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Media Statement

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Today, we have reached a grim milestone as we breach the 20 000 mark for new cases identified in 24 hours. **21 832** cases have been identified since the last report, bringing the total cumulative COVID-19 cases in South Africa to **1 149 591**.

Province	Total cases for 06 January 2021	Percentage total
Eastern Cape	175941	15,3
Free State	64409	5,6
Gauteng	310201	27,0
KwaZulu-Natal	230283	20,0
Limpopo	30840	2,7
Mpumalanga	40751	3,5
North West	43159	3,8
Northern Cape	26353	2,3
Western Cape	227654	19,8
Unknown	0	0,0
Total	1149591	100,0

A cumulative total of **6 898 207** tests have been conducted with **70 060** tests conducted since the last report.

Sector	Total tested		New tested	
PRIVATE	4 002 198	58%	43 875	63%
PUBLIC	2 896 009	42%	26 185	37%
Total	6 898 207		70 060	

Deaths, Recoveries and Active Cases

Regrettably, a further **844** deaths have been reported: Eastern Cape 452, Free State 12, Gauteng 96, Kwa-Zulu Natal 65, Limpopo 11, Mpumalanga 8, North West 46, Northern Cape 5 and Western Cape 149. This brings the **total to 31 368 deaths**.

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

The 452 deaths reported from the Eastern Cape are as a result of data reconciliation dating between May and November 2020- this includes analysis of community cases where post-mortem swabs were taken for COVID testing and analysis of clinical records where the the diagnosis was unconfirmed at the time of demise. The National Department of Health is engaging the province to investigate the details of the reporting backlog.

Our recoveries now stand at **929 239** at a recovery rate of 80,8%

Province	Total Deaths	Total Recoveries	Active Cases
Eastern Cape	8292	162 039	5 610
Free State	2215	55 629	6 565
Gauteng	5923	268 551	35 727
KwaZulu-Natal	4870	148 420	76 993
Limpopo	636	22 612	7 592
Mpumalanga	664	34 646	5 441
North West	648	35 553	6 958
Northern Cape	417	23 194	2 742
Western Cape	7703	178 595	41 356
Total	31 368	929 239	188 984

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