



Ministry of Health and Child Care

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 27 APRIL 2020

To date, more than 3 million confirmed cases and more than 200 000 deaths have been reported globally.

The Ministry would like to report that today, a total of 439 tests were done as shown in table 1 below, giving a total of **6 834** screening and diagnostic tests done to date. Of the PCR tests done in Harare today, one was positive for COVID-19. All PCR tests done in Bulawayo today were negative for COVID-19.

Table 1. Distribution of tests done today

| Province | Number of tests done |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Mat. South | 165 |
| Mat. North | 30 |
| Bulawayo | 38 |
| Midlands | 2 |
| Harare | 204* |
| Totals | 439 |

Therefore, to date, Zimbabwe now has thirty-two confirmed cases, including five recoveries and four deaths as detailed table 2 below. More details on the latest case to be given in tomorrow's update.

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

Table 2. 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 | 14 | 0 | 2 |
| Mashonaland East | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Mashonaland West | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 32 | 5 | 4 |

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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