

Private Bag X828, PRETORIA, 0001, 28th Floor, Civitas Building, Cnr Thabo Sehume and Struben Street, PRETORIA, 0001

Tel: (012) 395 8086 Fax: (012) 395 9165

CAPE TOWN

Private Bag X9070, CAPE TOWN, 8000, Room 413, 120 Plein Street, CAPE TOWN, 8000 Tel: (021) 466 7262 Fax: (021) 465 1575

Media Release

16 April 2020

As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is 2605.

We also note that the number of tests being conducted continues to rise, with the total number of tests conducted to date being 95 060.

It is with regret that we inform the public that the COVID-19 related deaths is now 48. We note that two provinces, ie, Limpopo and the Eastern Cape have also recorded their first deaths. We convey our condolences to the families. We continue to speak strength and appreciate our dedicated health workers who are faced with these circumstances daily.

We are also encouraged by the increased number of patients who have recovered from COVID19.

The provincial breakdown is as follows:

| PROVINCE | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS | RECOVERIES |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| GAUTENG | 969 | 6 | 479 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 675 | 13 | 205 |
| KWAZULU – NATAL | 539 | 20 | 96 |
| EASTERN CAPE | 220 | 4 | 9 |
| FREE STATE | 98 | 4 | 71 |
| LIMPOPO | 26 | 1 | 18 |
| NORTH WEST | 24 | 0 | 10 |
| MPUMALANGA | 22 | 0 | 9 |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 16 | 0 | 6 |
| UNALLOCATED | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 2605 | 48 | 903 |

Dr Zwelini Mkhize

Minister of Health

Ends...