

# Daily Epidemiological Report for SARS-Cov-2

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#### 1. PURPOSE

The report provides a descriptive analysis of SARS-Cov-2 related cases and deaths, and hospitalizations in the Eastern Cape Province, as of 07 June 2021.

### 2. HIGHLIGHTS

#### 2.1. New cases, active cases, and recoveries

- In the past 24 hours, 44 new cases and 1 death were reported. Eighty-six percent (86,4%), i.e. 38 of the new cases were from NM Metro, followed by BC Metro (3 cases, 6,8%), Joe Gqabi (2 cases,4,5%) and OR Tambo (1 case, 2,3%).
- Of the 1,071 active cases, 732 (68,3%) were from NM Metro, followed by BC Metro (111 cases, 10,4%), Sarah Baartman (104 cases, 9,7%), Chris Hani (55 cases, 5,1%), Joe Gqabi (45 cases, 4,2%), Amathole (8 cases, 0,7%), and Alfred Nzo and OR Tambo (13 cases, 1,2%). Three (3) were misallocated to the province from other provinces.
- The number of recoveries that were reported from the beginning of the pandemic was 185,995, i.e., a 93,7% recovery rate.

#### 2.2. SARS-Cov-2 related deaths

- In the past 24 hours, 1 death was reported. The case fatality rate was 5.9%, i.e., 6.3% reported among males and 5,6% females.
- There is a need to investigate whether there were no deaths that were SARS-Cov-2 related.

# 2.3. Hospitalizations and outcomes

The cumulative number of hospitalizations was 31,957, i.e., 22,258 (69,6%) in public and 9,669 (30,4%) in private. Sixty-five percent (64,9%), i.e., 20,730 of hospitalized patients were discharged alive and 13, 464 (64,9%) occurred in public sector.

- Thirty percent (29,7%) of hospitalized cases, i.e., 9,486 demised and 7,188 (75.8%) occurred in public sector facilities.
- Of the 142 currently admitted (96 in private and 46 in public), 87 (61,3%) were from NM Metro. In the past day, 7 admissions occurred in BC Metro (3) and NM Metro (4).
- There were 111 cases (78,2%) were admitted in the General Ward (66 in private & 45 in public sector); 24 cases (16,9%) in ICU (in private); 7 cases (4,9%) in High Care (1 in public & 6 in private); 27 cases (19,0%) on oxygen (18 in public & 9 in private) and 16 cases (11,3%) was on ventilation (4 in public and 12 in private sector).

### 2.4 Healthcare workers

- The number of HCWs who tested SARS-Cov-2 positive was 12,074 and 307 persons demised. Most of the health workers who tested positive for SARS-Cov-2 were nurses, followed by doctors and clinical associates.
- The number of healthcare workers who tested positive for SARS-Cov-2 was from NM Metro, followed by BC Metro.

#### 2.5 Conclusion

In the past 7 days, the incidence of SARS-Cov-2 increased by 39,1% from 11,5 cases per 100,000 population to 16,0 cases per 100,000 population. The highest incidence was observed in NM Metro with more than 60 cases per 100,000, which was followed by Sarah Baartman. More than half of the active cases were in NM Metro and Sarah Baartman. The two districts are now hotspots but not yet entered the third wave.

Local municipalities or sub-districts to watch include East London (BC Metro), Inxuba Yethemba LM (Chris Hani), Walter Sisulu LM (Joe Gqabi), Sub-District C (NM Metro), and Dr Beyers Naude LM, Kouga LM, Ndlambe LM & Sundays River Valley LM (Sarah Baartman). There is a need to ensure that non-pharmaceutical preventive measures are implemented, increase case detection, enhance contact tracing, and case management.

### 3. SARS-Cov-2 CASES & DEATHS

#### 3.1. Summary of all cases and deaths

In the past 24 hours, 44 new cases and 1 death were reported. Cumulatively, 198,739 cases and **11,673 deaths** were reported.

	No. of	New	Total	%	Deaths	New Deaths		Total	CFR
	cases	Cases				*Newly	**Newly	1	(%)
						Reported	occurred		
Male	78842	18	78860	39,7	4932	0	0	4932	6,3
Female	119834	26	119860	60,3	6740	0	1	6741	5,6
Unknown	19	0	19	0,0	0	0		0	0,0
Total	198695	44	198739	100,0	11672	0	1	11673	5,9

Six percent (5.9%) of the cases demised, and 6.3% were males and 5.6% were females.

		New	Total			New Death	S	Total	CFR	Recovery	Active
District	Cases	Cases	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	*Newly Reported	**Newly occurred	Deaths	(%)	Rate	Cases
Alfred Nzo	8064	0	8064	7555	500	0	0	500	6,2	93,8	9
Amathole	19429	0	19429	18310	1111	0	0	1111	5,7	94,3	8
BC Metro	39303	3	39306	36830	2365	0	0	2365	6	93,8	111
Chris Hani	19875	0	19875	18209	1611	0	0	1611	8,1	91,6	55
Joe Gqabi	7767	2	7769	7224	500	0	0	500	6,5	93,1	45
NM Metro	57747	38	57785	53701	3351	0	1	3352	5,8	93,2	732
OR Tambo	22512	1	22513	21126	1383	0	0	1383	6,1	93,9	4
Sarah Baartman	22192	0	22192	21237	851	0	0	851	3,8	95,7	104
Imported	680	0	680	677	0	0	0	0	0	100	3
Unspecified	1126	0	1126	1126	0	0	0	0	0	100	0
E. Cape	198695	44	198739	185995	11672	0	1	11673	5,9	93,7	1071

Deaths that occurred more than 48 hours \*\* Deaths that occurred within the past 48 hours of reporting

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### 3.2. Newly diagnosed cases

The number of new cases has increased by 27,3% from 99 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May to 126 on the 06<sup>th</sup> of June.

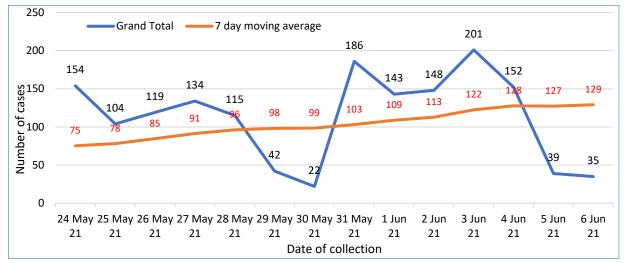


Fig. 1. Daily SARS-Cov-2 cases & 7-day moving average by date of collection, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

NM Metro reported the highest number of newly diagnosed cases, followed by Sarah Baartman, Chris Hani and Joe Gqabi.

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<b>6</b> Jun 21	0	0	3	0	2	30	0	0
5 Jun 21	0	0	7	1	0	27	0	4
🛾 4 Jun 21	2	1	16	9	4	104	1	15
<b>3</b> Jun 21	0	2	22	11	18	131	2	15
<b>2</b> Jun 21	1	1	14	8	7	97	5	15
🔳 1 Jun 21	1	1	17	8	6	98	1	11
31 May 21	5	2	17	7	15	116	1	23
30 May 21	0	0	1	0	1	20	0	0
29 May 21	0	1	4	0	0	30	0	7
28 May 21	0	0	12	4	7	78	0	14
27 May 21	0	1	10	8	4	92	1	18
■ 26 May 21	3	1	5	13	7	69	0	21
25 May 21	2	2	11	7	9	65	0	8
24 May 21	0	0	4	16	17	99	0	18

### Fig. 2. Daily SARS-Cov-2 cases by district and date of collection, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

There is a need to improve case detection (including increased testing) and contact tracing and monitoring. Alfred Nzo, Amathole and OR Tambo still report a low number of newly diagnosed cases.

