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## Media Statement

19 October 2020

As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **705 254** with 1 461 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 19 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	92122	13,1
Free State	53679	7,6
Gauteng	225559	32,0
KwaZulu-Natal	121436	17,2
Limpopo	16849	2,4
Mpumalanga	28830	4,1
North West	31864	4,5
Northern Cape	20381	2,9
Western Cape	114534	16,2
Unknown	0	0,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>705254</b>	<b>100,0</b>

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 565 980** with 16 502 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	2 610 677	57%	10 648	65%
PUBLIC	1 955 303	43%	5 854	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 565 980</b>		<b>16 502</b>	

### **Total Deaths and Recoveries**

Yesterday, we reported a cumulative total of 3 176 deaths for KwaZulu-Natal. We wish to correct this. This was a typographical error which occurred when the total number was recorded, following verification. We therefore confirm that yesterday's total number of deaths for KwaZulu Natal was **3 136**. This means the total number of deaths nationally for 18 October 2020 was **18 431**. We apologise for this error.

Regrettably, we report **61** COVID-19 related deaths today: 21 from Eastern Cape, 19 from the Free State, 3 from Gauteng, 1 from Mpumalanga 6 from Northern Cape, 8 from Western Cape and 3 from KwaZulu Natal. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **18 492**. Of the 61 deaths reported today, **11** were reported to have occurred in the past 24-48 hours: 3 in Gauteng, 1 in Mpumalanga and 7 in the Western Cape.

We extend our condolences to the loved ones of the departed and thank the health-care workers that treated the deceased patients.

Our recoveries now stand at **635 257** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	3451	86927	1744
Free State	1320	36702	15657
Gauteng	4621	204424	16514
KwaZulu-Natal	3139	112205	6092
Limpopo	435	15759	655
Mpumalanga	591	27534	705
North West	393	28589	2882
Northern Cape	254	16933	3194
Western Cape	4288	106184	4062
<b>National</b>	<b>18492</b>	<b>635257</b>	<b>51505</b>

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