

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 15 May 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 14 May 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	77 965	4 248 389	6 647	294 046
Africa	2 323	51 752	67	1 567
Americas	37 989	1 819 553	2 617	109 121
Eastern Med	9 535	293 805	130	9 389
Europe	21 352	1 801 668	3 614	163 413
Sout East Asia	5 685	116 617	175	3 921
Western Pacific	1 081	164 282	44	6 622



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- [Indonesia: New record cases but the government is seeking to relax restriction measures, allowing people under 45 years old to go back to work](#)
- [Japan: There are under 10 new Osaka cases with unknown infection routes; less than 7% of PCR tests have recorded positive results and bed utilisation for the critically ill is below 60%](#)
- [Bulgaria: Epidemic emergency has been extended to June 14, allowing the health minister to extend restrictions. The country has started to ease the lockdown, opening up inter-city travel and access to parks, but it still requires people to wear masks on public transport and advocate social distancing. The government has allowed the reopening of outdoor bars and outdoor restaurants, guest houses and small hotels, but it will keep its borders closed to most travellers for now. Bulgaria is currently in talks with Greece, Serbia and Romania to agree on easing of travel restrictions.](#)

- [Iceland: From June 15, the 14-day quarantine will not be mandatory for passengers and instead tourists and residents entering will be given the option of being screened for COVID-19 at the airport - after that they will be allowed to leave to their overnight accommodations where they will be awaiting their results. Every arriving passenger will be asked to download the tracing app 'Rakning C-19' which helps authorities trace the origins of transmissions. Minister of Tourism, Thordis Kolbrun Reykford Gylfadottir, said that when tourists return, they want all their mechanisms in place to safeguard them and the progress made in controlling the pandemic. They want to create a safe place for those who want a change of scenery 'after what has been a tough spring for us all'. The opening will depend on the continuous decline of cases - they have had only 3 cases in May.](#)
- [UK: Lockdown rules are different in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - Lockdown confusion for those living on the borders Which lockdown rules apply for those who live in one country and work in another](#)



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/-Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries	Recovery Rate % (Rec/Pos)
8 May	307 752	298 857	8 895	178	2,89	0,52	2		
9 May	324079	314 659	9 420	186	2,91	0,55	1,97	3 983	42
10 May	341 336	331 321	10 015	194	2,93	0,58	1,94	4 173	42
11 May	356 067	345 415	10 652	206	2,99	0,61	1,93	4 357	41
12 May	369 697	358 347	11 350	206	3,07	0,63	1,81		
13 May	386 352	374 278	12 074	219	3,13	0,66	1,81	4745	39
14 May	403 018	390 279	12 739	238	3,16	0,69	1,87	5 676	45

Visit: www.sacoronavirus.co.za for the latest updates. SA Tourism will make updates available on www.southafrica.net.

SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

- ['We are not stuck in level 4': Ramaphosa on lockdown and ciggies](#)
- [Mkhize explains how South Africa's district-based lockdown will work](#)
- [The move to Level 3 lockdown: Ramaphosa chairs NEDLAC meeting](#)
- [Consultations on which areas will move to lockdown level 3 start today](#)
- [South African restaurants call to open at level 3 – under these conditions](#)
- [Western Cape pushes for level 3](#)
- [Salary cuts at SAA to keep airline going until June](#)
- [Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky predicts a wildly different future of travel and living](#)
- [After beating coronavirus, SA must face an older foe](#)
- [Eastern Cape adequately prepared for Covid-19 pandemic - Cyril Ramaphosa](#)
- [WHO projections: COVID-19 could infect more than 200 million in Africa](#)
- [New policies clarify who must pay for Covid-19 tests](#)
- [Inside labour: when lockdown does more harm than good](#)
- [All online shopping is now allowed again](#)
- [Retailers, couriers must stick to rules, says DTI as online shopping allowed](#)
- [If your surname starts with N or later, you may have to wait an extra day to buy booze](#)
- [Lockdown forces SA motorists to go from ballin' to budget rides](#)



GLOBAL NEWS

- IATA released a new report on the longevity and impact of the pandemic and how quarantine measures on arrival would further damage confidence in air travel. They favour a risk-based layered approach of globally 'harmonised biosecurity measures' that will allow them to restart. IATA worked with Tourism Economics and modelled two air travel scenarios:
 - Baseline scenario: Domestic markets open in Q3 and a slower opening of international markets. 2021 should see global passenger demand (measure in RPK - revenue passenger km) to be 24 % below 2019 levels and 32 % lower than IATA's October 2019 Air Passenger forecast for 2021. 2019 levels will only be exceeded in 2023. As the markets open we will see growth, but even 2025 RPKs now expected to be 10 % lower than the previous forecast.
 - Pessimistic scenario: Slower opening and lockdowns extending into Q3 (possibly due to the second wave of the virus). RPKs in 2021 could be 34 % lower than 2019 levels and 41 % below previous forecast for 2021.
- [The article covers what governments can do and includes IATA customer survey data done in April 2020: 58 % of travellers are somewhat or very likely to restart their initial travel to domestic journeys. Domestic RPKs will only recover to 2019 levels by 2022. International RPKs are only expected to return to 2019 levels by 2024. There is a strong plea for non-quarantine and to rather follow their proposed risk model - 86 % of travellers were somewhat or very concerned about being quarantined while travelling and 69 % of recent travellers would not consider travelling if it involved a 14-day quarantine period.](#)
- [American Airlines Group, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines Holdings have told employees that they may deny boarding at the gate to anyone not wearing a face covering and are to provide masks to passengers who do not have them.](#)
- [European countries are beginning to reopen borders and people start dreaming of summer holidays. The European Commission has issued guidelines designed to revive tourism gradually. Travel companies are encouraged to make vouchers more palatable, e.g. make them transferable, so that they don't have to deal with a big 'cash back' situation. But governments are discouraging citizens from travelling abroad and anticipate restrictions on group travel or mass gatherings. The EU Commission's DG Health & Food Safety \(SANTE\) backed this up with the need to take a gradual approach and accompany the resumption of tourism with rigorous health security measures to make it as safe as possible - the main priority must remain protecting the public health.](#)
- [McKinsey published a report on how Chinese travellers are thinking about their first trip after COVID-19 - see the report attached. The travel recovery peak will most likely happen after September 2020. Some of the key insights:](#)
 - [Most travellers will make their next leisure trip between September and October - increase for National Day Holiday](#)
 - [Young, single and experienced travellers are expected to travel first.](#)
 - [Domestic travel is favoured, but most people are unsure about their destination.](#)
 - [Food and family destinations popular despite concerns about the virus](#)
 - [Leisure travel groups are shrinking](#)
- [Asian hotels are struggling and they are turning to creative short term solutions to finance debt - but in many cases it still leaves them short of running costs, etc.](#)

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