

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 26 August 2020



Situational analysis

WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID19) Dashboard. Data last updated 25 August 2020

Globally, as of 3:49pm CEST, 25 August 2020, there have been 23,518,343 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 810,492 deaths, reported to WHO.

Region	Confirmed cases	Deaths
	Total	Total
Globally	23 518 343	810 492
Africa	1 013 995	20 607
Americas	12 519 981	444 362
Eastern Med	1 840 077	48 927
Europe	4 016 133	217 222
Sout East Asia	3 666 425	69 392
Western Pacific	460 991	9 969



South Africa:

(National Department of Health statistics on 25 August 2020)

	Total Cases	Percentage	Deaths	Recoveries
South Africa	613 017		13 308	520 381
Eastern Cape	85 311	14%	2 816	80 614
Free State	35 603	5.7%	567	21 174
Gauteng	206 892	33.8%	3 334	175 407
KwaZulu-Natal	110 521	18%	1 997	93 019
Limpopo	12 703	2.1%	179	11 488
Mpumalanga	23 336	3.8%	312	21 370
North West	24 445	4%	224	17 008
Northern Cape	9 375	1.5%	116	6 381
Western Cape	104 781	17.2%	3 763	93 920

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

- [There is “massive” demand for travel to Africa from Hong Kong but there needs to be “absolute confidence” in the safety of the destination, with health and safety protocols strictly adhered to](#)
- [Sun City’s hotels and casino will reopen on September 2, according to a notice on its website](#)
- [SAA starts retrenching without funding. A total of 3 041 of SAA’s nearly 5 000 employees have qualified for voluntary severance packages, but the airline’s business rescue practitioners still await R2.2bn \(€110m\) from Government to pay them](#)
- [Latest Changes on Travelinfo \(25 Aug’20\)](#)
- [Babanango Valley Lodge in the new Babanango Game Reserve in KwaZulu Natal’s historic Zululand region, is ready to welcome guests](#)

GENERAL COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

- [Prof Salim Abdool Karim on Monday night warned that the current decline in the daily number of Covid-19 infections was not an indication that the worst was over yet](#)
- [At least 56 cases of the novel coronavirus in South Korea have been traced back to a Starbucks location in the city of Paju](#)
- [Health dept wants all natural death corpses tested for Covid-19 before burial](#)
- [Spain’s Covid-19 cases top 400,000 after new surge. The country’s health ministry revises its Covid-19 count, making last week the worst for infections since late March](#)
- [SA’s medicines regulator has authorised five new Covid-19 antibody tests, which will help doctors retrospectively diagnose patients and provide a vital research tool for local vaccine trials](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

- [Thailand is aiming to allow foreign tourists to enter the country from October 1 through the ‘Safe and Sealed’ programme, according to a CNN report](#)
- [Etihaad Airways is asking cabin crew to take up to six months unpaid leave from September as it tries to manage the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to an internal memo and two sources familiar with the matter](#)
- [UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres shared the impact Covid-19 had on the tourism sector during a “Tourism and Covid-19” briefing this week. The latest data from the World Tourism Organization \(UNWTO\), warns that as many as 100 million direct tourism jobs are at risk, and the massive drop in export revenues from tourism could reduce global GDP by as much as 2.8 percent](#)
- [British Airways to operate flights from South Africa to the UK](#)
- [Turkey has launched a range of COVID-19 travel insurance policies, starting from €15 \(R298\) for €3 000 \(R59 536\) worth of healthcare costs, according to a notice on the Turkish Airlines website](#)
- [Virgin Atlantic will cover all new and existing bookings with free COVID-19 insurance for up to £500 000 \(R11m\)... In the event that a traveller becomes ill with COVID-19 while travelling with the airline, costs will be covered, regardless of the trip’s duration or destination](#)

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