

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 22 July 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Situational Analysis (WHO data 21 July 2020)

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	213 637	14 562 550	4 083	607 781
Africa	13 962	611 185	207	9 898
Americas	117 400	7 702 075	2 260	311 569
Eastern Med	13 249	1 400 544	459	35 145
Europe	24 401	3 103 674	416	207 958
Sout East Asia	42 000	1 478 141	733	35 121
Western Pacific	2 625	266 190	8	8 077



South Africa:

(National Department of Health statistics on 21 July)

	Total Cases	Percentage	Deaths	Recoveries
South Africa	381 798		5 368	208 144
Eastern Cape	66 759	17.5%	945	situational 47 263
Free State	11 352	3%	57	1 272
Gauteng	139 435	36.5%	1 042	66 434
KwaZulu-Natal	47 685	12.5%	459	13 920
Limpopo	5 355	1.4%	33	2 518
Mpumalanga	7 664	2%	52	2 348
North West	14 634	3.8%	48	3 241
Northern Cape	2 539	0.7%	15	1 087
Western Cape	86 329	22.6%	2 717	70 061

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SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

TOURISM RELATED ARTICLES

- [SA's tourism on its knees — what happens next? Michael Avery spoke to Sisa Ntshona, Tshifhiwa Tshivhengwa, Wendy Alberts, and Gillian Saunders about the survival of the tourism industry in SA](#)
- [Tourism Business Council of South Africa \(TBCSA\) hopes that the South African government can “break down the industry into smaller sections to increase the possibility of small wins”. Tourism organisations from across South Africa are trying to get their voice heard in hopes that President Cyril Ramaphosa revises the policies around leisure travel](#)
- [In April, South African Tourism released a 90-second video that encouraged South Africans to heed the president's call to #StayHome to stop the spread of the virus. Five months later, as leisure travel is still not permitted, many tourism businesses are trying to entice travellers to book their holidays now to travel later. Aquila Collection has introduced the Save Now - Safari Later vouchers. The vouchers allow travellers to escape to Aquila Collection Big 5 reserves from 1 October 2020 to 15 December 2021. STA Travel and Flight Centre are some of the travel agencies encouraging people to book their 2021 trips now](#)
- [Hluhluwe-iMfolozi park is temporarily closed as employee tests positive for Covid-19. The game reserve, which is the oldest nature reserve in Africa, will reopen on 1 August](#)
- [Gautrain partners take multi-million rand hit from drop in demand. Ridership as low as 6 000 a day from 10 times that before the lockdown](#)
- [Uber Technologies has quietly launched a service to give public health officials quick access to data on drivers and riders presumed to have come into contact with someone infected with COVID-19](#)
- [Minister of Finance Tito Mboweni says he has not authorised the use of funds from the National Revenue Fund for emergency funding for the embattled flag carrier. He does not, however, exclude the possibility of approaching “institutions” to invest pension funds for this purpose](#)
- [COMAIR may return to the skies earlier than expected with two possible investors lining up to inject the R1,5bn needed to save the airline, says Ceo Wrenelle Stander](#)
- [Two separate groups of restaurateurs have begged President Cyril Ramaphosa to allow them to sell alcohol – in restricted fashion – to save their businesses. One is also asking for a tax break, and for a slight adjustment to the national curfew. Restaurant workers plan a national protest on Tuesday, but police have warned them to not go ahead](#)
- [Cape wine producers are warning of a “job massacre” because of the renewed ban on alcohol sales. In an urgent application launched in the North Gauteng High Court on Monday, the producers want wine sales to be distinguished from the sale of other alcohol, such as beer and spirits](#)
- [Wine industry players want wine to be differentiated from other liquor products and its sale to be permitted, arguing in court papers that there is no real prospect of alcohol abuse by patrons of wine farms, restaurants and hotels — at least not “to such an extent that the health system of the country will be overburdened”](#)
- [The University of Stellenbosch Bureau for Economic Research has released the results of a survey covering industries such as the real estate sector, restaurants and hotels, transport and business services which incorporates computer services, legal, and accounting, engineering and market research services. The BER survey followed Monday's data from Stats SA showing a near total collapse in food and beverages industries, as well as tourism accommodation during April and May. Total income from tourism accommodation declined 98.7% in April and 98% in May compared to the same period in 2019](#)
- [The COVID-19 Temporary Employers/Employee Relief Scheme \(TERS\) will be extended to August, announced Employment and Labour Deputy Minister, Boitumelo Booi. The benefit structure and existing criteria would remain the same, and applications for April and May would be closed by the end of July, although applications already received for those two months would be processed, the government news agency reported](#)
- [SATSA Youth Chapter Vice-Chair, Tim Louw, believes reopening youth tourism could be the first step to restarting the whole industry. “In terms of operating within a COVID-19 world, youth tourism could be a safety net for the industry. We are lower risk, so let us take the risk.” He advocated for youth tourism to reopen soon, as this sub-sector – which supports vital parts of the economy – is facing massive financial difficulties. This was highlighted by a survey conducted with 58 local youth tourism businesses](#)

GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [The number of people in hospital with Covid-19 in Gauteng has decreased by more than 50% since last week, the health department said on Tuesday. 2,487 people were being treated at public and private facilities across the province. This was down by 3,089 admissions since last Wednesday, when the department said 5,576 people were being treated for Covid-19](#)
- [The National Teachers Union \(Natu\) is confident the cabinet will agree to close schools when it meets soon. Natu and four other teacher unions met deputy basic education minister Reginah Mhaule for the second straight night on Monday following the unions' proposal that schools close until the end of next month when Covid-19 infections have peaked](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

- [The Bahamas is banning travellers from the United States starting Wednesday after a surge in coronavirus infections followed the islands' reopening to international tourism](#)
- [Disney Bans Eating and Drinking While Walking to Ensure Guests Wear Masks. Disney World finally reopened to visitors after closing its doors for nearly four months due to the coronavirus pandemic on 11 July . Park officials have introduced new health guidelines for guests and cast members to ensure everyone's safety Travel and Leisure](#)
- [The development of a coronavirus vaccine or treatment will be key to allowing the postponed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to open in a year's time, organising committee president Yoshiro Mori said Wednesday](#)
- [With lockdown restrictions easing in Zimbabwe, hotels in the popular tourist destination, Victoria Falls, are slowly welcoming guests back. Victoria Falls Safari Club in Zimbabwe has been reopened to domestic tourists while Victoria Falls Safari Lodge has implemented extensive health and safety protocols and will soon be ready to welcome guests](#)
- [According to John Hopkins University, the ten deadliest countries for people being infected with the Coronavirus are San Marino, Belgium, United Kingdom, Andorra, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Chili, France and United States of America as measured by mortality rates](#)

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