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## Media Release

**18 May 2020**

As of today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is **16 433**.

### Case Data

Province	Total cases for 18 May 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	2052	12,5
Free State	163	1,0
Gauteng	2343	14,3
KwaZulu-Natal	1567	9,5
Limpopo	88	0,5
Mpumalanga	76	0,5
North West	72	0,4
Northern Cape	37	0,2
Western Cape	10035	61,1
Unknown	0	0,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 433</b>	<b>100,0</b>

### **Testing Data**

**475 071** have been conducted with **14 198** done in the last 24 hour cycle.

PRIVATE	230 067	48%	6 449	45%
PUBLIC	245 004	52%	7 749	55%
	<b>475 071</b>		<b>14 198</b>	

### **Reported Deaths and Recoveries**

Regrettably we report a further **22** COVID-19 related deaths- this brings the total national deaths to **286**

We wish to express our condolences to the loved ones of the departed and thank the health care workers who cared for the deceased

The total number of recoveries to date is **7 298**.

#### **Provincial Breakdown:**

Province	Deaths	Recoveries
Eastern Cape	39	839
Free State	6	108
Gauteng	26	1657
KwaZulu Natal	45	818
Limpopo	3	37
Mpumalanga	0	53
North West	1	28
Northern Cape	0	27
Western Cape	166	3731
Total	<b>286</b>	<b>7298</b>

### **Gender and Age Distribution of Deaths:**

Distribution of Deaths by Gender:

Male (%)	Female (%)	Total
160	126	<b>286</b>

Distribution of Deaths by Age:

Age	Deaths	Percentage (%)
0-9	0	
10-19	0	
20-29	1	0,3
30-39	15	5,3
40-49	36	12,6
50-59	64	22,4
60-69	75	26,2
70-79	59	20,6
80-89	28	9,8
90-99	8	2,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>286</b>	100

As we prepare for the easing of lockdown regulations high risk age groups and those with co-morbidities such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiac disease, obesity and people living with HIV must take extra precautions and necessary steps to avoid possible exposure to COVID-19.

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