

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 29 July 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Situational Analysis (WHO data 28 July 2020)

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	226 783	16 341 920	4 153	650 805
Africa	13 185	726 105	357	12 257
Americas	118 828	8 728 962	2 212	339 651
Eastern Med	12 382	1 494 697	439	38 371
Europe	26 311	3 261 042	368	210 897
Sout East Asia	52 235	1 838 380	751	41 366
Western Pacific	3 842	291 993	26	8 250



South Africa:

(National Department of Health statistics on 28 July)

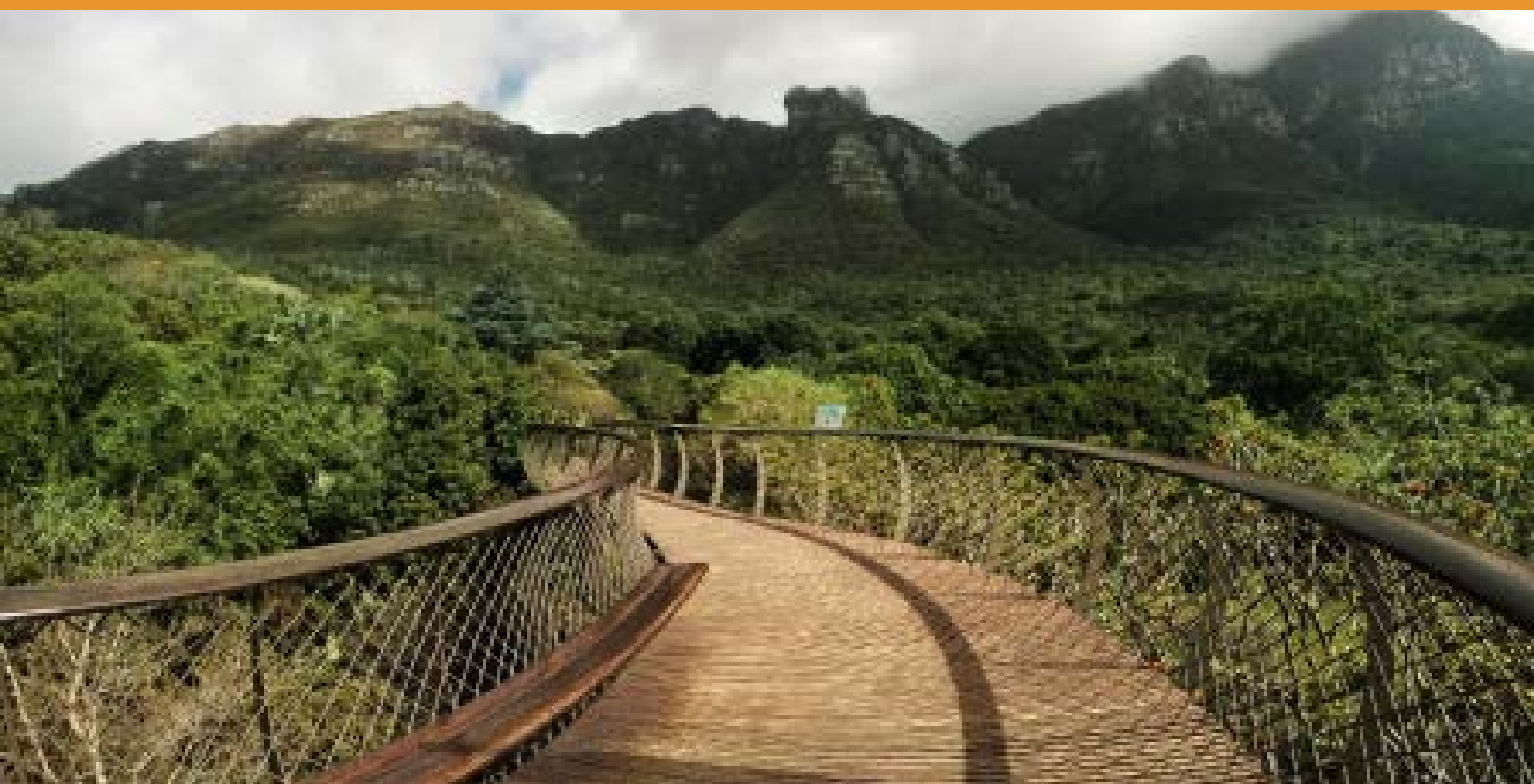
	Total Cases	Percentage	Deaths	Recoveries
South Africa	459 761		7 257	287 313
Eastern Cape	75 067	16.3%	1 545	60 745
Free State	18 134	3.9%	154	2 178
Gauteng	164 584	35.8%	1 680	102 614
KwaZulu-Natal	68 101	14.8%	685	27 682
Limpopo	7 502	1.6%	67	3 565
Mpumalanga	11 552	2.5%	65	5 812
North West	17 791	3.9%	72	6 638
Northern Cape	3 997	0.9%	29	1 244
Western Cape	92 983	20.2%	2 960	76 835

