



Ministry of Health and Child Care

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 05 MAY 2020

The Ministry would like to report that all the PCR tests done in Harare and Bulawayo on the 4th of May 2020 were negative for COVID-19.

Today, a total of 1 492 tests were done as shown in table 1 below, giving a total of **14 821** screening and diagnostic tests done to date. Results to follow tomorrow.

Table 1. Distribution of tests done today

Province	Number of tests done
Mash West	143
Mat. North	84
Bulawayo	192*
Masvingo	175
Mash. Central	118
Mat. South	72
Midlands	126
Manicaland	141
Harare	441*
Totals	1 492

*Disaggregation of tests done by province was not available at the time of print

Therefore, to date, Zimbabwe has thirty-four confirmed cases, including five recoveries and four deaths.

Table 2. Number of confirmed cases to date

Province	No. of confirmed cases
Matabeleland North	1
Bulawayo	12
Harare	13
Mashonaland East	5
Mashonaland West	3
Total	34

The Ministry continues to be on **HIGH** alert to the COVID-19 pandemic and would like to remind the nation the most effective ways to protect yourself and others against COVID-19 are to practise good personal hygiene and exercise social distancing. Additionally, the Ministry would like to remind everyone that the wearing of masks outside the home is now mandatory for all Zimbabwean citizens and residents.

Prevention Measures against COVID-19 disease



Do's

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth with tissue paper or flexed elbow when coughing and sneezing
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who have a fever, are coughing, sneezing
- Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and others.
- Wear a face mask or any face covering to cover your nose and mouth
- Avoid all unnecessary travel

For assistance, please call the COVID-19 tollfree hotline number: 2019.

