



LOCKDOWN OVERVIEW

YOUR WEEKLY SOURCE OF INTEL ON COVID-19
AND THE LOCKDOWN IN **[SOUTH AFRICA]**

[9 APRIL to 16 APRIL 2020]

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



CONFIRMED CASES

2,506

RECOVERIES

410

DEATHS

34

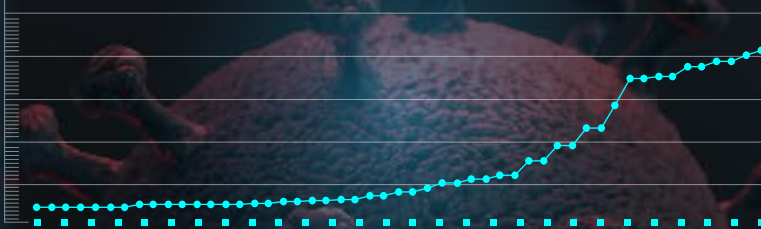
CONFIRMED CASES BY PROVINCES

Western Cape	657	8
Eastern Cape	199	0
Northern Cape	16	0
North West	23	0
Free State	97	3
Kwazulu Natal	519	18
Gauteng	930	5
Limpopo	25	0
Mpumalanga	22	0

CASES

DEATHS

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ZAR / USD Exchange

18.68 ▼

ZAR / EURO Exchange

20.32 ▼

5 March 2020

16 April 2020

16 April 2020; 16:30am

GLOBAL STATS

CONFIRMED CASES

2,107,450

RECOVERIES

525,449

DEATHS

136,990

TOP 3 AFFECTED COUNTRIES

USA	CONFIRMED CASES 644,823	RECOVERIES 48,710	DEATHS 28,580
Spain	CONFIRMED CASES 182,816	RECOVERIES 74,797	DEATHS 19,130
Italy	CONFIRMED CASES 165,155	RECOVERIES 38,092	DEATHS 21,645

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEWS



Government plans for COVID-19 to peak in September

The extended five-week national lockdown has postponed South Africa's worst-case Covid-19 scenario to September, a government projection shows.

With no lockdown, South Africa was estimated to reach its peak coronavirus infections in July. A five-week lockdown, that has paralysed the economy, is buying the government two more months to prepare for a flooding of hospitals at the end of winter. This is according to a presentation made to Parliament's portfolio committee on health this week by the acting director general of the department of health, Anban Pillay.

Other key findings in Pillay's presentation include:

- In a worst-case scenario, Gauteng would see over 1.5 million Covid-19 infections at the end of winter, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with one million;
- The country has less than half the number of ventilators needed to deal with peak infection. Public and private hospitals currently have a total of 3 216 ventilators, compared to the 7 000 we need, and
- The country currently has 4 909 critical care hospital beds available, but the need for beds in intensive care units could exceed 14 700 at the highest level of infection.

President Ramaphosa sends stern warning to criminals

President Cyril Ramaphosa has warned criminals that lawlessness will not be tolerated. In his weekly newsletter, he says it is very unfortunate that criminals are preying on the weak and vulnerable.

"It is despicable that criminals are using this period of the lockdown as a cover to break the law at a time when our law-enforcement authorities are occupied with supporting the national effort to contain the pandemic", read the letter. Since the lockdown began, several schools have been burgled, trashed and burnt to the ground. There has also been a drastic increase in business burglaries as a result of these businesses being left vacant during the lockdown.

The President also says gender-based violence is a concern and a priority for the government. The Interim Steering Committee on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, in consultation with civil society organisations, is developing guidelines and protocols for GBV management in the context of COVID-19.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK



SA Business Alliance expect 1 million job losses, economy to contract by 10%

The economy could contract by 10% and over one million people could join the ranks of the unemployed due to the impact of Covid-19, according to preliminary modelling by Business For South Africa (B4SA), an alliance founded four weeks ago in response to the pandemic.

The alliance of South Africa business bodies and organisations on Tuesday morning hosted a webcast where it gave details on its support for government's efforts to combat the impact of Covid-19 on health, the economy and labour. Speaking during the call, B4SA's Martin Kingston shared more on the efforts of the economic intervention working group, which expects the SA economy to only recover in 2021.

A contraction of between 8% and 10% of GDP is expected in 2020, he said. Capital flows will also be restricted for the rest of 2020, he added. "[This] will fuel the number of people joining the ranks of the unemployed," said Kingston.

There are a number of factors being considered – sectors are being assessed in terms of their contribution to GDP employment, level of exports, risk of transmission, among other things. Kingston added that any decision regarding the lockdown will not compromise the health of South Africans.

ANALYSIS ON THE LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION



A perfect storm brewing?

The extension of the national lockdown was met with mixed emotions. For some, it represented sound decision-making and a critical step in ensuring the work of the initial 21-day lockdown was not completely undone. But for others, it only exacerbated what was already a desperate fight for survival.

This desperation is now beginning to bubble to the surface in informal settlements around the country as wages and salaries from March dry up and the looming threat of unemployment looks all the more likely. The result – pockets of unrest and the subsequent looting of shops are

beginning to emerge. In the Western Cape, widespread looting was reported in and around Nyanga Junction, and in addition to that, violent street protests also broke out in Mitchells Plain as residents vented their anger at the failure to hand out food parcels which were set to be distributed.

The combination of the dire economic circumstances in many of the informal settlements around the country, coupled with the looming spike in unemployment has raised one very pertinent question amongst security analyst's country-wide; will these socio economic issues result in a drastic escalation in crime, unrest and potentially violence? Only time will tell.