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SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

TOURISM RELATED ARTICLES

- [Government is currently considering a proposal by the Restaurant Association of South Africa \(RASA\) to lift the country's ban on the sale of alcohol and evening curfew. The association's Wendy Alberts said that the proposal would see the introduction of 'triage' areas, where individual communities take responsibility for alcohol-related harms in a specific area](#)
- [Insurers' peace offering rejected by hospitality clients, as the relief is welcome, but it's a drop in the ocean as businesses bleed](#)
- [SAA rescue plan gets R10bn green light. The business rescue practitioners have said all conditions precedent have been met, including a letter confirming the state 'mobilising funding'](#)
- [The airline industry will likely only recover to pre-Covid-19 global passenger traffic by 2024, according to the International Air Transport Association. African airlines' traffic sank 98.1% in June compared to June last year and capacity contracted 84.5%. About 55% of respondents to IATA's June passenger survey don't plan to travel in 2020](#)
- [FlySafair wants 'level playing field' in SA aviation sector following Best Airline in Africa win. Chief Marketing Officer of FlySafair Kirby Gordon believes the airline should receive the necessary support from the SA aviation sector like some of its competitors does. The airline has been vocal in lobbying for state support for the industry, which it believes is a key enabler for recovery in the greater tourism and leisure space](#)
- [The Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism will host a five-part weekly webinar series from Thursday, July 30, 2020 that is aimed to provide support and advice on opening safely during the Covid-19 pandemic](#)
- [Wesgro – the Western Cape's agency to promote economic growth – has helped to compile a report with the Game Lodge Industry Group on what can be done to save it right now: the safe and considered reopening of domestic tourism. According to the World Travel and Tourism Council, the tourism sector directly accounted for 2.8% of South Africa's gross domestic product, or some R139-billion in 2018](#)
- [Long-term visas a step toward recovery for SA? 'Digital nomads', or remote workers who live nomadically working from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection, may be the first travellers in a post-COVID world, according to Co-Founder of Atlantic Point Backpackers youth hostel and Vice Chair of the SATSA Youth Chapter, Tim Louw](#)



GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [The Helen Suzman Foundation \(HSF\) has accused President Cyril Ramaphosa and his cabinet of failing to execute their duties. As part of the latest court battle against the government's Covid-19 laws, the foundation wants parliament and the executive to take back what it described as "staggering powers" given to co-operative governance and traditional affairs \(Cogta\) minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma amid the coronavirus disaster. The foundation is also stating that the president and his cabinet suffered from a misunderstanding of the Disaster Management Act and its intentions](#)
- [Still no regulations as public schools close for four weeks A day after public schools closed after an announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa, the government has still not gazetted the regulations, creating a loophole for those institutions to remain open.](#)
- [SA has told the IMF that it will seek consensus within the government to introduce a "debt ceiling", which will set a self-imposed limitation on how much the government can borrow in the future. The IMF board approved its first loan to SA yet, a \\$4.3bn \(R70bn\) facility with an interest rate of 1.1%, repayable in instalments over the next 13 to 20 quarters. The loan does not come with conditions but countries make voluntary commitments in the form of a letter of intent to support the loan and provide comfort that it will be repaid](#)
- [The IMF's R70bn loan for SA: the pros, cons and potential pitfalls The International Monetary Fund has approved a R70bn \(\\$4.3bn\) loan for SA to help the country manage the immediate consequences of the fallout from Covid-19. The Conversation Africa's editor, Caroline Southey asked University of Pretoria Prof Danny Bradlow* to shed some light on what South Africans should expect](#)
- [No room for complacency in implementing reforms: Treasury Government's largest Covid-19 loan is approved, now SA's fate lies in how we pick up the pieces. The South African government has no choice but to stabilise debt and implement the identified growth reforms in order to avoid the demise of the country, National Treasury's Director-General Dondo Mogajane said](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

- [British Airways \(BA\) has announced that its 31 Boeing 747-400s will never fly again. There are still more than 500 747s in service with other airlines, though many are grounded because of the coronavirus crisis. But BA was the 747's biggest operator. Its immediate retirement of its 747s marks the demise of the jumbo plane's 50-year reign. BA's announcement follows similar decisions by airlines such as Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and Air France. The last 747 in the Qantas fleet last week did a farewell sweep over Sydney and then flew across the Pacific to Los Angeles, before heading for its final resting place in the Mojave Desert](#)
- [Spain's hard-hit hotels offered on Monday to pay for foreign tourists to take coronavirus tests, in an effort to lure back visitors worried by a fresh wave of cases and put off by Britain's sudden imposition of a two-week quarantine](#)
- [Inconsistent border rules hinder tourism The World Travel & Tourism Council \(WTTC\) has called for more consistent travel rules and COVID-19 advice at borders in European countries to avoid confusion for travellers](#)

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