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Media Statement

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As of today the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in South Africa is **1 496 439** with 2 320 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 17 February 2021	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	193487	12,9
Free State	78876	5,3
Gauteng	399922	26,7
KwaZulu-Natal	325623	21,8
Limpopo	61030	4,1
Mpumalanga	69401	4,6
North West	59790	4,0
Northern Cape	33211	2,2
Western Cape	275099	18,4
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	1496439	100,0

The cumulative total of tests conducted to date is **8 772 743** with **35 413** new tests recorded since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	4 943 552	56%	20 298	57%
PUBLIC	3 829 191	44%	15 115	43%
Total	8 772 743		35 413	

Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, **165** deaths have been reported: Eastern Cape 15, Free State 22, Gauteng 76, Kwa-Zulu Natal 14, Limpopo 0, Mpumalanga 4, North West 0, Northern Cape 9 and Western Cape 25 which brings the **total to 48 478 deaths**

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

Our recoveries now stand at **1 399 829**, representing a recovery rate of 93,5%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	11165	181 575	747
Free State	3032	68 794	7 050
Gauteng	9371	385 363	5 188
KwaZulu-Natal	9373	299 994	16 256
Limpopo	1662	57 971	1 397
Mpumalanga	1203	66 516	1 682
North West	1057	53 530	5 203
Northern Cape	650	29 517	3 044
Western Cape	10965	256 569	7 565
Total	48 478	1 399 829	48 132

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