



Ministry of Health and Child Care

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 06 MAY 2020

The Ministry would like to report that all the PCR tests done in Harare and Bulawayo on the 5th of May 2020 were negative for COVID-19.

Cumulatively, a total of 8 244 rapid screening tests and 7 808 PCR diagnostic tests have been done to date. Today, 564 rapid screening tests and 667 PCR tests were done, in the public institutions. All the PCR tests done today were negative for COVID-19. Therefore, to date, Zimbabwe has thirty-four confirmed cases, including five recoveries and four deaths.

The Ministry continues to implement a comprehensive approach in response to COVID-19. This includes prevention and intensified surveillance to ensure early case detection, timely testing, isolation and appropriate case management.

Table 1. Distribution of PCR confirmed cases and their clinical status.

| Province | No. of PCR confirmed cases | No. of recovered cases | No. deceased |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Matabeleland North | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bulawayo | 12 | 0 | 1 |
| Harare | 13 | 0 | 2 |
| Mashonaland East | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Mashonaland West | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 34 | 5 | 4 |

Seven days have passed since the last reported PCR confirmed case.

The Ministry continues to be on **HIGH** alert to the COVID-19 pandemic and would like to remind the nation the most effective ways to protect yourself and others against COVID-19 are to practise good personal hygiene and exercise social distancing.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth with tissue paper or flexed elbow when coughing and sneezing
- Avoid close contact with people who have a fever, are coughing, sneezing
- Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and others.
- Always wear a face mask in public places.



Do's

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

