

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 23 April 2020



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 22 April 2020

Region*	Confirmed cases***		Deaths***	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally**	73 920	2 471 136	6 058	169 006
European Region	32 302	1 219 486	3 618	109 952
Americas	32 172	925 291	2 089	44 775
Western Pacific	1 765	136 271	108	5 793
Eastern Med	4 879	139 349	141	6 326
South East Asia	2 242	33 912	86	1 427
Africa**	560	16 115	16	720



Spread

- Harbin has become the new epicenter in China - an 87 year old patient was known to transmit the virus to 78 people
- In a bid to find a viable treatment, every patient in hospital with COVID-19 across Australia will be asked to participate in a clinical trial
- [Vietnam detected their first cases in January and shut down fairly quickly. The government will start lifting restrictions on Wednesday](#)
- [Spain aims to phase out lockdown in second half of May](#)
- [Dogs are being trained to detect coronavirus | passengers arriving at airports in the United Kingdom](#)
- Covid-19 death rate per million people:
 - Low and rising: India, Japan, Finland
 - High and rising: Belgium, UK, Sweden, US
- Nigeria extends the closure of its airports for two weeks as it continues lockdown



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/-Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries
15 April	90 515	88 009	2506	34	2,77	0,15	1,36	
16 April			2 605	48		0,00	1,84	903
17 April	100 827	98 044	2 783	50	2,76	0,17	1,8	
18 April	108 021	104 987	3 034	52	2,81	0,18	1,71	
19 April	114 711	111 553	3 158	54	2,75	0,2	1,71	
20 April	121 510	118 210	3 300	58	2,72	0,21	1,76	1055
21 April	126 937	123 472	3 465	58	2,73	0,22	1,67	
22 April	133 774	130 139	3 635	65	2,72	0,23	1,79	

*Tests exclude repeat tests done on one individual for confirmation, check for recovery, etc. - e.g. on 18 April 2020 we report 108 021 tests, but a total of 123 008 have been done. South Africa's total tally has increased by about 5 % and the new confirmed cases/new tests at around 2,5 %. The number of cases in the Eastern Cape has nearly doubled in the last six days. Visit: www.sacoronavirus.co.za for the latest updates SA Tourism will make updates available on www.southafrica.net on how the lockdown measures will impact tourism.

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