



Ministry of Health and Child Care

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 22 APRIL 2020

The Ministry would like to report that all the 65 outstanding results from yesterday were negative for COVID-19.

Today, a total of 831 tests were done as detailed in table 1 below, giving a total of 4 990 screening and diagnostic tests done to date.

Table 1. Distribution of tests done today

Province	Number of tests done
Mash. West	111
Mat. North	13
Manicaland	62
Masvingo	110
Mash. East	34
Mash. Central	65
Mat. South	74
Midlands	37
Harare	101
Bulawayo	224
TOTALS	831

All the PCR tests done in Harare were negative for COVID-19 and at the time of print, 101 PCR results from Bulawayo were still pending.

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

Table 2. Number of confirmed cases to date

Province	No. of Confirmed Cases
Matabeleland North	1
Bulawayo	10
Harare	12
Mashonaland East	4
Mashonaland West	1
Total	28

Case #26 reported yesterday is a 49-year-old male resident of Harare who recently returned from the United Kingdom. He is symptomatic, with mild-moderate disease and is receiving medical management under mandatory isolation.

Case #27 reported yesterday was an 82-year-old female resident of Mhondoro who had no history of recent travel or any known contact with a COVID-19 case. She was reportedly well until the 16th of April 2020 when she developed a flu-like illness with chest symptoms. She received medical treatment with an antibiotic and analgesia, and the symptoms reportedly improved. However, her condition deteriorated on the 19th of April 2020 and she was ferried to Harare and admitted in a hospital in Harare on the 20th of April 2020. On admission, the managing clinicians suspected COVID-19 and immediately isolated her and called in the local Rapid Response Team for assessment and sample collection. Sadly, she deceased in the evening of the 21st of April 2020, giving us a total of four COVID-19 related deaths reported to date.

Case #28 also reported yesterday is a 25-year-old male resident of Harare who recently returned from the United Kingdom. He is asymptomatic, with mild disease and is recovering under mandatory isolation.

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.

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

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