#### 4. SARS-Cov-2 LAB TESTS & RESULTS

#### 4.1. **Test Results by Laboratory**

A total of 11,565 tests were reported from the 30<sup>th</sup> of May to the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. In the past 2 days, 2,099 were reported, with 47,2% done in the private sector. Cumulatively, 996,541 and 60,4% were done in public and 39,6% in the private sector.

Table 3. Number	of SARS-Cov-2	tests for Private	and Public by La	poratories, as of	07 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	
	Private	Public	Total	Percentage (%)	Tests 06-07 June	Tests 30 May-05 June
Alfred Nzo	4556	29477	34 033	3,4	14	107
Amathole	9821	73961	83 782	8,4	67	249
BC Metro	62909	102157	165 066	16,6	134	612
Chris Hani	13141	61590	74 731	7,5	83	511
Joe Gqabi	1281	29309	30 590	3,1	59	386
NMB Metro	93335	146949	240 284	24,1	592	2219
OR Tambo	30253	69350	99 603	10,0	53	168
Sarah Baartman	18788	88782	107 570	10,8	106	734
Unclassified	160882	0	160 882	16,1	991	6579
Eastern Cape	394966	601575	996 541	100	2099	11565

NM Metro accounts for 24,1% of the tests, followed by BC Metro (16,6%), Sarah Baartman

(10,8%) and OR Tambo (10,0%).

#### 4.2. **Antigen Testing**

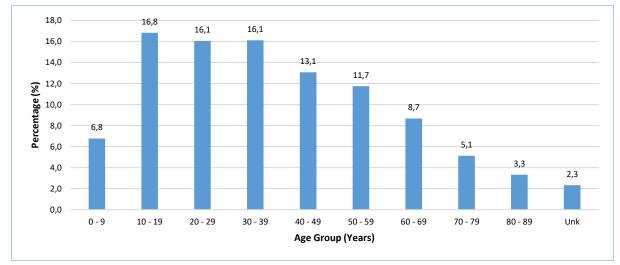
Antigen Test Method was used to test 125,390 specimens with a 6,8% positivity rate.

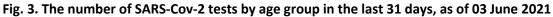
Table 4. No. of SARS-0	Cov-2 Tests ar	nd results us	ing Antigen	Test Method, as of 07	<sup>th</sup> June 2021
	Negative	Positive	Total	Percentage (%)	Positivity Rate (%)
A Nzo	14573	934	15507	12,4	6,0
Amathole	4423	613	5036	4,0	12,2
BC Metro	12530	1628	14158	11,3	11,5
Chris Hani	10234	1181	11415	9,1	10,3
Joe Gqabi	3785	479	4264	3,4	11,2
NM Metro	39503	2024	41527	33,1	4,9
OR Tambo	24495	1361	25856	20,6	5,3
Sarah Baartman	7295	332	7627	6,1	4,4
Total	116838	8552	125390	100,0	6,8

NM Metro accounted for 33,1% of the tests, followed by OR Tambo (20,6%) from OR Tambo, Alfred Nzo (12,4%) and BC Metro (11,3%). Four (4) districts reported more than 10% positivity rate among those tested using antigen testing, i.e. Amathole, BC Metro, Chris Hani and Joe Gqabi. The lowest positivity rate was observed in Sarah Baartman.

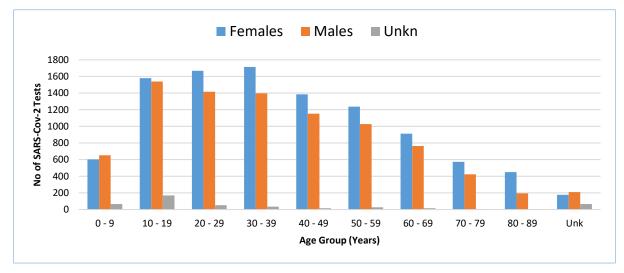
#### 4.3. Tests by age group and sex

In the last 31 days, 19,537 specimens were tested for SARS-Cov-2 in public sector laboratories. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of the tests were among the 20 to 59 year's age group. Forty percent (40,7%) of the tests were among the younger and elderly population.





Only 2,3% of the tests did not have information on the age of the person who was tested for SARS-Cov-2.



#### Fig. 4. No. of SARS-Cov-2 public sector tests by age group and gender, as of 03 June 2021

More than half of all the tests (52,7%), which were done in the last 31 days, were predominantly among the female population. Only 44,9% of the tests were among the male population and 2,3% with unknown gender. There were those individuals who were tested for SARS-Cov-2 but did not have information on the age or date of birth.

#### 4.4. **Turnaround Time**

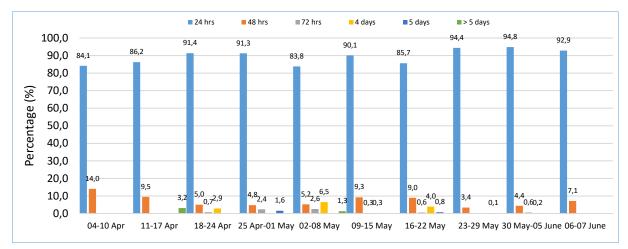


Fig. 5. Turnaround time for SARS-Cov-2 positive results by week as of 07 June 2021

Results that were available within 24 hours has decreased by 2,0% from 94,8% during the previous week to 92,9% in the current week. Results that were available within 48 hours increased by 2,2% from 97.8% in the previous week, to 100% in the current week.

#### 4.5. The 7-day moving average of SARS-Cov-2 tests & positivity rate

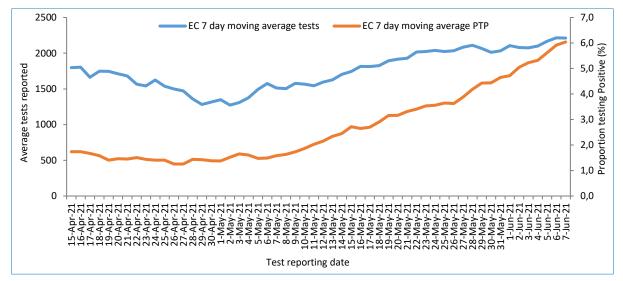
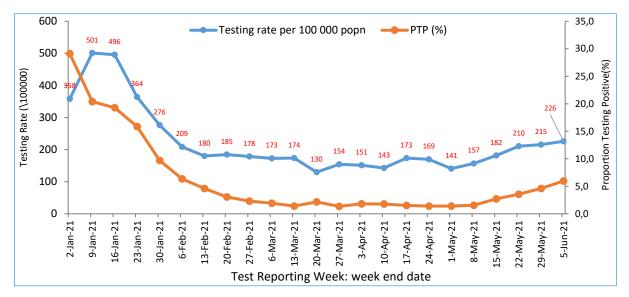


Fig. 6. 7-day moving average for SARS-Cov-2 tests & positivity rate, as of 07 June 2021

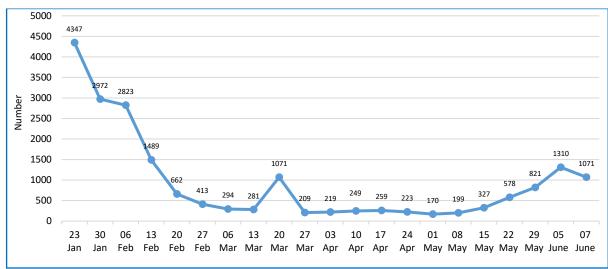
In the past 7 days, there is a 9,0% increase in the number of SARS-Cov-2 tests from 2,106 on the 01<sup>st</sup> June to 2,212 on the 07<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. The positivity rate has increased by 27,7% from 4,7% to 6,0% during the same period.





