



## Ministry of Health and Child Care

### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 10 MAY 2020

To date, more than 4 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and more than 270 000 deaths have been reported from more than 210 countries/ territories globally.

The Ministry would like to report that today, 720 rapid screening tests and 279 PCR tests were done in the public sector. All the PCR tests done in Harare today were negative for COVID-19. Therefore, to date, Zimbabwe has thirty-six confirmed cases, including nine recoveries and four deaths.

Cumulatively, a total of 11 664 rapid screening tests and 9 872 PCR diagnostic tests have been done to date.

Table 1. Distribution of PCR confirmed cases and their clinical status.

Province	No. of PCR confirmed cases	No. of recovered cases	No. deceased
Matabeleland North	1	1	0
Bulawayo	12	0	1
Harare	14	4	2
Mashonaland East	5	4	0
Mashonaland West	4*	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Includes case #36 who had been classified under Harare in yesterday's update.

**Case #36** reported yesterday is a 30-year-old male resident of Chegutu district, with no recent history of travel, or any known contact with a person with respiratory symptoms. He was referred for PCR testing after testing positive on a screening test conducted at his workplace using a Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT). He is asymptomatic, self-isolating at home, with mild disease. Following the COVID-19 diagnosis, the Ministry is now seized with contact tracing being assisted by the patient himself. Today, surveillance teams from the Ministry identified 7 of his contacts and these will be tested for COVID-19 in line with our intensified surveillance strategy.

The Ministry continues to be on **HIGH** alert to the COVID-19 pandemic and would like to remind the nation that the most effective ways to protect yourself and others against COVID-19 are to practise good personal hygiene, always wear a face mask in public places and exercise social distancing.

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

