

Media Release: Update on the coronavirus by Premier Alan Winde 12 July 2020

As of 1pm on 12 July, the Western Cape has 16 063 active cases of COVID-19, with a total of 77 476 confirmed cases and 59 070 recoveries.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases	77 476
Total recoveries	59 070
Total deaths	2343
Total active cases (currently infected patients)	16063
Tests conducted	350 961
Hospitalisations	1627 with 289 in ICU or high care

Sub Districts Cape Town Metro:

Sub-district	Cases	Recoveries
Western	6566	5163
Southern	6747	5362
Northern	4517	3715
Tygerberg	9782	7818
Eastern	7179	5553
Klipfontein	7271	5812
Mitchells Plain	6249	5067
Khayelitsha	7185	6170
Total	55496	44939

Sub-districts:

District	Sub-district	Cases	Recoveries
Garden Route	Bitou	172	74
Garden Route	Knysna	394	191
Garden Route	George	1283	642
Garden Route	Hessequa	43	27
Garden Route	Kannaland	31	13
Garden Route	Mossel Bay	558	213

Garden Route	Oudsthoorn	220	63
Cape Winelands	Stellenbosch	1432	1030
Cape Winelands	Drakenstein	3166	2496
Cape Winelands	Breede Valley	2157	1538
Cape Winelands	Langeberg	717	463
Cape Winelands	Witzenberg	886	649
Overberg	Overstrand	1044	679
Overberg	Cape Agulhas	98	59
Overberg	Swellendam	147	64
Overberg	Theewaterskloof	716	439
West Coast	Bergrivier	238	188
West Coast	Cederberg	62	39
West Coast	Matzikama	129	52
West Coast	Saldanha Bay Municipality	890	624
West Coast	Swartland	827	549
Central Karoo	Beaufort West	78	27
Central Karoo	Laingsburg	6	2
Central Karoo	Prince Albert	1	0

Unallocated: 6685 (4010 recoveries)

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 20 deaths, bringing the total number of COVID-19 related deaths in the province to 2343. We send our condolences to their family and friends at this time.

Recoveries:

We are pleased that the Western Cape has recorded almost 60 000 recoveries since the first case of the coronavirus was detected in the province on 11 March.

The world is constantly learning and developing new knowledge about COVID-19 and how to manage this disease. The use of high flow nasal oxygen and of the steroid

dexamethasone have emerged as very successful treatment of more severe cases. But despite the advancements in science and medicine which can help to save lives, the most basic rules of hand washing, hygiene, mask wearing and social distancing are still the most effective tools we have to prevent the spread of the virus.

Many who contract COVID-19 will experience mild symptoms which could include a sore throat, a fever, a loss of smell and taste, a cough, tiredness and body aches and pains. These can be treated at home, but the person must self-isolate for a period of 14 days to ensure that they do not pass on the virus to their loved ones, their colleagues or to people sharing a space with them on public transport or in other public places.

Anyone who starts to experience trouble breathing or shortness of breath during this time, should seek out medical attention. People who fall into the high risk categories which include people over the age of 55, or those with underlying illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, HIV, or any heart, lung or kidney disease, should also monitor their symptoms closely and take extra precautions.

Others may never experience symptoms at all, and could have COVID-19 without ever knowing. This is why it is so vitally important that you continue to wash and sanitize your hands, regularly clean surfaces around your home and workplace, keep your distance from other people, and wear a clean, cloth mask even if you don't feel sick.

Coronavirus will be with us for a long time still and staying home as much as possible, and abiding by the golden rules can help to keep you, and your loved ones safe.