The testing rate for SARS-Cov-2 has increased by 5,1% from 215 tests per 100,000 on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May to 226 tests per 100,000 on the 06 June. The testing rate has increased to more than 200 tests per 100,000 per week.

# **5. ACTIVE CASES, INCIDENCE & POSITIVITY RATE**



# 5.1. Active SARS-Cov-2 Cases

### Fig. 8. Number of active SARS-Cov-2 cases by week, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The number of active cases has increased by 30,5% from 821 on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May to 1,071 on the 07<sup>th</sup> of June. Over the past 24 hours, the number of active cases decreased by 6,3% from 1,143 to 1,071. There is a need to improve the implementation of non-pharmaceutical preventive measures with the vaccination services.

Figure 9 below provides the number of active cases by districts and the date of collection.

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	01 May	08 May	15 May	22 May	29 May	05 June	07 June
A Nzo	1	8	10	7	2	8	9
Amathole	10	7	6	10	9	9	8
BC Metro	30	30	41	43	55	115	111
Chris Hani	17	27	26	76	57	70	55
Joe Gqabi	14	14	22	25	26	46	45
	80	78	135	311	547	927	732
OR Tambo	6	7	7	3	3	4	4
Sarah Baartman	11	12	49	102	121	131	104
Imported	1	15	30	0	1	0	3
	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

# Fig. 9. Number of weekly Active SARS-Cov-2 cases by district, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

There was a rapid increase in the number of active cases in NM Metro, followed by Sarah Baartman, Chris Hani and Joe Gqabi. More than two-thirds of the active cases were from NM Metro, followed by Sarah Baartman. Both BC Metro and Joe Gqabi also have an increase in the number of active cases.

Table 5. Confi	rmed SARS-Cov-2	cases, incidence 8	& positivity rate	e, as of 07 <sup>th</sup> June	2021	
District	Population Estimates	Number of Tests	SARS-Cov-2 Cases (ALL)	Active SARS- Cov-2 Cases	SARS-Cov-2 per 100,000 (Active)	Cumulative Positivity Rate
Alfred Nzo	827826	34 033	8064	9	1,1	23,7
Amathole	798067	83 782	19429	8	1,0	23,2
BC Metro	798798	165 066	39306	111	13,9	23,8
Chris Hani	733743	74 731	19875	55	7,5	26,6
Joe Gqabi	343075	30 590	7769	45	13,1	25,4
NM Metro	1210803	240 284	57785	732	60,5	24,0
OR Tambo	1520922	99 603	22513	4	0,3	22,6
Sarah Baartman	480223	107 570	22192	104	21,7	20,6
Imported		0	680	3	0,0	0,0
Unspecified		160 882	1126	0	0,0	0,7
E.Cape	6713457	996 541	198739	1071	16,0	19,9

#### 5.2. Active SARS-Cov-2 cases and the cumulative positivity rate

The incidence of SARS-Cov-2 was 16,0 cases per 100,000 populations. Five (5) districts reported more than 5 cases per 100,000 populations, i.e., BC Metro, Chris Hani, Joe Gqabi, NM Metro, and Sarah Baartman. However, Chris Hani has less than 10 cases per 100,000 populations. Both NM Metro and Sarah Baartman are hotspots that reported more than 20 cases per 100,000 populations.

#### 5.3. Incidence of SARS-Cov-2 cases

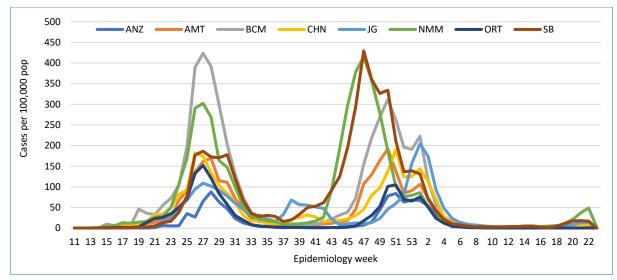


Fig. 10. Incidence of SARS-Cov-2 cases by epidemiological week, as of 07th June 2021

After the second wave, the NM Metro and Sarah Baartman have shown an increase in the incidence of SARS-Cov-2 cases. A rapid increase in incidence occurred from week 19 and continue to increase until week 22.

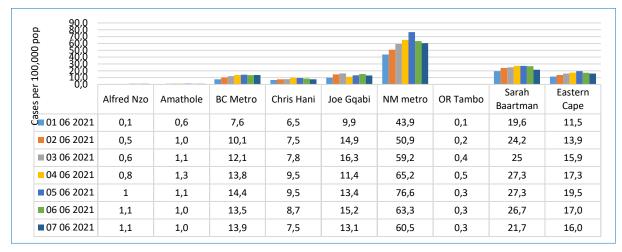


Fig. 11. Active SARS-Cov-2 cases (per 100,000 pop) by district, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

In the past 7 days, the incidence of SARS-Cov-2 increased by 39,1% from 11,5 cases per 100,000 population to 16,0 cases per 100,000 population. Three (3) districts have less than 5 cases per 100,000 populations, i.e. Alfred Nzo, Amathole, and OR Tambo. Five (5) districts have more than 5 cases per 100,000 populations, i.e., BC Metro, Chris Hani, Joe Gqabi, NM Metro and Sarah Baartman.

# 5.4. Recovery Rate (%)

The provincial recovery rate remained above 90% over the past 7 days. However, it has shown a decrease during the same period.

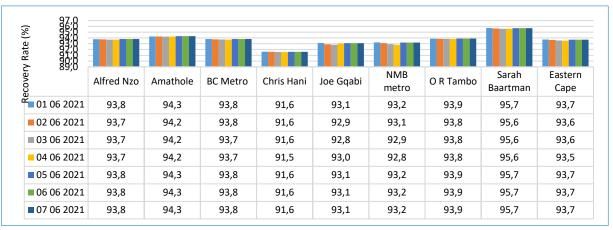


Fig. 12. SARS-Cov-2 Recovery Rate (%) by districts, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (N=185,995)

As the number of new and active cases increases, the recovery rate also decreases. The recovery rate decreased by 0% in the past 7 days.

#### 5.5. Mapping of active cases, recoveries, and deaths

The map shows the distribution of SARS-Cov-2 active cases, recoveries, and deaths.

