

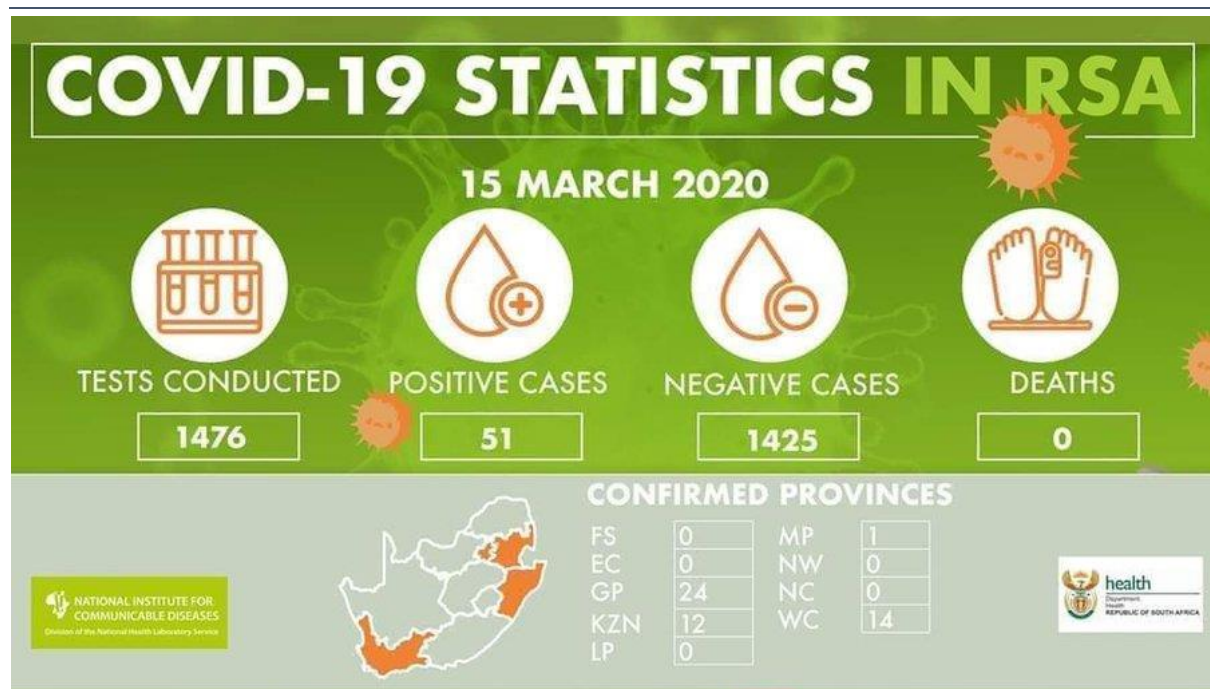
SITUATIONAL REPORT No. 40

Recent Updates

- ❑ As of 15 March 2020, there have been 13 newly imported COVID-19 cases, taking the total number of positive COVID-19 cases to 51 in South Africa.
- ❑ South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the drastic measures that government were instituting to combat the spread of COVID-19 in the country.  
<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/2020/03/15/statement-by-president-cyril-ramaphosa-on-measures-to-combat-covid-19-epidemic/>
- ❑ Global confirmed case numbers are reported as 153517 including 5735 deaths, 15 March  
<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>
- ❑ The White House on Sunday urged Americans against “hoarding” as thousands flocked to supermarkets to stock up on essentials, saying US supply chains were strong and leaders were working together to ensure food supplies are available, 15 March
- ❑ Italy COVID-19 cases reached 24747, marking the biggest coronavirus outbreak outside Asia, 15 March
- ❑ France’s health minister reported that 120 people had now died from coronavirus in the country, up from 91 the previous day, 15 March
- ❑ A number of schools in Scotland are closing from the coming week due to coronavirus outbreaks , 15 March
- ❑ The United Nations Children's Fund reports that an estimated 776.7 million children are housebound due to COVID-19-related school closures, 15 March
- ❑ Nine new countries/territories/areas (African Region [7], European Region [1] and Region of Americas [1]) in have reported cases of COVID-19 since 14 March.
- ❑ 143 countries have reported at least one Covid-19 case with 81 countries with local transmission.
- ❑ For the latest available global update from the World Health Organization, see the Situation Report 55  
[https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200315-sitrep-55-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=33daa5cb\\_8](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200315-sitrep-55-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=33daa5cb_8)



Epidemiological Update for South Africa



Port Health Screening Updates

- No direct flights were received in South Africa from high risk countries. Fifteen conveyances were received: one flight through Cape Town International Airport, 10 flights through OR Tambo International Airport and four sea freight vessels through Cape Town harbor. All flights and freight vessels were monitored and cleared.
- 4557 travelers from high risk area arrived in the past 24 hours, 14 March.

Table 2: Travelers screened by thermal scanner monitoring at ports-of-entry in South Africa, 15 March 2020

Scanned Travelers	Passengers found with elevated temperature	Passengers screened and cleared	Passengers meeting COVID-19 suspected case criteria
<sup>a</sup> 23518	0	0	0

<sup>a</sup>2607 Travel health questionnaires completed by these travellers