

# Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 6 July 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



## Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 5 July 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	203 836	11 125 245	5 195	528 204
Africa	14 251	356 666	118	6 746
Americas	122 472	5 697 954	3 444	262 538
Eastern Med	18 468	1 153 157	555	27 074
Europe	16 665	2 774 221	369	199 879
Sout East Asia	28 859	918 591	699	24 473
Western Pacific	2 121	223 915	10	7 481



### South Africa:

	Total Cases	Percentage	Deaths	Recoveries
South Africa	196 750		3 199	93 315
Eastern Cape	35 648	18.1%	519	19 490
Free State	2 553	1.3%	19	455
Gauteng	63 404	32.2%	353	16 887
KwaZulu-Natal	15 146	7.7%	183	4 197
Limpopo	1 706	0.9%	10	635
Mpumalanga	1 965	1%	7	621
North West	6 063	3.1%	36	865
Western Cape	69 531	35.3%	2 066	49 928
Northern Cape	734	0.4%	6	237

Visit: [www.sacoronavirus.co.za](http://www.sacoronavirus.co.za) for the latest updates. SA Tourism will make updates available on [www.southafrica.net](http://www.southafrica.net).

## SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

### TOURISM RELATED ARTICLES

- [Covid-19 travel alert: UK excludes South Africa from quarantine-free list](#) The United Kingdom's government has excluded South Africa from a list of countries that are allowed quarantine-free arrival in England. Travellers from South Africa, including English visitors to SA on their return, will have to go into quarantine for 14 days after their arrival
- [No more bailouts for SAA, which must close down, Treasury says](#)
- [This stance is in direct conflict with the view of public enterprises minister Pravin Gordhan and the ANC](#)
- [Unions to take legal action to prevent SAA liquidation; call for Mboweni to be fired](#) The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) and the South African Cabin Crew Association (Sacca) intend to take legal action to prevent the liquidation of South African Airways (SAA), and have urged President Cyril Ramaphosa to fire Finance Minister Tito Mboweni
- [We've agonised over decision to reject claims, but it's the right one, says Santam](#) The lockdown is an economic loss, not an insured loss. The insurer says, where businesses were forced to close because someone in their premises tested positive for Covid-19, it has paid and continues to pay those claims. But, as the lockdown restrictions are eased further, Santam will not cover pandemic claims
- [STELLENBOSCH RECEIVES 'SAFE TRAVELS' STAMP FROM WTTC](#) The town was proactive in rigorously implementing hygiene and sanitary measures in line with global standards. The quick action taken by Stellenbosch means it is the first destination in sub-Saharan Africa to be awarded the prestigious Safe Travels Stamp by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC)
- [Yay or nay for leisure travel? Confusion still reigns](#) The uncertainty around whether or not leisure travel within provinces is permitted according to recently published regulations is "compromising the recovery of tourism and related sectors and cannot continue", says James Vos, City of Cape Town Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Opportunities and Asset Management
- ['It feels a little weird' - Restaurants and casinos reopen under unfamiliar conditions](#) Restaurants and casinos have been allowed to reopen since Monday as part of a phased and gradual relaxation of the restrictions. But business remains slow five days on, picking up to just about 25% of pre-lockdown levels for some restaurants at Johannesburg's premier entertainment and gaming centre, Montecasino.
- [Tourism's extraordinary effort to survive COVID-19](#) The tourism industry we love is not in a good space. As we enter the peak period of the pandemic we are, at the same time, well into the fourth month of little or no business. TERS is ending, borders are not open, insurers are not paying, we cannot travel for leisure between provinces and we are challenged by seeming inconsistencies in what activities can and can't happen

### GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [Gauteng Covid-19 SOS: province pleads for hard lockdown regulations to curb surge](#) Covid-hit province will try to persuade cabinet that tough new curbs will help The Gauteng government wants the National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC) to allow it to reintroduce hard lockdown regulations in an attempt to curb soaring Covid-19 numbers in the province. If approved, the move could see SA's economic powerhouse being shut down for up to two weeks at a time
- [EDITORIAL: Gauteng adds to uncertainty with lockdown call](#) Health MEC Bandile Masuku urges hard lockdown to curb Covid-19 infections in the province
- [Military medics deployed to combat dire Covid situation in the Eastern Cape](#) The Covid-19 emergency is 'really bad with infections spreading rapidly', says defence force Forty-seven defence force medical personnel landed in Port Elizabeth to help shore up the health service, which is buckling under a rising number of cases
- [Schools have taken a hit, and it's going to get worse: Motshekga](#) Dozens of teaching days have already been lost to Covid-19, and more are going to be lost in the weeks to come – and the full impact of this is not yet known
- [A million SA learners set to return to school before end of July](#) A week before Grades R, 1, 2, 3 and 11 learners were due to go back to school on Monday 6 July, the Department of Basic Education released a statement announcing that only Grade R, 6 and 11 learners would return to school on that day. "This decision was made on Thursday 2 July, where the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) considered a number of variables, which inter alia included the rising community infections across the country and the risk-adjusted differentiated approach in dealing with the returning grades to school," said Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga at a press briefing

- [Personal pampering during the pandemic](#) The new face of the beauty and grooming sector it's been two weeks since people were told they could get their much-needed haircuts, nail treatments and body massages to relieve them of all the stress that comewith the Covid-19-induced lockdown regulations. But the industry has taken a blow, like many others that were forced to shut down as governments around the world grapple with the spread of the virus

## GLOBAL NEWS

- [A new coronavirus strain is more infectious, but doesn't make people sicker - global study](#) Researchers call the new strain G614 and the previous strain D614. One of the researchers who worked on the study told CNN that the new mutation is "now the dominant form infecting people." "Our global tracking data show that the G614 variant in Spike has spread faster than D614," the study said. "We interpret this to mean that the virus is likely to be more infectious. Interestingly, we did not find evidence of G614 impact on disease severity."
- [The WHO now says it first heard of Covid-19 on the internet, not from Chinese authorities](#) The World Health Organisation changed its coronavirus timeline to say that its China office first found out about the novel coronavirus from local reports on the "viral pneumonia," rather than from Chinese officials. The revision, published June 30, comes as multiple reports found that China withheld key information about the coronavirus outbreak from the public and the WHO for several days
- [Rising Covid-19 cases put damper on US celebrations](#) Rising coronavirus cases in 39 US states cast a shadow over the nation's July 4 celebrations as health experts worried that holiday parties will cause a further spike in infections that could overwhelm hospitals
- [India's Taj Mahal set to reopen this week](#) The Tourism industry captains in Agra have welcomed the decision of the Union Culture Ministry to reopen the Taj Mahal and other Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected monuments for visitors from July
- [Can airlines force passengers to wear masks?](#) When it comes to air travel, mask rules are complicated. While airlines require face coverings, at least on paper, the rules aren't uniformly enforced - if enforced at all. What's more, the legal basis for requiring a mask is debatable. There are also numerous exceptions to the policies. As airlines start filling their middle seats again, these issues are deepening passenger concerns about the safety of air travel this summer
- [This Hotel Has a Robot Named Rosé That Will Deliver Wine to Your Room Without Human Contact.](#) The helpful robot can effortlessly glide onto elevators and find rooms, without human interference, while flashing a digital message, "I'm on a guest delivery." [TravelandLeisure](#)

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