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Media Statement

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As the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in South Africa is **1 516 262** with 1 447 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 03 March 2021	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	193982	12,8
Free State	80265	5,3
Gauteng	405463	26,7
KwaZulu-Natal	329666	21,7
Limpopo	62087	4,1
Mpumalanga	71405	4,7
North West	61184	4,0
Northern Cape	34118	2,3
Western Cape	278092	18,3
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	1516262	100,0

The cumulative total of tests conducted to date is **9 147 524** with **33 498** new tests recorded since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	5 153 610	56%	20 275	61%
PUBLIC	3 993 914	44%	13 223	39%
Total	9 147 524		33 498	

Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, a further **95** COVID-19 related deaths have been reported: Eastern Cape 5, Free State 19, Gauteng 30, Kwa-Zulu Natal 8, Limpopo 0, Mpumalanga 7, North West 0, Northern Cape 1 and Western Cape 25, which brings the total to **50 366** deaths.

We convey our condolences to the loved ones of the departed and thank the health care workers who treated the deceased patients.

Our recoveries now stand at **1 434 772**, representing a recovery rate of 94,6%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	11305	182 404	273
Free State	3298	70 802	6 165
Gauteng	9770	392 976	2 717
KwaZulu-Natal	9698	310 452	9 516
Limpopo	1904	59 245	938
Mpumalanga	1269	69 029	1 107
North West	1203	57 450	2 531
Northern Cape	694	31 389	2 035
Western Cape	11225	261 025	5 842
Total	50 366	1 434 772	31 124

Vaccination Rollout

The number of health care workers vaccinated under the Sisonke Protocol is **83 570** as of 6.30 pm 3 March 2021. We are very encouraged that our first target of exhausting the first batch of 80 000 vaccines from Johnson Johnson in two weeks has been achieved and exceeded. We have taken every opportunity to learn from this process and continue to refine the programme in preparation for rollout to the larger community in the subsequent phases.

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