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Media Statement

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As of today, the cumulative number of detected COVID-19 cases is **710 515**, with **2156** new cases reported in the last 24 hours.

Province	Total cases for 22 October 2020	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	92 936	13,1
Free State	54 691	7,7
Gauteng	226 363	31,9
KwaZulu-Natal	121 802	17,1
Limpopo	17 018	2,4
Mpumalanga	29 109	4,1
North West	32 415	4,6
Northern Cape	20 887	2,9
Western Cape	115 294	16,2
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	710 515	100,0

The cumulative number of tests conducted to date is **4 633 671** with 25 788 new tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested	New tested	
PRIVATE	2 655 540	57%	15 415
PUBLIC	1 978 131	43%	10 373
Total	4 633 671		25 788

Total Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, we report **102** COVID-19 related deaths today. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to **18 843**. Of the 102 deaths reported today, **20** 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 **642 560** which translates to a recovery rate of 90,4%.

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries
Eastern Cape	3513	87 746
Free State	1451	40 634
Gauteng	4693	205 216
KwaZulu-Natal	3177	112 420
Limpopo	440	15 991
Mpumalanga	594	27 684
North West	403	28 727
Northern Cape	256	17163
Western Cape	4316	106 979
National	18 843	642 560

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