

Media Release: Update on the coronavirus by Premier Alan Winde 9 July 2020

As of 1pm on 9 July, the Western Cape has 16 449 active cases of COVID-19, with a total of 74207 confirmed cases and 55 534 recoveries.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases	74207
Total recoveries	55534
Total deaths	2224
Total active cases (currently infected patients)	16449
Tests conducted	340286
Hospitalisations	1703 with 330 in ICU or high care

Sub Districts Cape Town Metro:

Sub-district	Cases	Recoveries
Western	6238	4935
Southern	6536	5097
Northern	4379	3574
Tygerberg	9416	7516
Eastern	6937	5308
Klipfontein	7134	5620
Mitchells Plain	6075	4849
Khayelitsha	7049	6024
Total	53764	42923

Sub-districts:

District	Sub-district	Cases	Recoveries
Garden Route	Bitou	139	62
Garden Route	Knysna	328	161
Garden Route	George	1093	509
Garden Route	Hessequa	37	20
Garden Route	Kannaland	24	10

Garden Route	Mossel Bay	442	164
Garden Route	Oudsthoorn	178	49
Cape Winelands	Stellenbosch	1313	920
Cape Winelands	Drakenstein	3050	2319
Cape Winelands	Breede Valley	2070	1387
Cape Winelands	Langeberg	655	401
Cape Winelands	Witzenberg	839	597
Overberg	Overstrand	996	561
Overberg	Cape Agulhas	87	49
Overberg	Swellendam	130	47
Overberg	Theewaterskloof	661	377
West Coast	Bergrivier	234	180
West Coast	Cederberg	60	35
West Coast	Matzikama	117	46
West Coast	Saldanha Bay Municipality	836	551
West Coast	Swartland	766	497
Central Karoo	Beaufort West	62	21
Central Karoo	Laingsburg	6	2
Central Karoo	Prince Albert	1	0

Unallocated: 6319 (3646 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 and verify the data and where errors are picked up locally, cases will be re-allocated to the correct areas.

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

The Western Cape has recorded an additional 47 deaths, bringing the total number of COVID-19 related deaths in the province to 2224. We send our condolences to their loved ones at this time.

High flow nasal oxygen:

One of the ways the Western Cape is treating seriously ill COVID-19 patients in hospitals is with high flow nasal oxygen- which allows doctors to deliver concentrated oxygen to a patient's lungs, without a ventilator. After seeing some positive initial results treating

patients early on in the pandemic at Tygerberg, we have expanded the treatment and we now have over 160 high flow nasal oxygen machines available in the province.

This treatment is especially important as it does not need to be performed in an ICU setting, and can be administered to patients in acute beds.

This week, Groote Schuur Hospital was able to report some excellent news as five patients at the hospital were deemed well enough to be discharged from ICU and high care to regular wards on the same day, after receiving this life-saving care. Not only is this wonderful news for the patients who are on the way to recovery, but it is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of all of the staff at Groote Schuur hospital who are working on the frontlines to ensure that those who need care, are able to access it.

I would also like to once again share a message of deep gratitude for all the healthcare workers in this province. These phenomenally dedicated people are a true inspiration as they go and work to save lives on the front lines every single day. We thank you all for everything you do.

Mandela Day:

Each year, we mark the birthday of our first democratic President, Nelson Mandela, in July by committing to helping others or performing selfless acts for at least 67 minutes. This year, we have already seen so many South Africans embody the spirit of love, sharing and selflessness, helping wherever there was a need, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the vast humanitarian need created by the lockdown.

Many of the patients in our healthcare facilities are among our most vulnerable, and we would like to provide them with some warmth and comfort during their stay. You can help by preparing a care package, or donating some of the most needed items such as fleece blankets, socks, toiletries, warm clothing and face masks.

You can also include a home made get well soon card, write a poem, or draw a picture that we can give to our patients.

Individuals and corporates wanting to get involved, please contact Harry Grainger at The Health Foundation for more information on how to donate: 021 418 1580 / 072 6133 719

You can also drop off your care packs. Carefully label it with "Spreading Warmth" and your name and drop it off at:

- The Health Foundation offices (16th Floor Norton Rose House, 8 Riebeeck Street, Cape Town)