

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 27 July 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

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Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	200 625	15 785 641	4 823	640 016
Africa	16 245	696 207	368	11 708
Americas	93 499	8 385 810	2 890	332 589
Eastern Med	13 614	1 469 979	432	37 482
Europe	20 287	3 216 335	311	210 261
Sout East Asia	53 254	1 723 248	793	39 786
Western Pacific	3 726	284 321	29	8 177



South Africa:

(National Department of Health statistics on 26 July)

	Total Cases	Percentage	Deaths	Recoveries
South Africa	445 433		6 769	265 077
Eastern Cape	73 585	16.5%	1 457	58 290
Free State	16 482	3.7%	63	2 075
Gauteng	160 154	36%	1 564	92 346
KwaZulu-Natal	64 061	14.4%	614	21 251
Limpopo	7 076	1.6%	67	3 466
Mpumalanga	11 008	2.5%	52	4 996
North West	17 338	3.9%	48	6 076
Northern Cape	3 600	0.8%	29	1 223
Western Cape	92 079	20.7%	2 875	75 355

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

- [South Africa's tourism sector is using the Covid-19 era to improve their services and resume on a higher note, the South African Tourism \(SAT\) said at a webinar last week. SAT chief executive Sisa Ntshona also expressed optimism the country will weather the Covid-19 storm and be a force to be reckoned with. He said they have been using the Covid-19 lockdown to improve the sector](#)
- [The Vodacom Durban July is one of the biggest horse-racing events in KwaZulu-Natal, attracting thousands of tourists to the province every year. The event, usually held the first Saturday of July, will take place at the Greyville Racecourse but everyone will be watching virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the changes this year, the province is doing everything they can to market KwaZulu-Natal, and it seems that the event is a step in the right direction for hospitality and other businesses to recover](#)
- [Of the nearly 1.2 million jobs on the line if tourism doesn't reopen by December, women are bearing the brunt of the meltdown in the sector as the country's borders remain stay shut and confusion persists over when business can resume as they account for more than 70% of SA's tourism workforce](#)
- The travel and tourism sector in South Africa has ramped up its lobbying efforts as it faces increasing financial pressure – with the threat of retrenchments and closures hanging over its head. [Industry has collaborated in its efforts to highlight the plight of the sector, taking to the streets, creating social media campaigns and looking at legal options available, to fast-track the opening of the country.](#) Groups formed on Facebook and WhatsApp have been promoting the 'Open tourism in South Africa now' petition. The petition calls on Kubayi-Ngubane to lift restrictions and save the industry
- [SA's largest short-term insurer, Santam, pledged R1billion in relief for small and medium-sized leisure, hospitality and nonessential retail businesses as the insurance industry pushes back against paying out claims related to Covid-19 business disruptions. Santam's decision to make the payment came after an agreement between insurers and regulatory authorities to make interim relief payments amid a rise in business interruption cover claims as a result of the lockdown](#)
- [Delays continue to dog SAA. Should the government not provide the confirmation guarantee letter on Monday, business rescue practitioners will be forced to convene another creditors meeting](#)
- [Comair has received two signed non-binding offers from potential investors prepared to recapitalise the airline and negotiations continue with all stakeholders to secure the future of the airline, ceo Wrenelle Stander confirmed in a notice to staff on Friday](#)



GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [The government will be taken to court after accusations that it pacified unions by deciding to close all public schools for four weeks, less than a month after it won a legal challenge to its decision to reopen the country's economy along with its schools. Concerns have been raised about the effect on child development in an already substantially unequal country, and the economic effect of closing schools](#)
- [Unions win, as experts slam Ramaphosa's decision to close schools. Researchers say it is a setback for SA's education trajectory and threatens to leave 974,000 children under the age of six without supervision as single moms head to work](#)
- [Roadblocks, random stop searches and other ways lockdown enforcement will be intensified. Cele said that the SAPS will also ensure that South Africa's move to stricter lockdown regulations are enforced](#)
- [The unregulated minibus taxi industry, which transports 16.5-million passengers a day, has been flagged as a potential super spreader of Covid-19. It is therefore puzzling that the government — which implemented one of the strictest lockdowns in the world to slow the spread of the virus — has bowed to pressure from taxi bosses to allow operators to have full passenger loads, disregarding its own regulations on social distancing. Interprovincial operators are permitted to carry 70% of their licensed capacity](#)
- [SA is set to receive its first ever loan from the International Monetary Fund within days, with the IMF's 24-member executive board due to meet in Washington DC on Monday to approve SA's application for \\$4.2bn \(about R70bn\) in Covid-related emergency financing. An announcement from the IMF is expected on Monday evening SA time, with details due later this week on the commitments SA has made to support the loan](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

- [The Spanish government has insisted that the country is safe for citizens and tourists after Britain abruptly imposed a two-week coronavirus quarantine on travellers returning from there, a decision that filled holidaymakers with dismay. The quarantine, coming just as the Spanish tourism sector emerges from months of lockdowns and travel restrictions, upset the plans of many people either on holiday or planning to take one and caused more disruption for airlines and tour companies](#)
- [Las Vegas Sands, the world's largest casino company, is painting a bleak picture of the US gambling capital for investors, saying Covid-19 has devastated the city's bread-and-butter convention business, with no significant recovery in sight](#)
- [Airbnb co-founder and CEO Brian Chesky said there are going to be major changes in the tourism industry which will transform the nature of travel and tourism forever. The way people will view travel has changed because of heightened concern over safety and health. Issues like dense population areas, long queues and crossing borders and travelling for business have all been lost as a result of the new ways of thinking. He envisions more local travel, with an emphasis on smaller communities. The shift from cramped indoor spaces to an improved interest in the outdoors for its relative space and non-recycled air will likely happen](#)

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