



Ministry of Health and Child Care

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 21 APRIL 2020

Today, a total of 841 tests were done as detailed in table 1 below, giving a total of 4 159 screening and diagnostic tests done to date.

Table 1. Distribution of tests done today

Province	Number of tests done
Mash. West	30
Mat. North	17
Manicaland	94
Masvingo	3
Mash. East	29
Mash. Central	113
Mat. South	102
Midlands	63
Harare	158
Bulawayo	232
TOTALS	841

Therefore, to date, Zimbabwe now has twenty-eight confirmed cases, including two recoveries and three deaths.

Table 2. Number of confirmed cases to date

Province	No. of Confirmed Cases
Matabeleland North	1
Bulawayo	10
Harare	13*
Mashonaland East	4
Total	28

As at 21.00hrs on 21 April 2020, from the 93 PCR results received from the NMRL, 3 were positive for COVID-19. Results for 65 samples are still pending.

All the PCR tests done in Bulawayo today, were negative for COVID-19.

*More details on the 3 new confirmed cases to follow.

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 and exercise social distancing.

When you use a mask, cover your mouth and nose, and make sure that there are no gaps between your face and the mask. Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. If masks are not used correctly, they can be a source of infection.

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

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