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## Media Statement

17 October 2020

As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **702 131** with 1 928 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 17 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	91821	13,1
Free State	53093	7,6
Gauteng	224863	32,0
KwaZulu-Natal	121174	17,3
Limpopo	16700	2,4
Mpumalanga	28660	4,1
North West	31689	4,5
Northern Cape	19950	2,8
Western Cape	114181	16,3
Unknown	0	0,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>702131</b>	<b>100,0</b>

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 528 141** with 22 608 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	2 587 788	57%	13 138	58%
PUBLIC	1 940 353	43%	9 470	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 528 141</b>		<b>22 608</b>	

### **Total Deaths and Recoveries**

Regrettably, we report **38** more COVID-19 related deaths: 10 from Eastern Cape, 10 from the Free State, 17 from Gauteng and 1 from Mpumalanga. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **18 408**. Of the 38 deaths reported today, **5** were reported to have occurred in the past 24-48 hours: 1 in Eastern Cape, 1 in the Free State and 3 in Gauteng.

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 **630 436** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	3421	86927	1473
Free State	1301	36624	15168
Gauteng	4618	200353	19892
KwaZulu-Natal	3122	112064	5988
Limpopo	435	15690	575
Mpumalanga	590	27338	732
North West	393	28589	2707
Northern Cape	248	16772	2930
Western Cape	4280	106079	3822
<b>National</b>	<b>18408</b>	<b>630436</b>	<b>53287</b>

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