

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Daily Update: 5 June 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 4 June 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	129 281	6 416 828	4 842	382 867
Africa	4 153	115 639	69	2 858
Americas	73 369	3 022 824	3 242	168 553
Eastern Med	17 529	570 026	277	13 458
Europe	19 758	2 211 148	911	182 308
Sout East Asia	12 977	309 597	333	8 610
Western Pacific	1 495	186 853	10	7 067



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- [Brazil has surpassed Italy as the country with the third most fatalities from the coronavirus in the world. The country reported 1 473 fatalities on Thursday, bringing the death toll to 34 021, trailing only the United States of America and the United Kingdom.](#)
- [The Czech Republic opened its borders with Slovakia yesterday and will end travel restrictions for Germany, Hungary and Austria tomorrow. The aim is to allow free travel with most of the European Union countries by June 15. Visitors arriving from countries where the epidemic is still strong will have to provide a negative coronavirus test or stay in quarantine.](#)
- [France has cancelled the Bastille Day parade on July 14 due to Covid-19 social distancing requirements. Instead, the country will be hosting a ceremony to pay tribute to health workers fighting the pandemic.](#)
- [Japan has announced that the country will lift quarantine requirements for business travelers in summer.](#)
- [Spain will reopen its land borders with France and Portugal on 22 June, three months after they were closed.](#)
- [Sweden will ease travel curbs despite signs of rising coronavirus infections.](#)



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/- Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries	Recovery Rate % (Rec/Pos)
29 May	680 175	650 935	29 240	611	4,3	1,16	2,09	15 093	52
30 May	701 883	670 916	30 967	643	4,41	1,19	2,08	16 116	52
31 May	725 125	692 442	32 683	683	4,51	1,23	2,09	16 809	51
1 June	742 742	708 385	34 357	709	4,63	1,26	2,05	17 291	50
2 June	761 534	725 722	35 812	755	4,70	1,3	2,11	18 313	51
3 June	785 979	748 525	37 525	792	4,77	1,34	2,11	19 682	52
4 June	820 675	779 883	40 792	848	4,97	1,4	2,08	21 311	52

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

SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

TOURISM RELATED ARTICLES

- Tourism sector wants earlier phased opening of inbound tourists to SA Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA) is lobbying for a more immediate phased reopening of international tourism to South Africa as early as September 2020. TBCSA has been engaging in the Tourism Recovery Strategy, which is currently being developed by South African Tourism. This data-driven recovery strategy has been presented to relevant government authorities and is guided by the government's risk-adjustment strategy. The TBCSA revealed in a press statement that it will present the approach at the next Parliamentary Portfolio Committee meeting on June 9, 2020 [IOL Tourism Update](#)
- ['Open George Airport at Level 3' Western Cape government officials are calling for George Airport to be reconsidered for opening at Level 3 to save businesses and jobs in the area](#)
- [Mango to restart flights Mango Airlines will resume flights on Monday, June 15, between Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. Travellers must present a travel permit and letter from their employer authorising business travel. This will be checked at the entrance to airports and again at check-in and boarding, says CEO, Nico Bezuidenhout](#)
- [WATCH: Last of British citizens fly home from South Africa Nigel Casey, the British High Commissioner to South Africa, said this was the last repatriation flight of British citizens from, Cape Town, South Africa. Over 5 000 people had been repatriated over the last three months, most from Cape Town and Joburg](#)

GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [40,792 confirmed coronavirus cases in South Africa as deaths jump to 848 South Africa now has 40,792 confirmed cases of coronavirus. This is an increase of 3,267 new cases from the 37,525 infections reported on Wednesday, when the country reported 1,713 new cases. 56 more deaths have been reported, taking the number up to 848, while recoveries increased to 21,311 which translates to a recovery rate of 52.24%](#)
- [Lapses in behavioural change drive Covid-19 infection rate, says Western Cape health boss Covid-19 continues to spread rapidly because of lapses in vigilance in applying all sanitary precautions, head of the health department in the Western Cape said on Thursday](#)
- [Virus spreads like fire in the Cape The Western Cape accounts for two thirds of South Africa's Covid-19 cases — many in poor, crowded townships. It is the epicentre of the pandemic in the country and has recorded more infections than countries such as Ghana, Israel, Denmark and Poland](#)
- [Teachers test Covid-19 positive This week was meant to be extra time for schools to get ready to reopen — a reprieve after a last-minute decision by Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga who stopped the planned June 1 reopening for grade seven and matric. But teachers around the country detailed problems with their schools being Covid-19 compliant](#)

- [State to appeal lockdown judgment](#) Government believes another court will come to a different conclusion on lockdown ruling. The decision to appeal the Pretoria high court ruling was announced after this week's cabinet meeting and could further increase the number of legal challenges the government is facing over the lockdown and some of its regulations
- [Cabinet extends State of Disaster – and appeals judgment against Covid-19 lockdown rules](#) A special Cabinet meeting on Thursday extended the State of Disaster to 15 July – the first of possibly many other one-month extensions. And government is bringing out its top guns to appeal the Pretoria High Court ruling declaring most lockdown regulations unconstitutional and invalid
- [Keep tobacco ban even if court finds it unlawful says Dlamini-Zuma](#) If the high court finds that the regulations banning cigarette sales under the lockdown are unlawful, co-operative governance and traditional affairs minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma has urged that they be referred back to her for “reconsideration”
- [Govt says lost tax revenue from smoking ban ‘outweighed’ by harm cigarettes cause](#) The state is set to argue in an upcoming court case that lost sin taxes from tobacco sales are outweighed by the health risks that smoking poses
- [Covid-19 scams abound](#) Fraudsters are preying on people left desperate by the coronavirus pandemic, masquerading as government entities offering relief or tenders. They are doing it well, using web domains and documentation designed to look legitimate
- [Increasing concern about the effects of lockdown](#) Business sentiment turned negative in May marking the first prolonged subdued outlook as firms became increasingly concerned about the extended coronavirus lockdown

GLOBAL NEWS

- [All the countries offering incentives to tourists post-coronavirus](#) In a bid to entice tourists back, some places are offering perks such as free hotel stays and discount vouchers for spas, museums, and theme parks
- [Lufthansa is expanding both long and short-haul flights to offer as many destinations as possible. 90 % of originally planned short and medium-haul destinations and 70 % of long-haul destinations will be served by September. - Lufthansa could be removed from Germany’s benchmark stock index for the first time in 32 years.](#)
- [The 2020 Olympic Games have already been moved to 2021, but now they may slim it down a bit further](#)
- [Spain will investigate airlines that have not offered refunds for cancelled flights](#)
- [Pegasus Airlines in Turkey relaunched domestic flights after they were suspended on 28 March 2020](#)
- [American Airlines will boost July flights by 74 % from its current schedule as consumers in the United States rush back to flying more quickly than expected](#)
- [Executives from Facebook, Twitter and Google will give evidence to British lawmakers on Thursday about how their companies handled the spread of medical misinformation during the pandemic](#)
- [FINN Partners, a global PR firm with travel practice offices in the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Asia, polled 300 travel journalists worldwide. Here are some of the takeouts:](#)
 - Wellbeing taking centre stage with 51% looking for health and wellness information
 - Sustainable travel remains hot with 49 % looking for stories about ecotourism and environmentally friendly design
 - Asia and US-based journalists are more interested in travel promotions and deals, compared to the UK.
 - Asia-based journalists are looking further afield at international destinations whilst UK and US journalists prefer to cover domestic and regional destinations.
 - Media prefer to cover secluded destinations with low population density.

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