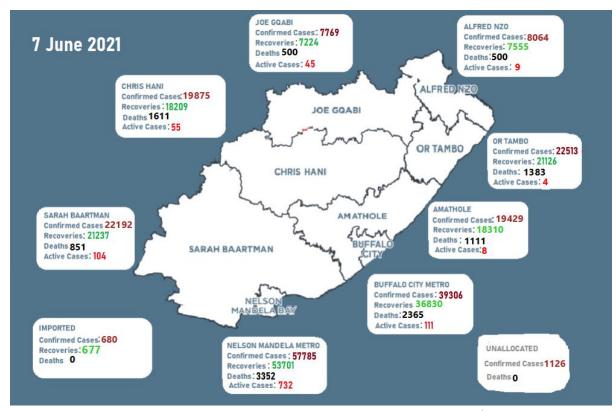
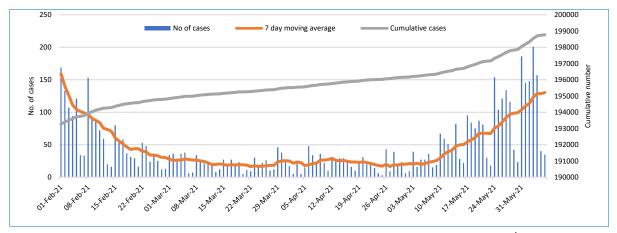


Fig. 13. The number of Covid-19 cases, recoveries, and deaths, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

#### 6. SARS-COV-2 CASES AND 7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE



**Fig. 14. The 7-day moving average for Covid-19 cases by date of collection, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021** The end of the second wave marked a new period of low transmission of SARS-Cov-2 from the end of January. From the second week of May, there was a rapid increase in the number of new cases until to date.

#### 7. SARS-Cov-2 RELATED MORTALITY

#### 7.1. SARS-Cov-2 related deaths

Table 5. Number	of SARS-Cov-2 cases	and related death	is by month, as of 07 <sup>th</sup> Ju	une 2021	
Month	Cases	Deaths	Percent (%)	Case Fatality Rate (%)	Mortality Rate (per 100,000)
Mar 20	13	1	0,0	7,7	0,0
Apr 20	638	35	0,3	5,5	0,5
May 20	3282	285	2,4	8,7	4,2
Jun 20	23793	1036	8,9	4,4	15,4
Jul 20	50291	2035	17,4	4,0	30,3
Aug 20	8295	668	5,7	8,1	10,0
Sep 20	2992	213	1,8	7,1	3,2
Oct 20	8626	287	2,5	3,3	4,3
Nov 20	34232	1710	14,7	5,0	25,5
Dec 20	42757	2777	23,8	6,5	41,4
Jan 21	18168	1918	16,4	10,6	28,6
Feb 21	1705	312	2,7	18,3	4,6
Mar 21	701	107	0,9	15,3	1,6
Apr 21	625	56	0,5	9,0	0,8
May 21	1895	82	0,7	4,3	1,2
Jun 21	682	5	0,0	0,7	0,1
Unknown	0	145	1,2	0,0	2,2
Total	198695	11672	100,0	5,9	173,9

The table below provides the number of cases, deaths, and mortality rate by month.

Twenty-four percent (23,8%) of the deaths occurred in December; 16,4% in January; 2,7% in February; 0,9% in March; 0,5% in April; and 0,7% in May. The Case Fatality Rate was 6,5% in December, 10,6% in January, 18.3% in February, 15.3% in March, 9,0% in April, 4.3% in May and 0,7% in June.

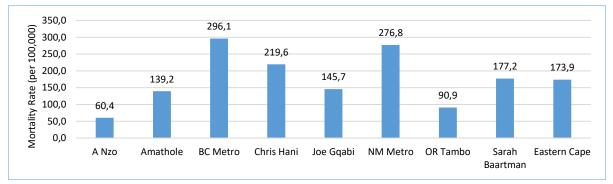


Fig. 15. SARS-Cov-2 related mortality per 100,000 by district, as of 07th June 2021

The provincial mortality rate was 173,9 deaths per 100,000 populations. BC Metro reported the highest mortality rate at 296,1 per 100,000 followed by NM Metro (276,8 per 100,000); Chris Hani (219,6 per 100,000) and Sarah Baartman (177,2 per 100,000).

# 7.2. Number of reported SARS-Cov-2 related deaths

The figure below depicts the daily and the cumulative number of SARS-Cov-2 related deaths which occurred in the province from the beginning of the pandemic.

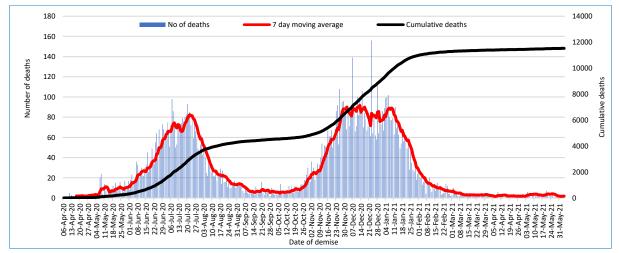


Fig. 16. Daily and cum. SARS-Cov-2 related deaths by date of demise, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The second wave appears to have been severe compared to the first wave, i.e., there were more cases and more deaths compared to the first wave. And the duration of the second wave was longer than the first wave. The number of deaths continues to decline from the first week of January until to date. However, with the increase in the number of cases, there is a need to strengthen the reporting of the deaths including post-mortem tests.

# 7.3. Case Fatality Rate by district

Chris Hani reported 8,1% of the SARS-Cov-2 deaths, followed by Joe Gqabi (6,5%), Alfred Nzo (6,2%), OR Tambo (6,1%), BC Metro (6,0%), NM Metro (5,8%), Amathole (5,7%) and the lowest being Sarah Baartman (3,8%).

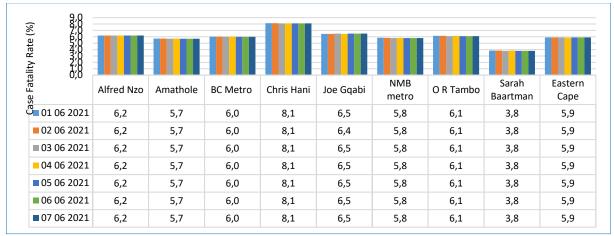
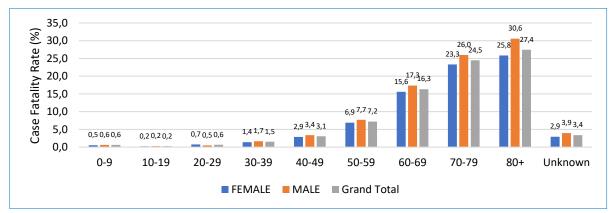


Fig. 17. SARS-Cov-2 Case Fatality Rate (%) by district, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (N=11,673)

The case fatality rate in the province has not changed in the past 7 days, including the 6 districts. From February, the number of SARS-Cov-2 related deaths has declined significantly.

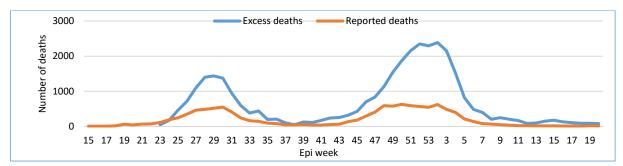


#### 7.4. Case Fatality Rate by age group



The case fatality rate increases with increasing age. The younger population reported a low case fatality rate compared to the older population that had an increased case fatality rate. The male population had a higher case fatality rate compared to the female population.

