



Ministry of Health and Child Care

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 29 APRIL 2020

The Ministry would like to report that two of the PCR tests done in Bulawayo on the 28th of April 2020 were positive for COVID-19.

Today, a total of 355 tests were done as shown in table 1 below, giving a total of 7 642 screening and diagnostic tests done to date. All the PCR tests done in Bulawayo today were negative for COVID-19. Of the PCR tests done in Harare today, six were positive for COVID-19. More details on these cases will be given in tomorrow's update.

Table 1. Distribution of tests done today

Province	Number of tests done
Mat. South	25
Mat. North	10
Bulawayo	98*
Mash. Central	11
Harare	211*
Totals	355

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

Case #33 is a 70-year-old male resident of Bulawayo, who returned from the United Kingdom on 18 March 2020. He was tested for COVID-19 as a contact to Case #14. Currently, he is stable, with mild disease.

Case #34 is a 27-year-old male resident of Bulawayo, with no recent history of travel. He was tested for COVID-19 as a contact to Case #33. Currently, he is also stable, with mild disease.

Both cases are recovering under self-isolation at home.

The Ministry continues to be on **HIGH** alert to the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to be guided by the COVID-19 containment strategy which is based on intensified active surveillance, timely case detection, testing, isolation and management of all COVID-19 cases. Further, the Ministry 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 now has forty 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	12
Harare	19
Mashonaland East	5
Mashonaland West	3
Total	40

