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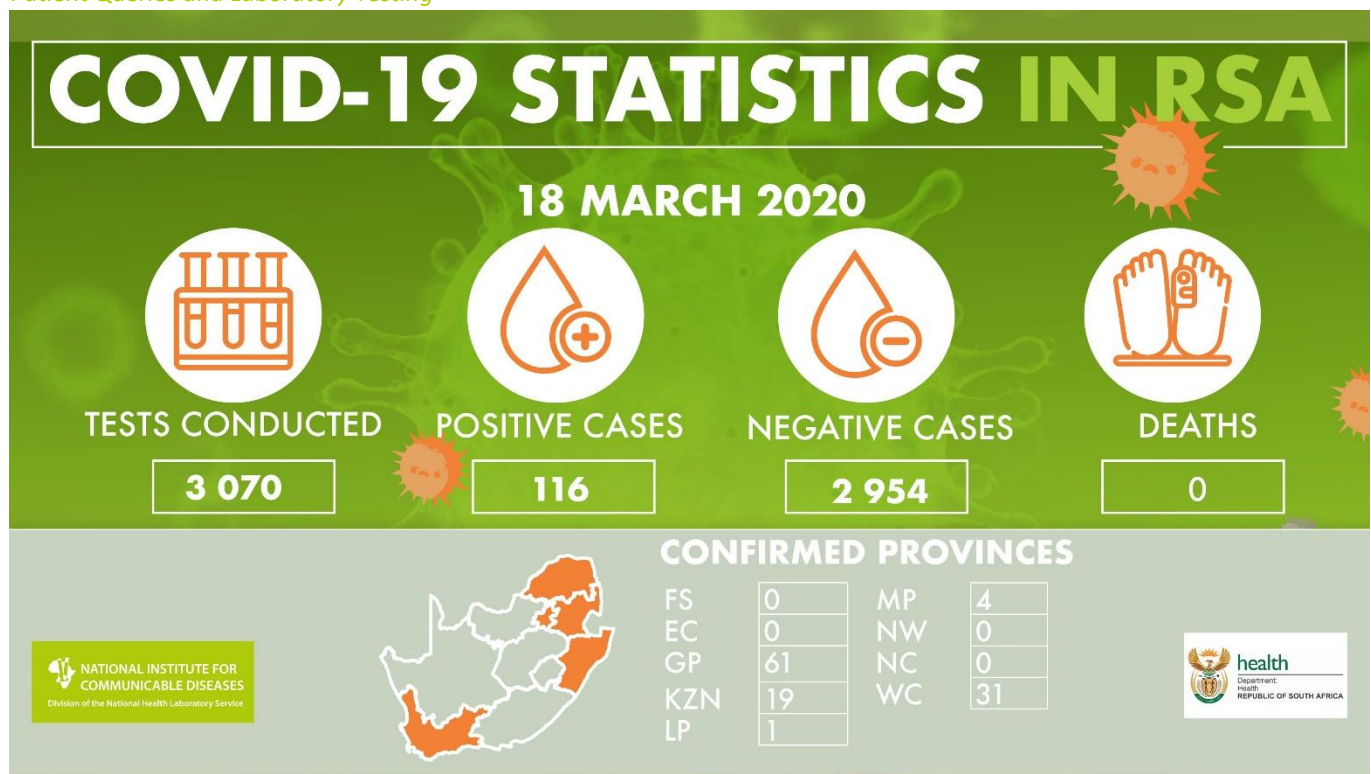
Recent Updates

- As the pandemic continues to spread the Hon. Minister of Health Dr Zwelini Mkhize warned that all South Africans must be aware of the risk of internal transmission. As of 18 March confirmed cases in South Africa had increased to 116 confirmed cases of SARS-CoV 2, with no reported deaths thus far. All persons repatriated from China, currently quarantined, have tested negative for SARS-CoV 2.
- Gauteng Premier David Makhura announced the appointment of a COVID-19 executive council steering committee to deal with the spread of the disease in the province. The steering committee will be headed by Health MEC Dr Bandile Masuku who was also been announced as the province's spokesperson for all matters related to the coronavirus, 18 March.
- Global confirmed case numbers are reported as 204 029, with 82 107 recovered and 8 241 deaths, 18 March <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>
- Coronavirus is now reported to be in all 50 states of the United States of America after West Virginia confirmed its first case. The country's confirmed cases are now at 6 496 with 114 deaths, 17 March.
- Italy reported 345 more deaths due to SARS-CoV2 infection in the country taking its total death toll to 2503 (an increase of 16%), 17 March. The total number of cases in Italy increased to 31506 from a previous 27980 (an increase of 12%) - the slowest rate of increase since the outbreak was reported in Italy on February 21.
- The coronavirus has caused a full breakdown in Iran, with an unknown death toll, infected leaders, and massive burial pits visible through satellite images. The most recent available numbers for confirmed cases are 16169 with 988 reported deaths, 18 March.
- Egypt, with 110 cases, has closed its airports to all flights beginning Thursday through to the minimum of March 31. Algeria, with at least 27 cases (a number under investigation), has suspended travel to and from Europe, 18 March.
- Health Minister Kalumbi Shangula says Namibia has reported three new suspected cases of COVID-19 and the patients have been placed in isolation, 18 March.
- 8 new countries/territories/areas (African Region [3], Eastern Mediterranean Region [1], Region of the Americas [3], and Western Pacific Region [1]) in have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.
- 150 countries have reported at least one Covid-19 case with 89 countries with local transmission.
- For the latest available global update from the World Health Organization, see the Situation Report 57 https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200317-sitrep-57-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=a26922f2_4



Epidemiological Update for South Africa

Patient Queries and Laboratory Testing



Port Health Screening Updates

- No direct flights were received in South Africa from high risk countries. Thirty-six conveyances were received: nine flights through Cape Town International Airport and 25 flights through OR Tambo International Airport. All flights were monitored and cleared.
- 4179 travelers from high risk area arrived in the past 24 hours, 17 March.

Table 2: Travelers screened by thermal scanner monitoring at ports-of-entry in South Africa, 18 March 2020

Scanned Travelers	Passengers found with elevated temperature	Passengers screened and cleared	Passengers meeting COVID-19 suspected case criteria
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^a2729 Travel health questionnaires completed by these travellers