Natal	35	415
Limpopo	2	27
Mpumalanga	0	22
North West	0	20
Northern Cape	0	13
Western Cape	64	833
Total	138	2746

Hospital Burden

As at 2 May 2020 we had 411 people hospitalized in the country. This translates to approximately 5% of all COVID-19 confirmed patients and this is consistent with the hospitalization rates that were seen in China. Our mortality rate has remained stable at around 1.9% since the first death was reported. This is below the world average which is 3.4% as estimated by the World Health Organisation

As a reminder to all South Africans, the principle of flattening the curve is to limit the spread of the infection such that the numbers do not rise to the extent that they overwhelm the health care system.

As Winter sets in we will be confronted with the additional burden of influenza and other pneumonias, bronchiolitis in children, exacerbations of asthma and chronic obstructive airways disease and winter related trauma, like burns injuries.

I therefore urge each and every South African to continue to play your part in easing the load on the health care system- stay home if you do not have to venture out, wear a mask at all times in public places, wash your hands regularly and disinfect surfaces you normally come into contact with.

I also urge employers whose businesses have opened to take all the necessary measures to protect their employees.

I salute our health professionals- our doctors, nurses, care workers, community workers, allied health professionals, medical technicians, pharmacists, porters, cleaners, laboratory technicians and all our foot soldiers in the front line of health care who continue to serve under these trying times.

Dr Zwelini Mkhize

Minister of Health

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