



Ministry of Health and Child Care

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 28 APRIL 2020

The Ministry would like to report that today, a total of 453 tests were done as shown in table 1 below, giving a total of 7 287 screening and diagnostic tests done to date. All the PCR tests done in Harare today were negative for COVID-19. Results for the PCR tests done in Bulawayo today were still pending at the time of print.

Table 1. Distribution of tests done today

Province	Number of tests done
Mat. South	99
Mat. North	14
Bulawayo	78
Midlands	1
Harare	261*
Totals	453

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

Case #32 reported yesterday is a 52-year-old male resident of Murehwa, with no recent history of travel, who was admitted at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals on the 24th of April 2020. He was receiving treatment under admission in a private ward for slide positive Malaria. He was tested for COVID-19 in line with the intensified surveillance and active case finding strategy that is being implemented nationally. Under this approach, all patients admitted in hospital are being tested for COVID-19. He had responded well to the treatment for Malaria and was due for discharge. Following discharge, he will continue with his recovery under self-isolation at home. Contact tracing and appropriate infection prevention measures including decontamination at the hospital will be done in line with our national guidelines.

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.

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

Table 2. Number of confirmed cases to date

Province	No. of confirmed cases
Matabeleland North	1
Bulawayo	10
Harare	13
Mashonaland East	5*
Mashonaland West	3
Total	32

*This includes Case #32 diagnosed on 27 April 2020 who had been classified under Harare in yesterday's update.

