

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 8 July 2020



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 7 July 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	172 512	11 500 302	3 419	535 759
Africa	12 635	382 563	165	7 139
Americas	94 711	5 915 1551	1 712	266 736
Eastern Med	16 900	1 187 620	536	28 102
Europe	18 688	2 809 848	413	200 651
Sout East Asia	28 870	974 389	583	25 619
Western Pacific	2 708	229 590	10	7 499

South Africa:

	Total Cases	Percentage	Deaths	Recoveries
South Africa	215 855		3 502	102 299
Eastern Cape	40 401	18.7%	564	22 022
Free State	3 034	1.4%	19	528
Gauteng	71 488	33.1%	478	19 779
KwaZulu-Natal	16 743	7.8%	205	4 890
Limpopo	1 950	0.9%	42	665
Mpumalanga	2 353	1.1%	7	668
North West	6 842	3.2%	36	1 335
Northern Cape	888	0.4%	6	237
Western Cape	72 156	33.4%	2 145	52 175

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SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

TOURISM RELATED ARTICLES

- International report shows impact New7Wonders has on tourism post-Covid-19 Sisa Ntshona, CEO of South Africa Tourism, said the research is very important for the nation at this time. "It gives us guidance and ideas on some of the things we can do to bring back South Africa to not only its previous tourism achievements but to also reach new heights. Africa has only two Wonders, the only surviving Ancient 7 Wonder, the Pyramids of Giza, and the voted New7Wonder of Nature, our very own Table Mountain – an icon of pride for the entire continent."
- Two-thirds of global tourists ready to travel Almost two-thirds of international travellers are ready to travel immediately after the lifting of international travel restrictions – or at least within a year thereafter. This was revealed by a South African Tourism survey on international travel, in which its Strategy Insights and Analytics team solicited views of international tourists who had visited South Africa in the past three years
- South Africa's passport power 'stable' in volatile pandemic world Moving into the 3rd quarter of 2020, South Africa retains its 56th rank on the Henley Passport Index, the original ranking of all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa
- Santam to contest hotel group's lockdown lawsuit While the insurer is adamant it's not liable, it also says its balance sheet is strong enough to handle an adverse judgment
- Covid claims: Santam and insurers have 'pathetic excuses for not paying' say tourism companies It's a grim confirmation of the old adage that insurers take your money religiously every month, but when you really need them they find excuses in the small print not to pay
- Government gets extra week to find funding for SAA Travel News
- Government, unions agree to retain 1 000 more employees in new SAA doubling the number of workers who will not be retrenched to kickstart the new airline. Numsa and Sacca say they won't discourage members from accepting the VSPs.
- Gidon Novick expresses the opinion "Do not bail out SAA – rather feed seven million hungry South Africans for a year"
- 472 000 jobs on the line! The Board of Airline Representatives of South Africa (Barsa) has addressed a letter to President Ramaphosa, the Department of Transport and the Department of Trade and Industry, pleading for a restart of regional and international passenger flights out of South Africa
- Hospitality: What price? City Lodge Hotel Group COO, Lindiwe Sangweni-Siddo said during the period of quarantine and isolation (lockdown levels one and two) the Minister of Tourism had released a Gazette allowing players in the industry, especially hospitality providers, to collaborate about pricing. "It is not something we would normally do because we would be in contravention of the Competition Act, but in this particular space we could

GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- Covid in SA: 192 more deaths, 10 000 new infections as virus spreads aggressively This means South Africa had the fourth most new cases in the world on Tuesday - with only the USA, Brazil and India recording more cases
- INVESTIGATION | Sanitisers' dirty secret revealed: these brands are useless Almost half of hand sanitisers tested in a private lab have too little alcohol to protect you from Covid-19
- Sports, arts and culture officials grilled by MPs about Covid-19 relief fund Top officials from the department of sports, arts and culture were grilled on Tuesday by MPs about suspicious payments made by the department's Covid-19 relief fund to artists and athletes. A 42-page list, comprised of 2,003 beneficiaries, was questioned by several members of the portfolio committee on sports, arts and culture, particularly because some amounts exceeded the department's announced capped relief sum
- Media24 tried to avoid job losses as print media is hard hit by Covid-19 pandemic It plans to retrench more than 500 people and close some of its magazines as the Covid-19 pandemic hits its operations
- Over 270,000 arrested for breaking lockdown rules: Bheki Cele But only a small proportion of those arrested for contravening the rules have paid admission of guilt fines so far
- Adoption of emergency Covid-19 Budget one step closer Parliament's finance committees on Tuesday adopted the report on the revised fiscal framework that underpins Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's emergency Covid-19 Budget. The DA, EFF and Freedom Front Plus rejected the report, which was carried by ANC numbers in a signal that the Special Adjustment Budget is to be approved

GLOBAL NEWS

- [WHO acknowledges 'evidence emerging' of airborne spread of Covid-19](#) 239 scientists in 32 countries outlined evidence that they say shows floating virus particles can infect people who breathe them in. Because those smaller exhaled particles can linger in the air, the scientists in the group had been urging WHO to update its guidance.
- [Trump officially withdraws US from the World Health Organisation making good on threats to deprive the UN body of its top funding source over its response to the coronavirus](#)
- [Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro tests positive for coronavirus](#) He has played down the severity of the virus which he has called a "little flu," took the test on Monday after developing symptoms
- [Thermometers in hand, Dubai opens for tourists amid pandemic](#) With travel uncertain and the coronavirus still striking nations Dubai relies on for tourists, this city-state wants to begin coaxing people back to its beaches and its cavernous shopping malls. By instilling the idea that Dubai is safe, authorities likely hope to fuel interest in the sheikhdom ahead of its crucial winter months for tourism
- [Kenya to open for international flights](#) President Uhuru Kenyatta has announced a phased reopening of the country, including the resumption of international flights from August 1. Domestic flights will resume on July 15. However, the current nationwide curfew has been extended for a further 30 days
- ['Flight to nowhere' set up in Taiwan for travel-starved customers](#) Taiwan has been in travel lockdown since March. Now would-be tourists can take an international flight that never gets off the ground
- [Postpandemic hotels follow in the wake of the cruise sector to keep the virus at bay](#) Welcome to the contactless, germless hotel stay where safety is paramount

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