

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

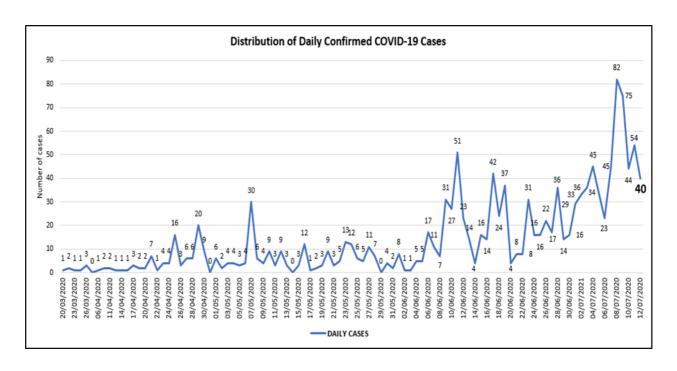
COVID-19 UPDATE

12th July 2020

The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public of the status of COVID-19 in Eswatini. A **total of 377 results** were received today, of which **40 tested positive**. The total number of COVID-19 confirmed cases to date is **1351**. The Ministry is sad to announce two (2) new COVID 19 related deaths taking the total number of COVID 19 deaths to 20.

1. BREAKDOWN OF NEWLY CONFIRMED CASES BY AGE, REGION CLINICAL CONDITION

AGE	ASYMPTOMATIC			MILD			TOTAL
GROUP	Hhohho	Manzini	Shiselweni	Hhohho	Manzini	Shiselweni	IOIAL
0-9 yrs	1	3	0	0	1	2	7
10-19 yrs	2	4	0	1	1	1	9
20-29 yrs	0	1	0	0	0	4	5
30-39 yrs	5	1	1	3	0	2	12
40-49 yrs	1	2	0	1	0	2	6
50-59 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-69 yrs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
70-79 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	12	1	5	2	11	40



2. BREAKDOWN OF ALL CONFIRMED CASES AND OUTCOMES

Status of COVID-19 Confirmed cases	Number of Patients		
Active cases	623		
Recovered	668		
Deaths	20		
Registration for care	40		
TOTAL	1351		

3. REPORT ON 2 ADDITIONAL DEATHS

The Ministry of Health announces two (2) more deaths from COVID-19 over the past 24 hours.

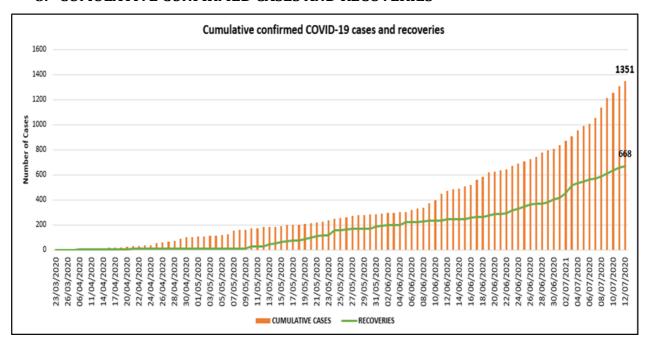
The 19th death is of a 53 year old woman from Manzini Region. She was seen on 8th July in one of the country's health facilities and treated for mild symptoms, while being suspected as COVID-19 disease. Her condition worsened rapidly while being also treated for pre-existing chronic illnesses, and she was confirmed dead in one of the country's health facilities.

The 20th death is that of a 61 year old woman from Manzini Region. She was admitted at one of the country's health facilities on 10th July presenting with severe COVID-19 related illness. She was treated as a COVID-19 suspect, but demised before her results confirming COVID-19 disease returned on 11th July 2020.

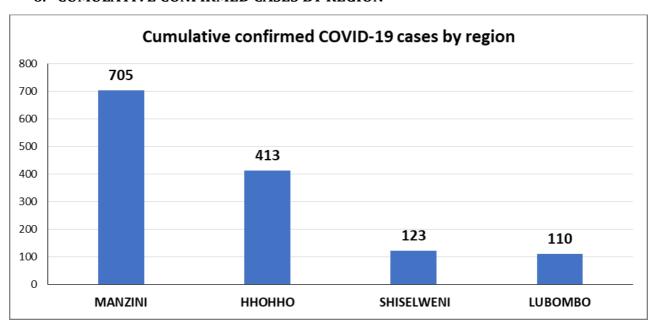
4. EMPHASIS ON PHYSICAL CHECK-UPS AND ADHERENCE TO NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TREATMENT

The Ministry notes with concern the increase in numbers of deaths of confirmed COVID-19 cases as a result of co-existing medical conditions such as Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, Cardiac Disease and Asthma. We therefore urge the public (especially males) to ensure that they do medical check-ups regularly, at least once a year and those diagnosed with a chronic illness should adhere to the treatment as advised by the health workers.

5. CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED CASES AND RECOVERIES



6. CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION



7. CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED CASES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
0-9 yrs	64	55	119
10-19 yrs	53	78	131
20-29 yrs	134	164	298
30-39 yrs	196	191	387
40-49 yrs	111	106	217
50-59 yrs	72	60	132
60-69 yrs	24	20	44
70-79 yrs	12	7	19
80+ yrs	1	3	4
TOTAL	667	684	1351

The Ministry of Health would like to emphasize on the importance of cooperating with health advice as follows:

- 1) Continue with the practice of good hand hygiene, cough etiquette, physical distancing, wearing of masks and self-isolation where necessary or advised.
- 2) Home care clients and those awaiting results are expected to adhere to self-isolation advice which includes using a single room at home without sharing, keeping a physical distance whenever other people are encountered and wearing of a mask to avoid contaminating surfaces.
- 3) Senior citizens above 60 years and those presenting with pre-existing illnesses are encouraged and expected to comply with hospital admission arrangements when they are confirmed to be COVID-19 positive.

The Ministry of Health wishes to thank all front line staff in this COVID-19 fight. These include; medical professionals, security forces and all essential workers. Their dedication and selfless commitment is highly appreciated and noticed by EmaSwati.

Covid-19 is an infection with evolving tendencies which means the approach will continuously be marked by changes. We would like to assure the nation that the Ministry of Health is committed to bring about all necessary changes in the intervention, thus reshaping the country's response to the pandemic.

Lizzie Nkosi (Senator) Minister of Health