



**Ministry of Health and Child Care**

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 07 MAY 2020**

The Ministry would like to report that today, 1 350 rapid screening tests and 333 PCR tests were done in the public sector. No PCR tests were done in Bulawayo today. All the PCR tests done in Harare today were negative for COVID-19. Therefore, to date, Zimbabwe has thirty-four confirmed cases, including nine recoveries and four deaths.

The latest recoveries include 4 cases from Harare. These were confirmed through two consecutive PCR negative tests from samples taken at least 24 hrs apart in line with the WHO guidance.

Cumulatively, a total of 9 594 rapid screening tests and 8 141 PCR diagnostic tests have been done to date.

*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	4	2
Mashonaland East	5	4	0
Mashonaland West	3	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

Most of the screening tests were conducted on returning residents who were screened for COVID-19 at our ports of entry. As one of the mitigatory measures against COVID-19, all returning residents will undergo mandatory quarantine at designated centres. Additionally, diagnostic PCR testing will be done on all before discharge from the quarantine centre.

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, always wear a face mask in public places and exercise social distancing.

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

