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Media Statement

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As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **698 184** with 1 770 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 15 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	91373	13,1
Free State	52167	7,5
Gauteng	224158	32,1
KwaZulu-Natal	120859	17,3
Limpopo	16547	2,4
Mpumalanga	28466	4,1
North West	31356	4,5
Northern Cape	19630	2,8
Western Cape	113628	16,3
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	698184	100,0

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 481 354** with 22 609 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	2 559 732	57%	14 365	64%
PUBLIC	1 921 622	43%	8 244	36%
Total	4 481 354		22 609	

Total Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, we report **158** more COVID-19 related deaths: 22 from Eastern Cape, 19 from the Free State, 38 from KwaZulu Natal, 70 from Gauteng, 5 from Limpopo, and 4 from Western Cape. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **18 309**. Of the 158 deaths reported today, **8** occurred in the past 24-48 hours: 1 in the Free State, 1 in Gauteng, 2 from Limpopo and 4 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 **628 301** which translates to a recovery rate of 90%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	3397	86927	1049
Free State	1270	36303	14594
Gauteng	4597	199656	19905
KwaZulu-Natal	3111	111953	5795
Limpopo	435	15514	598
Mpumalanga	589	27098	779
North West	393	28589	2374
Northern Cape	237	16583	2810
Western Cape	4280	105678	3670
National	18309	628301	51574

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