



## Ministry of Health and Child Care

### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE: 08 MAY 2020

To date, more than 3.5 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and more than 250 000 deaths have been reported from 210 countries and territories globally.

The Ministry would like to report that today, 624 rapid screening tests and 460 PCR tests were done in the public sector. Additionally, 140 PCR tests were done in the private sector giving a total of 600 PCR tests done today. One of the PCR tests done in Harare today was positive for COVID-19, whilst the National TB Reference Lab in Bulawayo is expected to resume PCR testing on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020. More details on the latest confirmed case to be given in tomorrow's update.

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

Cumulatively, a total of 10 218 rapid screening tests and 8 741 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	14	4	2
Mashonaland East	5	4	0
Mashonaland West	3	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

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.

