

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 1 June 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 31 May 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	117 551	5 934 936	4 461	367 166
Africa	3 708	100 610	72	2 554
Americas	66 293	2 743 793	3 094	157 702
Eastern Med	15 080	505 001	275	12 353
Europe	20 197	2 142 547	732	157 702
Sout East Asia	11 054	260 579	274	7 431
Western Pacific	1 219	181 665	14	7 028



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- [Greece and Spain will resume tourist activity and allow international flights from 1 July. Starting from 15 June, tourists from 29 countries can travel to Greece](#)
- [The Seychelles Public Health Emergency Operations Centre \(PHEOC\) has identified a number of countries as low risk based on the following criteria: magnitude of transmission, trend in outbreak, low incidence of cases, responsiveness of the public health system, advisories from public health authorities and the reliability of the data. The risk assessment is dynamic and the list of countries allowed entries will be constantly reviewed and may be amended](#)
- [South Korea: Recreational venues \(bars, nightclubs, indoor gyms, etc.\) will be required to keep a QR code-based customer log. This data will be automatically erased after four weeks to safeguard customer information](#)
- [As the number of Covid-19 cases passes 6 million, President Trump has postponed the G7 Summit](#)
- President Trump announced that the US will break ties with the World Health Organization, saying the country will redirect funds to other global public health needs - <https://t.co/H1sAn7q8ai?amp=1> and <https://t.co/jn8limUSe7?amp=1>



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/- Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries	Recovery Rate % (Rec/Pos)
25 May	596 777	573 162	23 615	481	3,96	1,02	2,04	11 917	50
26 May	605 991	581 727	24 264	524	4,00	1,03	2,16	12 741	53
27 May	634 996	609 059	25 937	552	4,08	1,08	2,13	13 451	52
28 May	655 723	628 320	27 403	577	4,18	1,12	2,11	14 370	52
29 May	680 175	650 935	29 240	611	4,3	1,16	2,09	15 093	52
30 May	701 883	670 916	30 967	643	4,41	1,19	2,08	16 116	52
31 May	725 125	692 442	32 683	683	4,51	1,23	2,09	16 809	51

SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

Tourism-related articles

- [New transport rules for South Africa during level 3 lockdown: Minister of Transport Fikile Mbalula has published a number of new directives which allow for increased travelling under South Africa's level 3 lockdown](#)
- [Here's how domestic air travel will work under level 3 lockdown: Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula outlined the regulations governing domestic air travel when the country moves to level 3 of the national lockdown on June 1. Mbalula has announced that aircraft will be allowed to carry their full capacity as the risk Covid-19 infection onboard an aircraft is significantly reduced because of the High Efficiency Particulate Air \(HEPA\) filters all aircraft are fitted with](#)
- [Level 3 gives airlines a lifeline but its short one Limited domestic air travel will be allowed under Level 3 of lockdown, phased in for business purposes, Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula said on Saturday](#)
- [Proposal to allow sit-downs at restaurants being drafted: Minister: Tourism minister Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane says her department is putting together a proposal to submit to the National Coronavirus Command Council to allow restaurants to open up more services under lockdown level 3. As more discussions are had around specific sectors, and assurances are given and plans are put in place to open up the tourism sector](#)
- [Tourism minister announces R30m fund for guides hit hard by lockdown Tourism minister Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane has announced a new R30m fund to benefit tour guides who were hit hard by the close of the industry during lockdown. She said the fund came after a meeting with tour guides who had been neglected by the government's relief initiatives](#)
- [Independent tour guides now included in tourism relief fund](#)
- [Another R30 million in tourism relief for tour guides The relief, which will be provided over two to three months, will cover registered tour guides, including freelancers and independent guides](#)
- [Kubayi-Ngubane urges tourism businesses to apply for Covid-19 fund aid Tourism Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane has urged tourism companies who have not yet applied for the coronavirus \(Covid-19\) tourism financial aid scheme to do so before applications close at midnight on Sunday. The tourism relief fund provides for a once-off capped grant of R50,000 per entity to subsidise expenses towards fixed costs, operational costs, and other pressure cost items](#)
- [Hunting, game drives and hiking to be permitted under level 3 lockdown: minister](#)
- ['Devastation': yet another blow for tourism, hospitality sectors They weren't doing well before lockdown, now they have to keep their doors closed for even longer Much of SA might be reopening on Monday but the hospitality and tourist sectors remain almost entirely locked up, with devastating consequences](#)
- [Covid-19 recovery will take years – Tsogo Sun Hotels CEO Marcel von Aulock says it will take two to three years for occupancy rates to recover and some of its hotels may not open for another year due to the impact of Covid-19](#)
- [Ramaphosa: I see a good future for SAA and Eskom beyond Covid19 The Covid-19 crisis has provided an opportunity for government to reform its state-owned enterprises, so much so that President Cyril Ramaphosa is optimistic about the future of troubled entities SAA and Eskom](#)
- [FlySafair gets ready to start operating from mid-June Low-cost airline FlySafair plans to take to the skies again from mid-June, offering between 20 to 26 flights per day. Fin24](#)

GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [Schools will now open on 8 June for grade 7 and 12 pupils: Schools will open for all grade 7 and 12 pupils on Monday, 8 June 2020, the Department of Basic Education following meetings with the Council of Education Minister \(CEM\) on Saturday, to assess the state of readiness for the reopening of schools, where the Heads of Education Departments Committee \(HEDCOM\), also presented its technical report](#)
- [Last-minute delay in restarting schools means pupils will go back on June 8: About 12 hours before pupils were set to return to school after a 10-week closure, basic education minister Angie Motshekga delayed the reopening to June](#)
- [POLITICAL WEEK AHEAD: SA heads into level 3 — with some sticking points. The article lists the parliamentary meetings for the week](#)
- [BACK TO WORK | Half a million job losses expected after lockdown: As millions of South Africans head back to work on Monday after more than two months of lockdown, economists and business experts warn that almost half a million people could lose their jobs](#)
- [‘The president should have announced the changes’ - Ramaphosa on the cigarette U-turn President Cyril Ramaphosa has conceded that the backtrack on cigarette sales in level 4 should have been communicated by himself and not by co-operative governance & traditional affairs minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma](#)
- [Steps being taken to procure large amounts of Covid-19 diagnostic supplies from China Moves are afoot to secure coronavirus \(Covid-19\) diagnostic supplies, including 30 million testing kits, 10 000 ventilators, and 80 million masks per month for the African continent from China. South African President and current African Union chairman Cyril Ramaphosa said on Sunday](#)
- [URGENT: Stop random Covid-19 testing and sort out the backlog The Covid-19 testing backlog and proposed testing strategies outside hospital settings in South Africa are threatening patient management and compromising health care workers’ safety](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

- [China is seeing a recovery in airline capacity and hotel occupancy taking into account that it is only reliant on domestic tourism at the moment. Airline tracking data shows that from May up to and including May 27, Chinese airlines had completed nearly 200 00 flights with passenger-configured widebody, narrow body and regional aircraft, compared with fewer than 170 000 for carriers based in the United States. China has achieved this because its airlines have recovered to an activity level approximately 35 % below last year, whereas US operators remain 74 % down as a result of passenger collapse. The global stored passenger aircraft fleet has declined slightly to just over 15 000, taking the overall proportion of inactive aircraft down a further percentage point to 57 %](#)
- [The recovery in China did not come soon enough to help Trip.com Group Limited who recorded a 1.5 billion yuan \(about \\$211 million\) loss from operations in the first quarter of this year. The group reported net revenue of 4,7 billion yuan from January to March, a 42 % drop versus the same period last year. They echo the sentiment above: since mid-April the number of air tickets booked through Trip.com has grown significantly, with ticket sales of scenic spots increasing 94 % month on month and packaged tours including tourist sites and hotels more than doubled from March](#)
- [The WTTC has launched safe travel protocols for aviation, airports, MICE and tour operators](#)
- [The Road to Recovery: Which Economies are Reopening? COVID-19 has brought the world to a halt—but after months of uncertainty, it seems that the situation is slowly taking a turn for the better. The chart measures the extent to which 41 major economies are reopening, by plotting two metrics for each country: the mobility rate and the COVID-19 recovery rate](#)
- [Canada outlines how it is working with businesses on recovery and the support available for Canadian tourism suppliers](#)

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