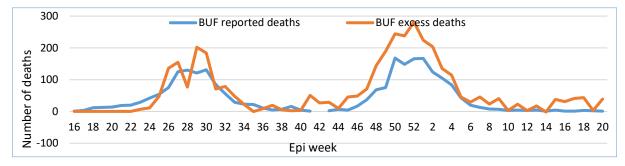
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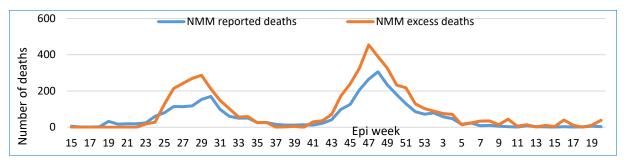
Data is from the Medical Research Council (as of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021) and ECDOH (24 May).

#### Fig. 19. Excess & reported Covid-19 deaths by week, as of 24 May 2021 (ECDOH, MRC<sup>1</sup>)

The number of excess deaths from the MRC was greater than the number of deaths as reported by the Department. The differences in the number of deaths during the period of low transmission appear to be lower compared to the period of high transmission. The gap between the number of reported deaths related to SARS-Cov-2 appears to be narrower in BC Metro and NM Metro compared to the provincial figures. Like the provincial figures, there were notable gaps during the peak periods in the first and second waves.





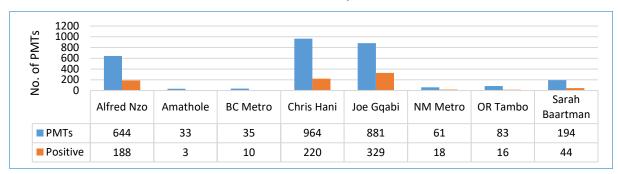


#### Fig. 21. Reported SARS-Cov-2 versus excess deaths in NM Metro, as of the 24 May 2021

Figures 20 and 21 shows that the gap between the number of excess deaths in BC Metro and NM Metro appears to be narrower, which is contrary to the provincial picture.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Medical Research Council (MRC) data was updated on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021

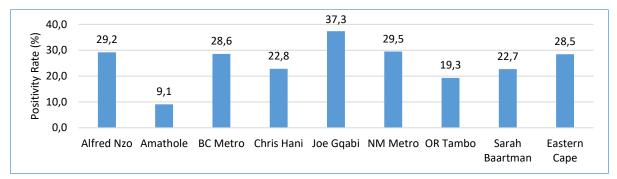
#### 7.6. Post-mortem tests (PMTs) and results



To date, 2,895 PMTs were done and 828 confirmed positive for SARS-Cov-2.

#### Fig. 22. Number of Post-Mortem Tests & Positive Cases by district, as of 07 June 2021

Of all the PMTs, 2,489 (86,0%) were from Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani and Joe Gqabi. Similarly, 737 of the 828 (89%) confirmed cases were from the 3 districts.



#### Fig. 23. Post-mortem SARS-Cov-2 positivity rate by district, as of 07 June 2021

Twenty-nine percent (28,5%) of the PMTs tested positive. Joe Gqabi reported the highest positivity rate, followed by NM Metro, Alfred Nzo, BC Metro and Chris Hani.

Table 6. Number	Table 6. Number of Post-mortem tests and positive SARS-Cov-2 cases, as of 06 June 2021										
	16-22 May		23-29 Ma	23-29 May		30 May-05 June		-05 June			
	PMTs	Positive	PMTs	Positive	PMTs	Positive	PMTs	Positive			
Alfred Nzo	35	5	23	1	20	1	78	7			
Amathole	5		3		1		9	0			
BC Metro	1		0		0		1	0			
Chris Hani	36	7	28	3	38		102	10			
Joe Gqabi	28	2	35	1	17	2	80	5			
NM Metro	1		0		1		2	0			
OR Tambo	7		8		3		18	0			
Sarah Baartman	5		2		3		10	0			
Eastern Cape	118	14	99	5	83	3	300	22			

In the past 15 days, 22 of the 300 PMTs tested positive for SARS-Cov-2. Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani and Joe accounted for 260 PMTs (86,7%). The 22 confirmed cases were from Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani and Joe Gqabi districts. There was an improvement in the number of PMT in Amathole and OR Tambo.

# 7.6. Deaths by health facilities

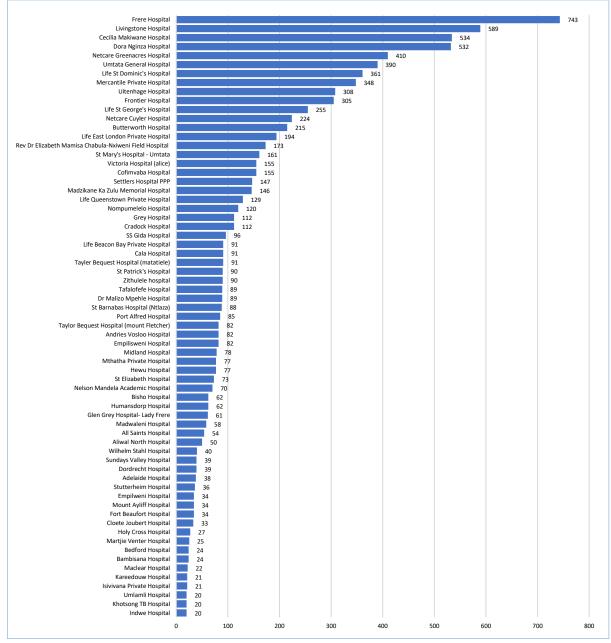
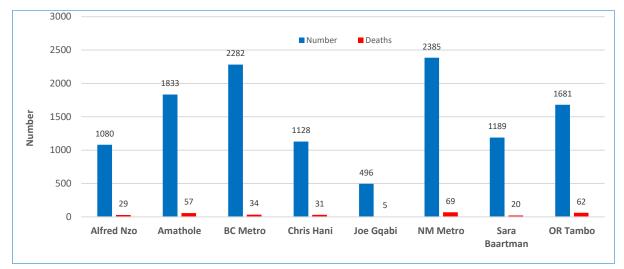


Fig. 24. Number of SARS-Cov-2 related deaths by the facility, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Fifty-five percent (55%) of the deaths occurred in 13 hospitals, i.e., 8 public and 5 private sectors. The public hospitals include Frere, Livingstone, CMH, Dora Nginza, Frontier, Mthatha, Uitenhage, and Butterworth hospitals. And the private hospitals include Netcare Greenacres, Life St. Dominics, Mercantile, Life St Georges, and Netcare Cyler hospitals. These hospitals reported more than 200 deaths from the beginning of the pandemic. Only hospitals with a minimum of 20 deaths are included in the above-mentioned figure.

#### 6. HEALTHCARE WORKERS

#### 6.1. Cases and deaths among healthcare workers (HCWs)



The number of HCWs who tested SARS-Cov-2 positive was 12,074 and 307 persons demised.

#### Fig. 25. SARS-Cov-2 positive Healthcare Workers, as of 03 May 2021 (N = 12,074)

The number of healthcare workers who tested positive for SARS-Cov-2 in Nelson Mandela Metro was 2,385 (69 deaths), Buffalo City Metro 2,282 (34 deaths), Amathole 1,833 (57 deaths), OR Tambo 1,681 (62 deaths), Sarah Baartman 1189 (20 deaths), Chris Hani 1,128 (31 deaths) and Alfred Nzo 1,080 cases (29 deaths).

#### 6.2. SARS-Cov-2 Cases by job category

The table below provides the number of selected healthcare professionals employed by the State and SARS-Cov-2 cases by job categories, and the positivity rate of that job category.

