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As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is 4793.

The total number of tests conducted to date is 178 470, of which 9 827 were done in the last 24 hours.

The provincial breakdown is as follows:

GAUTENG	1353
WESTERN CAPE	1737
KWAZULU – NATAL	902
EASTERN CAPE	588
FREE STATE	111
LIMPOPO	31
NORTH WEST	28
MPUMALANGA	26
NORTHERN CAPE	17
UNALLOCATED	0

Reported Deaths

We regret to report a further three deaths: two from the Western Cape and one from KZN. This brings the total cumulative COVID-19 related deaths to 90. The cases were:

- A 79 year old male who presented with shortness of breath and chest pain. His co-morbidities included diabetes, hypertension, chronic kidney disease and cardiac disease (WC)
- A 58 year old male who presented with imminent cardiovascular arrest. He was a person living with HIV and had obesity. (WC)

- A 54 year old male who presented with respiratory distress. He had underlying diabetes

We wish to convey our condolences to the families of the deceased and thank the health care workers who treated the deceased patients.

Engagements with Clinicians and Experts

This evening we were privileged to participate in a virtual 'grand ward round' with over 400 participants including provincial MEC's, HOD's, clinicians, epidemiological and infectious diseases experts. We discussed some interesting cases and unusual presentations. As we continue to learn more about COVID-19 it is especially important to stay in touch with the frontline workers to better understand the inner workings of treating individual patients. It was a fascinating session that has certainly contributed immensely to the body of work that ensures increased medical precision.

Dr Zwelini Mkhize
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