



**Ministry of Health and Child Care**

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 26 APRIL 2020**

As of 26 April 2020, a cumulative total of 2 804 796 confirmed cases and 193 722 deaths were reported from more than 210 countries/territories globally (Source WHO Sitrep No.97).

The Ministry would like to report that today, a total of 328 tests were done, giving a total of **6 395** screening and diagnostic tests done to date. All the PCR tests done in Harare and Bulawayo today were negative for COVID-19.

Therefore, to date, Zimbabwe has thirty-one confirmed cases, including five recoveries and four deaths as detailed in the table below.

*Table 1. Number of confirmed cases to date*

Province	No. of confirmed cases	No. Recovered	No. Deceased
Matabeleland North	1	1	0
Bulawayo	10	0	1
Harare	13	0	2
Mashonaland East	4	4	0
Mashonaland West	3	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

The Ministry continues to be on **HIGH** alert to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of intensified surveillance and contact tracing, the Ministry has to date, identified and collected samples from 69 contacts of the late, Case # 27.

**Case #29** and **Case #30** reported yesterday involve a 46-year-old female and 66-year-old male patients respectively. Both are residents of Mhondoro, and were direct contacts of the late, case #27. The Rapid Response Team visited them at home in their village for assessment and collected samples for testing. Currently, they have been advised to self-isolate at home, as both have mild disease.

**Case #31** also reported yesterday is a 31-year-old male resident of Harare who returned from the United Kingdom on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020. He is stable, and currently on mandatory isolation.

The Ministry continues 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.*

