



LOCKDOWN OVERVIEW

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

[26 MARCH to 2 APRIL 2020]

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



CONFIRMED CASES

1,380

RECOVERIES

31

DEATHS

5

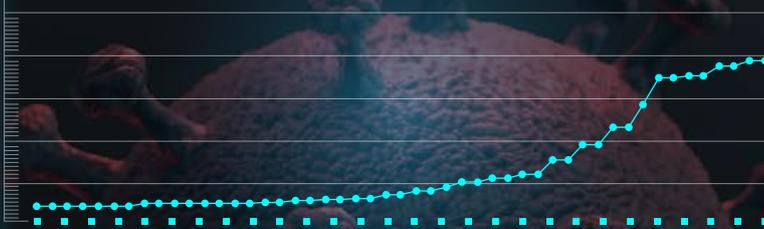
CONFIRMED CASES BY PROVINCES

Western Cape	326	1
Eastern Cape	15	0
Northern Cape	7	0
North West	9	0
Free State	76	1
Kwazulu Natal	186	2
Gauteng	645	1
Limpopo	14	0
Mpumalanga	12	0

CASES

DEATHS

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ZAR / USD Exchange

18.17 ▼

ZAR / EURO Exchange

19.85 ▲

5 March 2020

GLOBAL STATS

CONFIRMED CASES

938,348

RECOVERIES

195,371

DEATHS

47,286

2 April 2020

TOP 3 AFFECTED COUNTRIES

USA	CONFIRMED CASES 215,344	RECOVERIES 8,878	DEATHS 5,112
Italy	CONFIRMED CASES 110,574	RECOVERIES 16,847	DEATHS 13,155
Spain	CONFIRMED CASES 104,118	RECOVERIES 22,647	DEATHS 9,387

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEWS



SA's lockdown met with broad non-compliance

One of the major talking points since the national lockdown was initiated on the 27th of March, has been the lack of compliance that has led to no less than 2 000 arrests being made over the past seven days.

The majority of these arrests have been made in densely populated areas and informal settlements where the broad disregard for the lockdown has resulted in worrying scenes of SAPS and SANDF members in certain instances using excessive force in an attempt to enforce the rules.

Police Minister Bheki Cele also expressed a degree of concern at the long queues and lack of physical distancing at many of the larger retailers in and around the country's informal settlements, particularly those where pensions are being paid.

Government shifts strategy and adopts "mass-testing" approach

Due to the immense backlogs in the COVID-19 testing system, the South African government has followed in the footsteps of larger economies, like China, and implemented a screening, testing, tracing and medical management program on a massive scale.

10 000 field workers have been deployed to visit villages, towns and cities to screen residents for COVID-19 symptoms, following which mobile tracing technology will be deployed to trace those who have been in contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases.

This initiative will also see the establishment of a data-hub to monitor the geographic spread of COVID-19.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK



Economy faces harder recovery path post-pandemic following Moody's downgrade

Last Friday, Moody's cut South Africa's credit rating to sub-investment grade from BAA3 to BA1 with a negative outlook, despite industry calls for the decision to be postponed until after the country has gained a grip on the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SA?

- Higher borrowing costs for government will crowd out spending on much-needed social and economic programmes;
- A further knock to business sentiment could lead to lower rates of fixed investment, weaker growth and increased downward pressure on employment;
- A more depreciated currency leads to a higher cost of imported goods, which could raise inflation and limit the extent to which the SA Reserve Bank can react to the Covid-19 crisis.

ANALYSIS ON THE LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION



When analysing the effects of the national lockdown on the South African population, it is clear that those workers earning in the minimum wage bracket, which accounts for a large percentage of the country's workforce, are most severely affected. A significant portion of South African industry has come to a grinding halt, resulting in thousands, if not tens of thousands left without a means to generate income and put food on the table. As their plight becomes increasingly desperate, and considering the already volatile environment whereby SAPS and SANDF have opted for heavy-handedness in the enforcement of their duties, it seems that protests and unrest are not merely indefinite possibility, but an unavoidable eventuality.

We are also (predictably) seeing labour unions beginning to flex their muscles; both SANTACO and NEHAWU are putting pressure on government to protect their members.

EMERGING CRIME TRENDS

In light of the mass-testing implemented by government, it is extremely probable that criminal syndicates will seek to exploit the situation by masquerading as 'testing officials' in an attempt to gain access to your property.

- Always ask for, and inspect accreditation before opening your doors to anyone;
- Ensure the officials are accompanied by SAPS as per government guidelines;
- If you feel uncomfortable or unsure, trust your instincts. Do not grant access, and call SAPS or your local armed response provider immediately.