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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 **18 003** .

Case Data

Province	Total cases for 20 May 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	2215	12,3
Free State	180	1,0
Gauteng	2400	13,3
KwaZulu-Natal	1650	9,2
Limpopo	93	0,5
Mpumalanga	93	0,5
North West	72	0,4
Northern Cape	38	0,2
Western Cape	11262	62,6
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	18003	100,0

Testing Data

A total of **505 861** tests have been conducted with **18 252** done in the last 24 hour cycle.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
Private	245 632	48%	9 822	54%
Public	261 229	52%	8 430	46%
Grand Total	506 861		18 252	

Reported Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably we report a further **27** COVID-19 related deaths- this brings the total national deaths to **339**

Sadly we have recorded the first neonatal mortality related to COVID-19- this was a 2 day old baby that was born prematurely and therefore had lung difficulties which required ventilation support immediately after birth.

The mother had tested positive for COVID-19 and the child subsequently tested positive for COVID-19 as well. It is important to appreciate the complexities of the underlying condition of prematurity.

We extend a special word of comfort to the mother of this child and salute the neonatologists, nurses and all allied and technical personnel who had the difficult task of caring for the neonate to the end.

We are also devastated to have registered the death of a health care worker in the Western Cape. When COVID-19 claims the lives of the very people who are the bedrock of the national response, we feel the loss in so many ways.

I want to send a special tribute to the health care workers who continue to serve with honour and compassion, despite the real risks they face in the frontline. My heart goes out to the family, colleagues and loved ones of this compatriot: we salute her for the contribution she has made to the fight against COVID-19.

We wish to express our condolences to all the loved ones of the departed and thank the health care workers who cared for the deceased

The total number of recoveries to date is **8950**.

Provincial Breakdown:

Province	Deaths	Recoveries
Eastern Cape	45	1036
Free State	6	118
Gauteng	27	1694
KwaZulu Natal	46	842
Limpopo	3	42
Mpumalanga	0	58
North West	1	28
Northern Cape	1	27
Western Cape	210	5105
Total	339	8950

Gender and Age Distribution of Deaths:

Distribution of Deaths by Age:

Age	Deaths	Percentage (%)
0-9	1	0,3
10-19	0	
20-29	1	0,3
30-39	18	5,3
40-49	44	13
50-59	74	21,8
60-69	91	26,8
70-79	70	20,7
80-89	32	9,4
90-99	8	2,4
Total	339	100

Distribution of Deaths by Gender:

Male (%)	Female (%)	Total
184 (54,3%)	155 (45,7%)	334

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Minister of Health

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