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Media Release

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As of today, a cumulative total of **589 886** confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa have been recorded with 2 541 new cases identified.

Case Data

Province	Total cases for 17 August 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	84092	14,3
Free State	32304	5,5
Gauteng	200237	33,9
KwaZulu-Natal	106037	18,0
Limpopo	11757	2,0
Mpumalanga	21474	3,6
North West	23305	4,0
Northern Cape	8021	1,4
Western Cape	102609	17,4
Unknown	50	0,0
Total	589886	100,0

Testing Data

The total number of tests conducted to date is **3 415 670** with **15 032** new tests conducted since the last report

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	1 925 558	56%	5 869	39%
PUBLIC	1 490 112	44%	9 163	61%
Total	3 415 670		15 032	

Reported Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably we report a further **143** COVID-19 related deaths- 50 from Eastern Cape, 14 from Gauteng, 14 from KwaZulu-Natal, 3 from Northern Cape, 5 from Free State, 25 from Mpumalanga and 32 from Western Cape. This brings the total COVID-19 related cumulative deaths to **11 982**

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

The recoveries now stand at **477 671** which translates to a recovery rate of 80%

Province	Deaths	Recoveries
Eastern Cape	2567	79947
Free State	524	17000
Gauteng	2929	161078
KwaZulu-Natal	1686	79955
Limpopo	159	10281
Mpumalanga	214	18661
North West	194	14980
Northern Cape	97	4728
Western Cape	3612	91041
Total	11982	477671

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