

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 19 August 2020



Situational analysis

Situational Analysis (WHO data 9-16 August 2020)

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New cases 9-16 August	Total	New	Total
Globally	206 440	21 756 357	4 473	771 635
Africa	60 175	960 055	2 073	18 922
Americas	973 599	11 667 196	29 250	419 995
Eastern Med	88 733	1 748 877	2 624	46 446
Europe	180 196	3 796 590	-2 728	214 910
Sout East Asia	474 368	3 163 233	7 306	61 903
Western Pacific	43 984	419 665	575	9 446



South Africa:

(National Department of Health statistics on 18 August 2020)

	Total Cases	Percentage	Deaths	Recoveries
South Africa	592 144		12 264	485 468
Eastern Cape	84 144	14.2%	2 633	79 947
Free State	32 593	5.5%	537	17 547
Gauteng	200 949	33.9%	3 018	166 143
KwaZulu-Natal	106 565	18%	1 743	80 684
Limpopo	11 813	2%	159	10 281
Mpumalanga	21 717	3.7%	214	19 252
North West	23 445	4%	214	14 980
Northern Cape	8 129	1.4%	100	4 757
Western Cape	102 739	17.4%	3 646	91 877

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

- [Despite having their international borders open for weeks, East African countries such as Tanzania and Rwanda are still seeing slow growth in tourist numbers. This may be due to South Africa's borders remaining closed as many international tourists plan their visit to the region as an add-on to their South African itinerary](#)
- [Covid's devastating impact on the MICE sector](#)
- [With South Africa's international borders still closed indefinitely, the only approved flights in and out of the country are special repatriation flights. However, some airlines have commercial flights in their inventory for the next few months, displayed on their websites, inviting customers to book](#)
- [For those who are afraid to travel during level 2 lockdown, Tourism Business Council of South Africa \(TBCSA\) assures travellers that the tourism and hospitality industries have developed clear and comprehensive protocols to keep everyone safe](#)
- [Insurance Claims Africa \(ICA\) is calling on insurers to include larger tourism businesses in their interim relief payments](#)
- [Government finally lifted its ban on Airbnb hosting in South Africa on Monday – two months after other accommodation establishments were allowed to operate](#)
- [Cape Town's Mount Nelson will let over half its staff go, remain closed until at least December](#)

GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [Coronavirus: What's the situation in other African countries?](#)
- [Confirmed Covid-19 positive cases approaching the 600 000 mark, recovery rate now 82%](#)
- [Colleagues honour Free State doctor who died of Covid-19. Health-care workers formed a guard of honour as the body of their colleague, Dr Mohammed Bobat, 56, was taken through the passage of Bongani Regional Hospital in Thabong, Welkom, as a final farewell](#)
- [Durban will welcome back beachgoers to its shores as soon as it gets the green light. The city is waiting for the department of sports, arts and culture to promulgate regulations that will allow it to reopen its beaches. Under level 2 of the lockdown beaches are allowed to reopen](#)
- [SA must decide whether to buy a Covid drug that costs thousands per person – but takes less than R200 to make](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

- [LAM Mozambique Airlines will fly between Lisbon and Maputo once a week from August 26, according to a press release. The flight from Lisbon to Maputo will depart on Tuesdays at 20h00, and the return flight will depart Maputo on Wednesdays at 23h55](#)
- [Zimbabwe shortens coronavirus curfew, extends business hours. Health sector is collapsing due to strikes and a lack of medicines and protective clothing](#)
- [One area where US-China relations are improving. The two countries plan to double the number of flights between them as airlines slowly build back virus-hit schedules](#)
- [MSC Grandiosa on August 16th became the first ship from the MSC Cruises' fleet to welcome guests back and the first ship to implement the Company's health and safety protocol](#)