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Media Statement

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As of today the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in South Africa is **1 498 766** with 2 327 new cases identified since the last report.

Province	Total cases for 18 February 2021	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	193549	12,9
Free State	79049	5,3
Gauteng	400636	26,7
KwaZulu-Natal	326031	21,8
Limpopo	61170	4,1
Mpumalanga	69613	4,6
North West	59948	4,0
Northern Cape	33337	2,2
Western Cape	275433	18,4
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	1498766	100,0

The cumulative total of tests conducted to date is **8 807 299** with **34 556** new tests recorded since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	4 962 056	56%	18 504	54%
PUBLIC	3 845 243	44%	16 052	46%
Total	8 807 299		34 556	

Deaths and Recoveries

Regrettably, **230** deaths have been reported: Eastern Cape 24, Free State 7, Gauteng 21, Kwa-Zulu Natal 27, Limpopo 122, Mpumalanga 10, North West 0, Northern Cape 0 and Western Cape 19 which brings the **total to 48 708 deaths**

We convey our condolences to the loved ones of the departed and thank the health care workers who treated the deceased patients.

Our recoveries now stand at **1 403 214**, representing a recovery rate of 93,6%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	11189	181 756	604
Free State	3039	68 965	7 045
Gauteng	9392	385 771	5 473
KwaZulu-Natal	9400	300 526	16 105
Limpopo	1784	58 036	1 350
Mpumalanga	1213	66 593	1 807
North West	1057	54 817	4 074
Northern Cape	650	29 673	3 014
Western Cape	10984	257 077	7 372
Total	48 708	1 403 214	46 844

Vaccination Rollout

The number of health care workers vaccinated under the Sisonke Protocol is **2 260** as of 6 pm 18 February 2021.

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