Table 6. SARS-Cov-2 cases by selected job categories, as of 2 June 2021									
Population Cases Positivity Rate (									
Admin	12434	816	6,6						
Allied Professionals	3041	235	7,7						
Doctors & Clinical Assoc	2369	459	19,4						
Nurses	20650	5026	24,3						
Emergency Medical Services	2498	298	11,9						

The positivity rate among the nurses was 24,3%, followed by doctors and clinical associates (19,4%), allied professionals (7,7%), EMS (11,9%), and admin personnel (6,6%). The positivity rates among healthcare workers negatively affect patient safety, staff morale and confidence, and the capacity of the State to provide quality health services to the population.

#### Admissions of healthcare workers 6.3.

The cumulative number of admissions was 1,097 health workers. From January to date, 113 healthcare workers were hospitalized, i.e. 72 in January, 16 on February, 5 in March, 7 in April, and 11 in May and 3 in June. The last admission was on the 05<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. In the last 48 hours, there were no new admissions of HCWs.

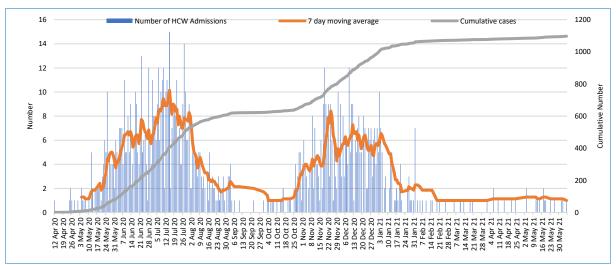
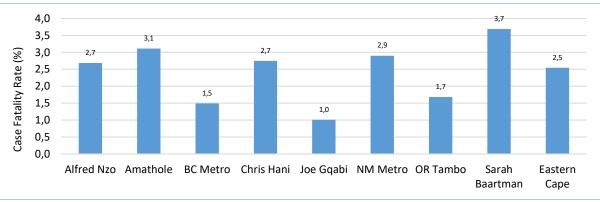


Fig. 26. No. of SARS-Cov-2 related admissions of healthcare workers, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021

This graph appears to be mimicking the epi-curve and admissions of the general population including during the first and the second waves. There was less hospitalization of HCWs from February to date compared to January.

#### 6.4. **Case Fatality Rate (%) among HCWs**





# Fig. 27. SARS-Cov-2 Case Fatality Rate (%) among HCWs, as of 24 May 2021 (N=307) The case fatality rate among healthcare workers was 2,5%. More than 1% case fatality was

reported in all the districts. Sarah Baartman reported the highest case fatality rate, followed by Amathole, Nelson Mandela Metro, Chris Hani and Alfred Nzo. The case fatality rate of less than 2% in three districts, i.e. Joe Ggabi, BC Metro and OR Tambo.

#### 7. Hospitalization and outcomes

#### 7.1. Admissions and outcomes

The cumulative number of hospitalizations was 31,957, i.e., 22,258 (69,6%) in public and 9,669 (30,4%) in private. Sixty-five percent (64,9%), i.e., 20,730 of hospitalized patients were discharged alive and 13, 464 (64,9%) occurred in public sector. Thirty percent (29,7%) of hospitalized cases, i.e., 9,486 demised and 7,188 (75.8%) occurred in public sector facilities.

Table 7. No. o	of SARS-Cov-2	2 hospitalizat	ions by distr	ict and sec	tor, as of 07 Ju	une 2021			
Districts	Public	Private	Total	Died	Currently Admitted	Currently in ICU	Currently Ventilated	Currently Oxygenated	Admitted in past day
Alfred Nzo	1683	107	1790	422	4			2	
Amathole	2363	0	2363	889	0				
Buffalo City Metro	4255	3181	7436	2098	26	5	1	7	3
Chris Hani	2579	746	3325	1160	11	0		7	
Joe Gqabi	723	0	723	328	5			1	
Nelson Mandela Bay Metro	6676	4608	11284	2883	87	19	15	6	4
O R Tambo	2363	902	3265	1138	2				
Sarah Baartman	1616	155	1771	568	7	0		4	
Eastern Cape	22258	9699	31957	9486	142	24	16	27	7

Of the 142 currently admitted (96 in private and 46 in public), 87 (61,3%) were from NM Metro. In the past day, 7 admissions occurred in BC Metro (3) and NM Metro (4).

Table 8. No. of SARS-Cov-2	hospitalizations and ou	tcomes, as of 07 June 2021	
Eastern Cape	Public	Private	Total
Cumulative Admissions	22258	9699	31957
Died	7188	2298	9486
Discharged Alive	13464	7266	20730
Transferred Out	1550	35	1585
Currently Admitted	46	96	142
In ICU	0	24	24
In High Care	1	6	7
In General	45	66	111
On Oxygen	18	9	27
Ventilated	4	12	16

There were 111 cases (78,2%) were admitted in the General Ward (66 in private & 45 in public sector); 24 cases (16,9%) in ICU (in private); 7 cases (4,9%) in High Care (1 in public & 6 in private); 27 cases (19,0%) on oxygen (18 in public & 9 in private) and 16 cases (11,3%) was on ventilation (4 in public and 12 in private sector).

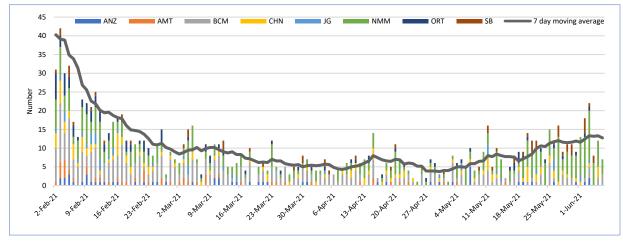


Fig. 28. Average (7 days moving) daily admissions by districts, as of 07<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (DATCOV)

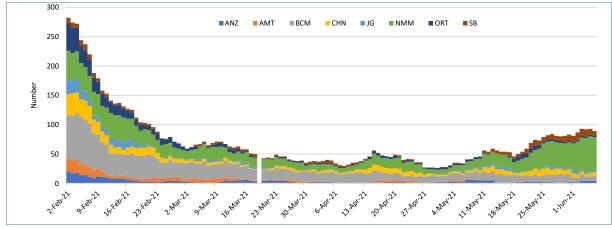


Fig. 29. No. of hospitalizations by date of admission for each district, as of 02 June 2021

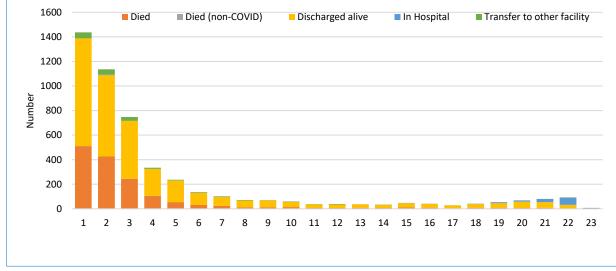
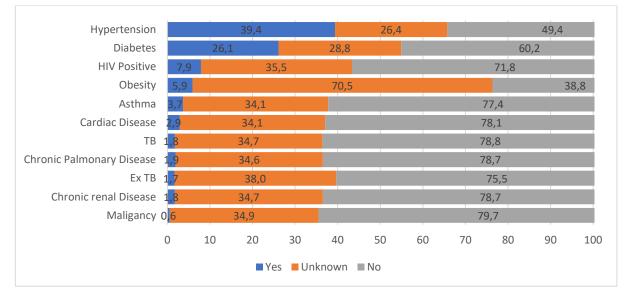


Fig. 30. Hospitalizations & outcomes by admission week, as of 02 June 2021 (DATCOV) The number of currently hospitalized patients remained low since week 8 of this year.

