

## Media Release: Update on the coronavirus by Premier Alan Winde

28 June 2020

As of 1pm on 28 June, the Western Cape has 15 822 active cases of Covid-19, with a total of 60 195 confirmed cases and 42 636 recoveries.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases	60 195
Total recoveries	42 636
Total deaths	1737
Total active cases (currently infected patients)	15 822
Tests conducted	296 308
Hospitalisations	1787 with 322 in ICU or high care

### Sub Districts Cape Town Metro:

Sub-district	Cases	Recoveries
Western	5096	3901
Southern	5315	4035
Northern	3657	2825
Tygerberg	7790	6061
Eastern	5340	3939
Klipfontein	5989	4599
Mitchells Plain	5150	3910
Khayelitsha	6411	5181
<b>Total</b>	<b>44 748</b>	<b>34 451</b>

**Sub-districts:**

District	Sub-district	Cases	Recoveries
Garden Route	Bitou	55	18
Garden Route	Knysna	142	89
Garden Route	George	460	168
Garden Route	Hessequa	20	17
Garden Route	Kannaland	5	3
Garden Route	Mossel Bay	175	68
Garden Route	Oudsthoorn	58	23
Cape Winelands	Stellenbosch	960	607
Cape Winelands	Drakenstein	2407	1707
Cape Winelands	Breede Valley	1424	824
Cape Winelands	Langeberg	411	179
Cape Winelands	Witzenberg	616	436
Overberg	Overstrand	555	268
Overberg	Cape Agulhas	47	27
Overberg	Swellendam	48	23
Overberg	Theewaterskloof	388	223
West Coast	Bergrivier	185	148
West Coast	Cederberg	37	13
West Coast	Matzikama	53	24
West Coast	Saldanha Bay Municipality	561	322
West Coast	Swartland	509	328
Central Karoo	Beaufort West	22	3

Unallocated: 6309 (2667 recovered)

**Data note:** As the province moves closer to the peak and the Department of Health is recording over 1000 new cases daily, it is not possible to check and verify that the address data supplied for each new case is correct, within the time frames required to provide regular and timely updates. This means that in some instances, cases could be allocated to the wrong sub-districts. We are working with the sub-districts to clean up and verify the data and where errors are picked up locally, cases will be re-allocated to the correct areas.

Further note that the number of active cases reported in the daily update on Saturday 27 June was incorrect. The number of active cases for 27 June was 15 057. We apologise for the error.

More data is available here: <https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/covid-19-dashboard>

The Western Cape has recorded an additional 41 deaths, bringing the total number of COVID-19 related deaths in the province to 1737. We send our condolences to their loved ones at this time.

### **Nosisi's story: "The experience at the isolation facility was a good one"**

On 27 May, Nosisi Jacobs received the news that she had tested positive for COVID-19. The 33-year-old mother of three from Langa was advised to isolate for 14 days. However, she could not isolate safely at her home and shared her concerns with her healthcare worker.

Fear of the stigma and discrimination in her community led her to seek assistance to isolate safely at a Western Cape Government Isolation facility. "I would stand at my window and see how people would walk by and look at my house, chatting, staring and pointing fingers. I realise now that it was the fear of the virus itself that made my community scared and that they never thought it would reach our community. But back then I felt scared and unsupported."

Nosisi required further medical treatment and had to go to hospital before she could go to the isolation facility. On the day that she was collected from home by the ambulance, community members stood outside yelling and shouting. Nosisi spent a restless night at New Somerset Hospital without her children, aged four and six. The doctors at the hospital could see she was distressed and together with her doctor at Langa CHC, the doctors arranged for her children to isolate with their mother at the Lagoon Beach Isolation Facility.

"The experience at the isolation facility was a good one. We had to stay inside our room, but my children found it pleasant and comfortable. We were well taken care of and received three meals a day, and the necessary medical care. I never felt alone or abandoned, at one stage my medication had run out, and the nurses on duty organised what I required with efficiency. My children still talk about how beautiful the location was, as they didn't want to come home!"

Nosisi says that by sharing her experience with her community, she has gained their support. "Now that I am home I am no longer afraid. My community can see that I am alive and well. Initially the fear of the unknown was what caused them to react the way they did. Now I am able to share my experience and they understand that anyone can get it, like me."

Her message is simple: "We must support each other, because when you test positive, you need the support from your family and your community. Anyone can get Coronavirus. You never know who in your own life will be affected or infected next by this virus. Remember they are also scared. Be kind to those who get sick and offer to help them."

## **The Western Cape Government's quarantine and isolation facilities**

Nosisi's story demonstrates that quarantine and isolation facilities are safe and comfortable.

The Western Cape Government currently has 3760 isolation and quarantine facility beds and will soon have an additional 4766 beds available. Our approach to activating these facilities is as follows:

- Clients with severe symptoms, as well as those at high risk of Covid-19 morbidity and mortality are assessed for the need of hospitalisation.
- Clients who are symptomatic and do not require hospitalization are offered Quarantine (with or without testing). Once the facility is filled, we then move to activate the next facility.
- The same process is followed for isolation facilities (for those confirmed to have Covid-19).

The Western Cape Government is also adopting communication strategies to improve the occupancy rate of these facilities. This includes engagements with community leaders and public messaging, such as the dedicated show on Zibonele FM.

I again wish to call on residents in the Western Cape to make use of these facilities if you are unable to safely quarantine or isolate at home.

More than ever, we need to be compassionate, caring and reject discrimination when it occurs. Anyone can get infected and we all deserve to be treated with respect and kindness when battling this difficult illness.

To arrange to go to an isolation or quarantine facility, contact:

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