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## Media Statement

16 October 2020

As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **700 203** with 2 019 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 16 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	91526	13,1
Free State	52594	7,5
Gauteng	224534	32,1
KwaZulu-Natal	121049	17,3
Limpopo	16623	2,4
Mpumalanga	28593	4,1
North West	31516	4,5
Northern Cape	19814	2,8
Western Cape	113954	16,3
Unknown	0	0,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>700203</b>	<b>100,0</b>

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 505 533** with 24 179 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	2 574 650	57%	14 918	62%
PUBLIC	1 930 883	43%	9 261	38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 505 533</b>		<b>24 179</b>	

### **Total Deaths and Recoveries**

Regrettably, we report **61** more COVID-19 related deaths: 14 from Eastern Cape, 21 from the Free State, 11 from KwaZulu Natal, 4 from Gauteng and 11 from Northern Cape. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **18 370**. Of the 61 deaths reported today, **5** were reported to have occurred in the past 24-48 hours: 2 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 **629 260** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	3411	86927	1188
Free State	1291	36452	14851
Gauteng	4601	200089	19844
KwaZulu-Natal	3122	111999	5928
Limpopo	435	15609	579
Mpumalanga	589	27223	781
North West	393	28589	2534
Northern Cape	248	16694	2872
Western Cape	4280	105678	3996
<b>National</b>	<b>18370</b>	<b>629260</b>	<b>52573</b>

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