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Media Statement

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As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **708 359**, with **2055** new cases reported in the last 24 hours.

Province	Total cases for 21 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	92 566	13,1
Free State	54 238	7,7
Gauteng	226 073	31,9
KwaZulu-Natal	121 647	17,2
Limpopo	16 956	2,4
Mpumalanga	29 023	4,1
North West	32 202	4,5
Northern Cape	20 690	2,9
Western Cape	114 964	16,2
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	708 359	100,0

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 607 883** with 26 537 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested	New tested	
PRIVATE	2 640 125	57%	18 433
PUBLIC	1 967 758	43%	8 104
Total	4 607 883		26 537

Total Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, we report **85** COVID-19 related deaths today. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **18 741**. Of the 85 deaths reported today, **8** occurred in the past 48 hours.

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

Our recoveries now stand at **641 706** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%.

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries
Eastern Cape	3508	87 746
Free State	1402	40 576
Gauteng	4679	205 065
KwaZulu-Natal	3160	112 296
Limpopo	440	15 890
Mpumalanga	592	27 664
North West	403	28 727
Northern Cape	256	17 099
Western Cape	4301	106 643
National	18 741	641 706

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