Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
Daily Update: 7 May 2020

South Africa

SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM

Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 6 May 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	71 463	3 588 773	4 102	247 503
Africa	1 403	33 973	90	1 202
Americas	29 701	1 507 148	1 480	81 070
Eastern Med	7 854	221 230	175	8 290
Europe	27 179	1 593 828	2 178	147 780
Sout East Asia	4 310	76 998	139	2 821
Western Pacific	1 016	154 884	40	6 327

Spread
- Germany: Large events remain banned until late August
- India: More than 25 % of India's labour force are without jobs after the lockdown
- Spain: 70 % of new cases in the previous 24 hours were reported amongst medical staff
- United Kingdom: Britain has overtaken Italy to report the highest official death toll from the virus in Europe with more than 32 000 deaths according to figures released on Tuesday

South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries
30 April	207 530	201 883	5 647	103	2,72	0,35	1,82	
1 May	217 522	211 571	5 951	116	2,74	0,37	1,95	2382
2 May	230 686	224 350	6 336	123	2,75	0,39	1,94	2549
3 May	245 747	238 954	6 793	131	2,76	0,42	1,93	
4 May	257 541	250 321	7 220	138	2,80	0,42	1,91	2746
5 May	268 492	260 492	7 572	148	2,82	0,46	1,95	
6 May	279 379	271 571	7 808	153	2,79	0,48	1,96	3 153

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SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

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- Gordhan slams SAA business rescuers for spending R35m on US consultants
- All SAA flights including those for repatriation to stop operating on 8 May
- BRUCE WHITFIELD: Why can't SA treat business owners like grown-ups?
- Magazines, airlines and retailers aren't 'failing' just because of Covid-19
- MCEBISI JONAS: Africa faces horrifying humanitarian disaster
- COVID-19: South Africa's big venues converted into field hospitals
- Lockdown: Could these regions of South Africa enter Level 3 first?
- Medical schemes provide little aid for cash-strapped members
- Government pledges to improve systems to assist South Africans returning home
- Govt amends transport regulations for level 4 lockdown
- Out with the old: Digital version of your driver's license on the way

GLOBAL NEWS

- Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are discussing a travel bubble and have agreed to open their internal borders so that citizens can move freely between the three countries. Citizens arriving from other countries will have to undergo 14 days of self-isolation. Poland also said that people working or studying close to the country's border would be able to cross it regularly without needing to undergo a two-week quarantine. This will apply to residents in areas of Germany, Lithuania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic
- A jump in Airbnb bookings in a number of European countries shows that people are starting to make holiday plans. The surge in domestic bookings were mainly in Denmark and Netherlands. Globally the company now expects its 2020 revenue to be half of the $4,8 billion reported in 2019. Their data also suggests a rebound for trips planned in the next 60 days or more - but still consistently below 2019
- Taiwan's borders will remain close until a vaccine is found - even though they are starting to open certain sectors for economic activity.
- Virgin Atlantic has already announced that they are closing operations at Gatwick airport. British Airways has stated earlier that they are also considering this possibility - between the two airlines they are servicing 70 destinations. ABTA has warned that one way to keep the airfares in check was the competition between the two airports and losing one would not be good for the United Kingdom consumer. IATA has warned that airfares could rise by as much as 54 % if airlines institute social distancing measures on flights
- Volkswagen says that demand for its cars in China is almost as high as it was this time last year, underlining the speed of recovery - it suffered a 2 % fall in sales in April, despite the overall auto sector in the country declining by an estimated 7 % during the same period. They are confident that they will reach 2019 levels. They also warned that the so-called 'V-shaped' recovery in China was unlikely to be replicated in Europe, where the economy would be slower to improve. BMW echoed a similar sentiment, warning that China was 'of limited use as a blueprint for development in other markets'
- Americans have spent about $2 billion more on alcohol in stores since the start of March last year, but drinks companies are warning that the surge is failing to compensate for a collapse in business from restaurants and bars
- Cineworld and Vue, the two biggest cinema owners in the world, believe that cinemas in Europe will all be open towards the end of June
- Business Insider did a quick comparison of the scale of Europe's recovery focusing on Germany, France, Italy and Spain
- Accounting firm BDO is looking at what needs to be done when opening offices and they are contemplating testing its 5 500 staff every two weeks - and questions are being raised about costs and sustainability. Engineering group ABB is testing frontline staff, Amazon is building its own testing facility, BP is testing offshore oil and gas workers and online supermarket OCADO has bought 100 000 tests for its delivery staff.   The questions that all are battling now is the legality and the privacy issues surrounding this
- Technology firm, Onfido, is in talks with the government about a system to help Britons return to work - health passports using testing and facial recognition. Onfido specialises in verifying people's identities using facial biometrics, so the proposal is using that with antibody tests (proving whether someone has had the virus) or antigen tests (which shows current infections)

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