

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



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 7 May 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	83 465	3 672 238	6 539	254 045
Africa	1 497	35 470	23	1 228
Americas	35 681	1 542 829	3 734	84 804
Eastern Med	7 968	229 198	175	8 465
Europe	32 209	1 626 037	2 458	150 238
Sout East Asia	4 810	81 808	115	2 936
Western Pacific	1 300	156 184	34	6 361



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- [Taiwan's borders will remain sealed to foreigners as it prepares to loosen some restrictions on key economic activity, with officials indicating travel will only return to normal when a vaccine is found](#)
- [Countries across the Asia-Pacific region including Hong Kong, South Korea and Australia announced plans to cautiously reopen for business](#)
- Germany totalled 168,162 confirmed COVID-19 cases as its death toll reached 7,275
- [Chancellor Angela Merkel announced steps on Wednesday to ease the coronavirus lockdown in Germany but at the same time launched an "emergency brake" mechanism allowing for renewed restrictions in case infections pick up again](#)



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/-Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries
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
7 May	292 153	283 921	8 232	161	2,82	0,50	1,96	

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- [Apple raised \\$8.5 billion in debt with maturities ranging between three to 30 years. The company is paying record low coupons of 0.75% and 1.125% for its three-year and five-year bonds, respectively](#)
- [French diagnostics specialist BioMérieux announced the launch of a new product that aims to detect the presence of antibodies in those exposed to the coronavirus within 30 minutes](#)
- [Cisco will partner with the State of Arizona to expand WiFi access to in-need communities across the state, as well as installing new external wireless access points at libraries across the state to allow students and others to access WiFi from outside the facilities at a safe social distance](#)
- [Drax Energy will provide more than 170 United Kingdom care homes with free gas and electricity for two months during the pandemic](#)
- [Quadiant will donate an unspecified amount to global non-profit Dress for Success Worldwide, which empowers women globally to achieve economic independence by providing a network of professional support and development tools, as the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the informal work sector continues to disproportionately affect female populations around the world](#)
- [Sky launched a £1 million fund that will provide free TV advertising campaigns to 100 small businesses hit by the coronavirus crisis. The scheme is available to small and medium sized businesses that have been running for at least a year in the United Kingdom with up to 50 full-time employees](#)
- [Toyota, through its Toyota USA Foundation, will award \\$2.5 million in grants to non-profits across the United States, with priority given to those providing food assistance and e-learning facilities](#)
- [Twitter started to provide a fact-check prompt when people search for information related to 5G, after disinformation narratives concerning the technology intensified amid the COVID-19 pandemic](#)