

# Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 28 May 2020



## Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 27 May 2020

| Region          | Confirmed cases |           | Deaths |         |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|
|                 | New             | Total     | New    | Total   |
| Globally        | 84 314          | 5 488 825 | 5 851  | 349 095 |
| Africa          | 2 771           | 85 815    | 94     | 2 308   |
| Americas        | 41 472          | 2 495 924 | 2 071  | 145 810 |
| Eastern Med     | 10 690          | 449 590   | 159    | 11 452  |
| Europe          | 20 124          | 2 061 828 | 3 013  | 176 226 |
| Sout East Asia  | 8 250           | 218 523   | 219    | 6 359   |
| Western Pacific | 1 007           | 176 404   | 25     | 6 927   |



### Spread

- Reuters did an update on status of the pandemic Australia and New Zealand and the process of setting up the travel bubble between the two countries <https://is.gd/A8i1wc> and <https://t.co/0fRRDKSoG0?amp=1>
- [The panel of experts advising the Japanese government say that people's habit of wearing face masks made the difference, amongst other health measures](#)
- The BBC reports another outbreak in a warehouse of South Korea's biggest e-commerce operators, Coupang, where 69 people have tested positive for the virus.



## South Africa:

| Date   | Tests   | Negative | Positive | Deaths | % +/- Tests | % test/Pop (58 780 000) | Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos) | Recoveries | Recovery Rate % (Rec/Pos) |
|--------|---------|----------|----------|--------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 21 May | 525 433 | 506 296  | 19 137   | 369    | 3,64        | 0,89                    | 1,93                       |            |                           |
| 22 May | 543 032 | 522 907  | 20 125   | 397    | 3,71        | 0,92                    | 1,97                       | 10 104     | 50                        |
| 23 May | 564 370 | 543 027  | 21 343   | 407    | 3,78        | 0,96                    | 1,91                       | 10 104     | 47                        |
| 24 May | 583 855 | 561 272  | 22 583   | 429    | 3,87        | 0,99                    | 1,90                       | 11 100     | 49                        |
| 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                        |

## SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

- [Road to recovery for the tourism sector: The South African perspective: Opinion piece from the Minister of Tourism](#)
- [Cape Town puts safety first](#) The City of Cape Town and the Western Cape are taking every precaution to ensure a safe transition to lockdown level three
- [SAA administrators see reasonable chance of rescuing the airline: The administrators of South Africa's bankrupt state-owned airline said they see a "reasonable prospect of rescuing" it.](#) BusinessTech
- [SAA's future still up in the air: As the business rescue process drags on, there's more uncertainty than ever around the future of SAA. Is it time to finally ground the carrier, or can a new airline be launched from its ashes?](#)
- [SAA rescuers and state discuss new airline: Creditors told restructuring stands a reasonable chance of success if funds are made available](#)
- [SAA's business rescue team say they cannot pay staff's May salaries: SAA's business rescue team warned that they would not have the money to pay the salaries of all staff for the month, and dismissed suggestions from government that they had not managed the costs of the operation well](#)
- [SA airlines set to lose R55 billion in revenue, over 250 000 jobs on the line](#) It is estimated that the fall in revenue puts 252 100 South African jobs at risk, as well as about R93 billion of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) - the part generated by aviation directly plus air transport-dependent tourism
- [High debt levels could down airlines already reeling from Covid-19: Governments bailing out the global airline industry means it will be paying back loans long after post-pandemic demand has recovered](#)
- [LISTEN: What South Africans leaving the country for essential travel should know: South Africans who are considering to travel to countries of work or study will need to show the relevant documents before it is approved.](#) Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi's announced over the weekend that South Africans who work and study abroad can return to the countries where they are based from June 1, 2020
- [Hundreds of North West rhinos dehorned in secret operation: In a huge first, conservationists and game park officials make a last stand to protect rhinos from poachers](#)
- [25,937 confirmed coronavirus cases in South Africa as deaths rise to 552](#)
- [SA's latest Covid-19 stats: The good and the bad](#) Highest number of tests done in a day, but infections also reach a new daily peak
- [Mkhize says SA is prepared for Covid-19 peak](#) Health Minister Zwell Mkhize has said all provinces have prepared additional beds in order to deal with the pandemic when it peaked
- [Enough PPEs have been ordered. Different models expect the peak at different times starting from July up to August and later](#)
- [Sharp spike in natural deaths reported in Cape Town](#) Deviations from the average number of natural deaths provide the clearest picture of the effect of the pandemic
- [EDITORIAL: Pray tell, are temples safer than restaurants? The government has failed to explain why religious gatherings have been given the go-ahead](#)
- ['The same methodology used to open churches must be used to open restaurants'](#) Restaurant Association of South Africa CEO Wendy Alberts says her industry can't continue to operate under restrictive conditions

- [NEWS ANALYSIS: Religious leaders to face up to dangerous logistics of gatherings: Leaders are aware of the heavy responsibility they carry to keep congregants safe Business Day](#)
- ['Let those who want to be at church do what works for them': Mboro defends churches reopening Incredible Happenings church leader Paseka "Mboro" Motsoeneng has weighed in on the reopening of churches and other places of worship from June 1, claiming they are an essential service to those who rely on them for emotional and spiritual support](#)
- [Put these stats in your pipe and smoke them: NDZ Despite studies being divided on links between ciggies and Covid-19, government insists its ban is smoking hot](#)
- [Winde welcomes Mkhize's clarification on level 3 after presentation mix up](#)
- [Changing the way we use public space in Cape Town is vital to the city's response to Covid-19 The easing of lockdown measures brings issues of personal safety and personal space to the forefront of the public psyche. Cape Town, like so many cities around the world, will face challenges when it comes to public space. From the need to ensure physical distancing, to the limitations in our non-verbal communication curtailed by masks, the way we interact with each other in public might never be the same](#)
- [BRUCE WHITFIELD: Lockdown lessons to keep \(and those to shed, fast\) What you do when you are liberated to make your own choices is entirely up to you. But try to keep some of the better new habits](#)
- [How South Africa can best balance controlling Covid-19 and avoiding economic disaster There is intense pressure on the government to lift the lockdown and open the economy. Sustainably lifting out of the lockdown is critical. But there is no roadmap](#)

#### GLOBAL NEWS

- [The Africa Tourism Board hosted a webinar on the economic impact of the pandemic in tourism in Africa](#)
- [On a cruise to Antarctica with 27 passengers and a crew of 128 people, 59 % tested positive, but only 24 \(19 %\) became symptomatic. The rest of the group remained without symptoms](#)
- [Boeing announced that they are laying off 12 000 workers, just over 5 000 of those have accepted voluntary packages](#)
- [Zoom is valued at more than the top seven airlines](#)

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