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Media Statement

23 October 2020

As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **712 412**.

Province	Total cases for 23 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	93 203	13,1
Free State	55 015	7,7
Gauteng	226 695	31,8
KwaZulu-Natal	121 970	17,1
Limpopo	17 098	2,4
Mpumalanga	29 195	4,1
North West	32 547	4,6
Northern Cape	21 151	3,0
Western Cape	115 538	16,2
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	712 412	100,0

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 657 116** with 23 445 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested	New tested	
PRIVATE	2 668 880	57%	13 340
PUBLIC	1 988 236	43%	10 105
Total	4 657 116		23 445

Total Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, we report **48** COVID-19 related deaths today. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **18 891**. Of the 48 deaths reported today, 7 occurred in the past 48 hours.

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

Our recoveries now stand at **643 523** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%.

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries
Eastern Cape	3524	87 746
Free State	1467	40 823
Gauteng	4696	205 643
KwaZulu-Natal	3183	112 455
Limpopo	451	15 991
Mpumalanga	594	27 833
North West	403	28 727
Northern Cape	256	17 326
Western Cape	4317	106 979
National	18 891	643 523

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