

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

COVID-19 UPDATE

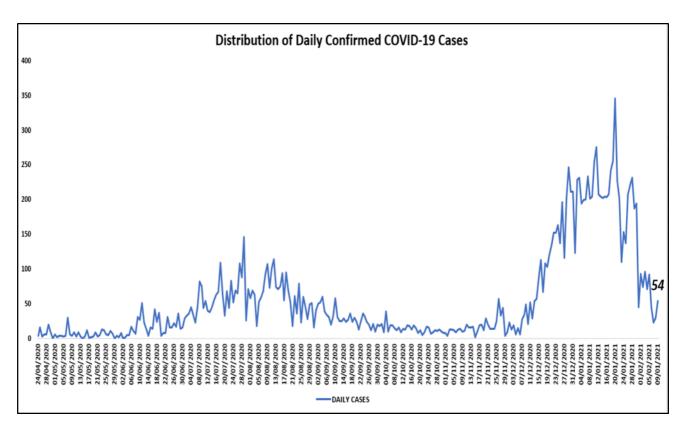
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The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public of the status of COVID-19 in Eswatini. A **total of 1089 results** were received today, of which **54 tested positive**. The total number of COVID-19 confirmed cases to date is **16288**. Three deaths have been reported in the past 24 hours, which takes the total COVID-19 related deaths to **610**. The summary of the deaths is shown below:

Number of	Males	Females	Hhohho	Manzini	Lubombo	Shiselweni	Comorbidities
deaths							
reported							
3	1	2	1	1	0	1	3

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

AGE	ASYMPTOMATIC			M	MODERATE	TOTAL		
GROUP	Manzini	Shiselweni	Hhohho	Lubombo	Manzini	Shiselweni	Shiselweni	TOTAL
0-9 yrs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
10-19 yrs	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
20-29 yrs	1	0	1	1	4	5	0	12
30-39 yrs	0	0	1	0	6	4	0	11
40-49 yrs	0	1	1	0	2	3	1	8
50-59 yrs	0	1	0	0	3	1	2	7
60-69 yrs	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	4
70-79 yrs	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	6
80+ yrs	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
TOTAL	2	2	6	1	20	20	3	54



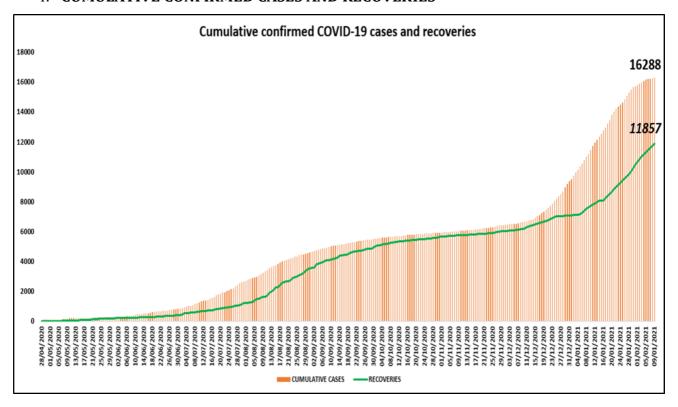
2. BREAKDOWN OF ALL CONFIRMED CASES AND OUTCOMES

Status of COVID-19 Confirmed cases	Number of Patients		
Active cases	3767		
Recovered	11857		
Deaths	610		
Registration for care	54		
TOTAL	16288		

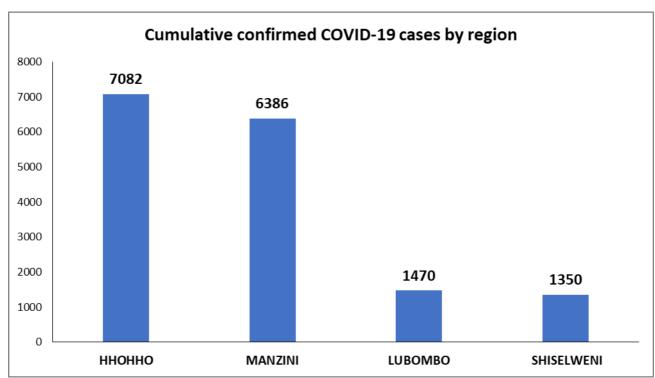
3. EMPHASIS ON PHYSICAL CHECK-UPS AND ADHERENCE TO NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TREATMENT

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.

4. CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED CASES AND RECOVERIES



5. CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION



6. CUMULATIVE CONFIRMED CASES BY AGE GROUP AND GENDER

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
0-9 yrs	276	278	554
10-19 yrs	506	631	1137
20-29 yrs	1380	1728	3108
30-39 yrs	2136	2275	4411
40-49 yrs	1624	1540	3164
50-59 yrs	1023	987	2010
60-69 yrs	497	594	1091
70-79 yrs	252	269	521
80+ yrs	119	173	292
TOTAL	7813	8475	16288

7. MESSAGE TO THE NATION

The COVID-19 epidemic curve is showing early signs of decline, however, the Nation is urged to continue to adhere to the measures of preventing the spread of the virus. Our goal as a nation is to continue to halt the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the deaths associated with it. Achieving this goal calls for a collective effort. Every individual has a role to play in protecting themselves, their families, their communities and the nation from this deadly, contagious illness.

The Ministry of Health is encouraging the public to adhere to these are the **5 MUST Dos**;

- 1. **Wear a mask consistently and correctly**. This protects others from getting infected, which eventually protects you as an individual.
- 2. Wash your hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer to clean your hands. Keeping the hands clean is essential because hands carrying the coronavirus easily transmit the virus into the body when you touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- 3. Watch your distance by making sure that you keep at least 1 metre away from another person. The greater the distance, the less the chances of getting infected by an infectious person.
- 4. **Avoid the "Three Cs: C**losed spaces with poor ventilation, **C**rowded places with many people near each other and **C**lose-contact settings such as close-range conversations. **A combination of these 3 Cs**, results in a high transmission of the virus.
- 5. **Opt for the outdoors** this is always better than indoors. Should there be a need to hold a function, it should be in line with COVID-19 regulations.

This is the time to stand together. **LET US STICK TO THESE 5 MUST DOs!**

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