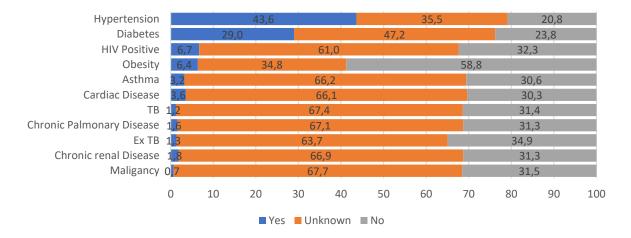
### 7.2. Co-morbidities among admitted cases and deaths

The most common co-morbidities among the hospitalized SARS-Cov-2 patients were hypertension (39.4%) and diabetes (26.1%) among hospitalized SARS-Cov-2 cases. Two other commonly reported co-morbidities HIV (7.9%), obesity (5.9%) and asthma (3.7%).



#### Fig. 31. Co-morbidities among SARS-Cov-2 hospitalizations, as of 02 June 2021 (DATCOV)

A significant percentage of hospitalized patients did not have co-morbidities. This may have resulted in the underestimation of the burden of co-morbidities among hospitalized cases.



# **Fig. 32. Co-morbidities among SARS-Cov-2 cases who demised, as of 02 June 2021 (DATCOV)** The most common comorbidities among those cases that demised in the hospital include hypertension (43.6%) and diabetes (29%). Other 4 co-morbidities were reported, i.e. HIV (6.7%), obesity (6.4%), cardiac diseases (3.6%), and asthma (3.2%).

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	3 57		Y	S —	<b>541</b> .ab Tests	+	198 739     185 995     1 673       Positive Cases     Positive Cases     Deaths					
DISTRICT	TOTAL SCREENED	TOTAL TESTED	TOTAL CASES	RECOVERIES	DEATHS	ACTIVE CASES	AREAS					
ALFRED NZO	694 706	34 033	8 064	7 555	500	9	Badibanise, Bhakubha, Bizana, Brooksnek, Cedarville, Chithwa, Dutyini, Emanxiweni, Ezinteteni, Kokstad, Lucingweni, Ma- luti, Mandileni    , Matatiele, Mount Ayliff, Mount Frere , Ndlantana, Ngcingo , Ntabakhulu, Sugar Bush, Tabankulu					
AMATHOLE	658 126	83 782	19 429	18 310	1111	8	Adelaide, Alice, Bolotwa, Butterworth, Cathcart, Centane, Cuba, Debe Nek, Dikana, Elliotdale, Ethafeni, Frankfort, Fort Beaufort, Ibika, Idutywa, Keiskammahoek, Willowale, Lower Mbhangcolo,Debe Nek, Mgababa, Nyaniso, Peddie					
BUFFALO CITY Metro	210 367	165 066	39 306	36 830	2365	111	Abbottsford, Amalinda , Beacon Bay, Bisho, Braelynn, Buffalo Flats, Dimbaza, Duncan Village, East London, Gins- berg, Gonubic, Greenfields, Haven Hills, King William's Town, Mamata, Mdantsane, Masingata, Mantlaneni, Nahoon, Ndevana, Needs Camp, Parkside, Selbourne, Sumnyridge, Sumset Bay, Tshashu, Wincent, West Bank, Zweilisha					
CHRIS HANI	515 346	74 731	19 875	18 209	1611	55	Bankies, Dordrecht, Dukathole, Ekunene, Ezibeleni, Kwanobuhle, Mcwangele, Madeira Park, New Rest, Ngcobo, Ngonyama, Popcorn Valley, Qebe, Qaqodala, Queenstown, Sigadleni, Vaalbank, Sada, Middleburg, Thornhil, Ndzamela, Mungisi,Westbourne,Nitonze, Maya Village,Ekuphumuleni, TopTown, Vieipoort, Zola					
JOE GQABI	87 855	30 590	7 769	7 224	500	45	Aliwal North, Barkley East, Bhodi, Land Camp, Ugie, Inglewood, Maclear, Solomzi, Sunduza,Robbern,Venterstsad					
NELSON MANDELA METRO	856 883	240 284	57 785	53 701	3352	732	Algoa Park, Bethelsdorp, Bloemendal, Bluewater Bay, Booysens Park, Cotswold, Cuyler, Daleview, Despatch, Fernglen Port, Gelvandale, Govan Mbeki, Heath Park, Helenvale, Jacksonville, Joe Slovo, Kabega Park, Kamma Park, Kanveilhe, Khayalethu, Kleinskol, Kwa Dwesi, Kwa-Magxak, Kwanobuhle, Kwanosolo, KwaZakhele, Lovemore Heights, Missionvale, Motherwell, Mount Croix, New Brighton, Newton Park, North End, Port Elizabeth, Rowallan Park, Salt Lake, Sardinia Bay, Schauderville, Sherwood, Silvertown, Soweto-On-Sea, Steve Tshwete, Summerstrand, Tamboville, Uitenhage, Veeplaas, Walmer, West End, Westering, Zwide, Lorraine, Hillslide, Daleview					
OR TAMBO	265 613	99 603	22 513	21 126	1383	4	Gomora, Lutatweni, Machibi, Majola, Mandillini ,New Payne Nggeleni, Ntsimbini, Old Payne, Libode, Lusikisiki, Mganduli, Tombo, Marhewini, Mpikwana,Bhongweni,Cibeni, Flagstaff,Magcakeni,Mgangelizwe, Nganada,Tyebelana, Pollar Park, Tabase Mission, Slovo Park, Scolthernwood, Materfall Park, Zandukwana,Zimbane, Ziphunzana					
SARAH BAARTMAN	288 877	107 570	22 192	21 237	851	104	Aberdeen, Alexandria, Graaf-Reinet, Grahamstown, Jeffrey's Bay, Jourbertina, Humansdorp, Parson, St. Francis Bay, Kirkwood, Lotusville, Bergendal, Bratenfel, Joza, Santaville, Somerset East, Thornhill, Willomore					
IMPORTED*	-	0	680	677	0	3	Bloemfontein, Ceres, Cape Town, Dunoon, Fishoek, George, Green Point, Gugulethu, Hout Bay, Langa, Khayelitsha, Knysna, Phillipi, Stellenbosch, Strand					
PENDING	-	160 882	1126	1126	0	0						
GRAND TOTALS	3 577 773	996 541	198 739	185 995	11 673	1 071						

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- e. Right to Care assists in mapping the cases in different areas in the province
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	PROVINCE										
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	Phase/Threshold	Target					
New cases (seven day moving Average)	COVID-19 cases (percentage change from previous week)	89	120	34,8		< 10% increase from previous week					
Active cases incidence	Active COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population	12,19	19,50	60,0		< 10% increase from previous week					
Current COVID-19 hospital admissions	Current COVID-19 hospital admissions (Public and Private)	118	141	19,5		< 10% increase from previous week					
COVID-19 mortality	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7 days	0,13	0,19	46,2		< 10% increase from previous week					
All cause mortality											
Positivity Rate	Percentage of positive tests of all tests conducted within a geographical area		8,2			Positivity rate rising above 20% in ageographical area constitute an alert					
Testing rate	Number of tests/ 100000 population		177			There should be 5 tests for each positive case per 100000 population					

