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As of today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is **7572**.

Case Data

PROVINCE	COVID-19 Confirmed Cases
Eastern Cape	838
Free State	128
Gauteng	1697
KwaZulu-Natal	1142
Limpopo	40
Mpumalanga	57
North West	35
Northern Cape	26
Western Cape	3609
Unknown	0
Total	7572

Testing Data

A total of **268 064** tests have been conducted to date with **10 523** tests done in the past 24 hours

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
Private	133 314	50%	5 165	49%
Public	134 750	50%	5 358	51%
Grand Total	268 064		10 523	

Reported COVID-19 Deaths:

Regrettably, we report **10** more COVID-19 related deaths: 7 from Western Cape 1 from Eastern Cape, 1 from KZN and 1 from Gauteng. This brings the total deaths nationally to **148**.

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

The provincial breakdown is as follows:

Province	Deaths
Eastern Cape	18
Free State	6
Gauteng	15
KwaZulu Natal	36
Limpopo	2
Mpumalanga	0
North West	0
Northern Cape	0
Western Cape	71
Total	148

World Hand Hygiene Day

Today we commemorate *World Hand Hygiene Day* in a year that has particularly shone the spotlight on hand hygiene.

As we know, one of the ways Coronavirus is transferred is by hands which have come into contact with contaminated surfaces, objects or areas of the body.

To echo the sentiments of our Honourable President Cyril Ramaphosa, who addressed us from KwaZulu Natal today, the COVID-19 outbreak is giving us an opportunity, as humanity, to review our way of life and take forward all the important lessons we are learning into a new future.

Washing hands saves lives. Remember to wash your hands thoroughly and regularly, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water or hand sanitizer.

Dr Zwelini Mkhize

Minister of Health

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