	ALFRED NZO									
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	Phase/Threshold	Target				
New cases (seven day	COVID-19 cases (percentage change from					< 10% increase from				
moving Average)	previous week)	1	2	100,0		previous week				
	Active COVID-19 cases per 100 000					< 10% increase from				
Active cases incidence	population	0,24	1,00	316,7		previous week				
Current COVID-19	Current COVID-19 hospital admissions					< 10% increase from				
hospital admissions	(Public and Private)	3	4	33,3		previous week				
						< 10% increase from				
COVID-19 mortality	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7 days	0,12	0,12	0,0		previous week				
All cause mortality										
						Positivity rate rising				
						above 20% in a				
	Percentage of positive tests of all tests					geographical area				
Positivity Rate	conducted within a geographical area		1,2			constitute an alert				
						There should be 5 tests				
						for each positive case				
Testing rate	Number of tests/ 100000 population		81			per 100000 population				

	AMATHOLE									
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	Phase/Threshold	Target				
New cases (seven day	COVID-19 cases (percentage					< 10% increase from				
moving Average)	change from previous week)	0	2	infinity		previous week				
	Active COVID-19 cases per 100					< 10% increase from				
Active cases incidence	000 population	1,13	1,10	-2,7		previous week				
Current COVID-19 hospital	Current COVID-19 hospital					< 10% increase from				
admissions	admissions (Public and Private)	0	0	0,0		previous week				
	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7					< 10% increase from				
COVID-19 mortality	days	0,00	0,00	0,0		previous week				
All cause mortality										
Positivity Rate	Percentage of positive tests of all tests conducted within a geographical area		3,4			Positivity rate rising above 20% in ageographical area constitute an alert				
						There should be 5 tests for				
	Number of tests/ 100000					each positive case per				
Testing rate	population		29			100000 population				

	BUFFALO CITY METRO									
					Phase/Thre					
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	shold	Target				
New cases (seven	COVID-19 cases (percentage change from previous					< 10% increase from				
day moving Average)	week)	6	13	116,7		previous week				
Active cases						< 10% increase from				
incidence	Active COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population	6,89	14,40	109,0		previous week				
Current COVID-19	Current COVID-19 hospital admissions (Public and					< 10% increase from				
hospital admissions	Private)	23	23	0,0		previous week				
						< 10% increase from				
COVID-19 mortality	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7 days	0,13	0,00	-100,0		previous week				
All cause mortality										
						Positivity rate rising above				
	Percentage of positive tests of all tests conducted					20% in ageographical area				
Positivity Rate	within a geographical area		11,2			constitute an alert				
						There should be 5 tests for				
						each positive case per				
Testing rate	Number of tests/ 100000 population		100			100000 population				

	CHRIS HANI									
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	Phase/Threshold	Target				
New cases (seven day moving	COVID-19 cases (percentage change					< 10% increase from				
Average)	from previous week)	7	8	14		previous week				
	Active COVID-19 cases per 100 000					< 10% increase from				
Active cases incidence	population	7,77	9,50	22		previous week				
	Current COVID-19 hospital					< 10% increase from				
Current COVID-19 hospital admissions	admissions (Public and Private)	14	8	-43		previous week				
						< 10% increase from				
COVID-19 mortality	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7 days	0,55	0,27	-51		previous week				
All cause mortality										
						Positivity rate rising				
	Percentage of positive tests of all					above 20% in				
	tests conducted within a					ageographical area				
Positivity Rate	geographical area		5,3			constitute an alert				
						There should be 5 tests				
	Number of tests/ 100000					for each positive case				
Testing rate	population		105			per 100000 population				

JOE GQABI										
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	Phase/Threshold	Target				
New cases (seven day	COVID-19 cases (percentage					< 10% increase from previous				
moving Average)	change from previous week)	5	8	60		week				
	Active COVID-19 cases per 100					< 10% increase from previous				
Active cases incidence	000 population	7,58	13,40	77		week				
Current COVID-19	Current COVID-19 hospital					< 10% increase from previous				
hospital admissions	admissions (Public and Private)	3	5	67		week				
	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7					< 10% increase from previous				
COVID-19 mortality	days	0,21	0,58	176		week				
All cause mortality										
	Percentage of positive tests of					Positivity rate rising above 20%				
	all tests conducted within a					in ageographical area				
Positivity Rate	geographical area		13,5			constitute an alert				
						There should be 5 tests for				
	Number of tests/ 100000					each positive case per 100000				
Testing rate	population		114			population				

NELSON MANDELA BAY									
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	Phase/Threshold	Target			
	COVID-19 cases (percentage					< 10% increase from previous			
New cases (seven day moving Average)	change from previous week)	59	81	37,3		week			
	Active COVID-19 cases per 100 000					< 10% increase from previous			
Active cases incidence	population	45,18	76,60	69,5		week			
	Current COVID-19 hospital					< 10% increase from previous			
Current COVID-19 hospital admissions	admissions (Public and Private)	65	91	40,0		week			
						< 10% increase from previous			
COVID-19 mortality	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7 days	0,08	0,41	412,5		week			
All cause mortality									
	Percentage of positive tests of all					Positivity rate rising above 20%			
	tests conducted within a					in ageographical area constitute			
Positivity Rate	geographical area		16,6			an alert			
						There should be 5 tests for each			
	Number of tests/ 100000					positive case per 100000			
Testing rate	population		294			population			

	OR TAMBO										
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	Phase/Threshold	Target					
New cases (seven day	COVID-19 cases (percentage change					< 10% increase from previous					
moving Average)	from previous week)	0	3	infinity		week					
	Active COVID-19 cases per 100 000					< 10% increase from previous					
Active cases incidence	population	0,20	0,30	50,0		week					
Current COVID-19	Current COVID-19 hospital admissions					< 10% increase from previous					
hospital admissions	(Public and Private)	6	2	-66,7		week					
						< 10% increase from previous					
COVID-19 mortality	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7 days	0,00	0,13	infinity		week					
All cause mortality											
						Positivity rate rising above 20%					
	Percentage of positive tests of all tests					in ageographical area constitute					
Positivity Rate	conducted within a geographical area		0,8			an alert					
						There should be 5 tests for each					
						positive case per 100000					
Testing rate	Number of tests/ 100000 population		71			population					

	SARAH BAARTMAN									
Indicator	Description	week 21	week 22	% change	Phase/Threshold	Target				
New cases (seven day moving Average)	COVID-19 cases (percentage change from previous week)	11	14	27,3		< 10% increase from previous week				
Active cases incidence	Active COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population	25,20	27,30	8,3		< 10% increase from previous week				
Current COVID-19 hospital admissions	Current COVID-19 hospital admissions (Public and Private)	4	8	100,0		< 10% increase from previous week				
COVID-19 mortality	COVID-19 deaths in the last 7 days	0,21	0,21	0,0		< 10% increase from previous week				
All cause mortality										
Positivity Rate	Percentage of positive tests of all tests conducted within a geographical area		10,8			Positivity rate rising above 20% in ageographical area constitute an alert				
Testing rate	Number of tests/ 100000 population		178			There should be 5 tests for each positive case per 100000 population				