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Lockdown Update

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STAY SAFE - SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

The confirmed cases of COVID19 in South Africa is surging and has pushed us to number 5 in the world – as at 20 July 2020 there are 373,628 cases of infection - the fifth highest number of reported cases of all the countries in the world. Our death rate however is low compared to other countries which is a good thing – but health experts have warned that the data may be worse than we think, particularly with a high number of under-reported deaths.

Locally, in KZN, the number of reported cases has leapt from 9,674 on 1 July 2020 to 43,215 cases on the 20 July 2020. The pandemic is upon us and the importance of sanitising and social distancing is more important now than ever before.

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

The recommended isolation period for patients with confirmed Covid-19 infection has now been reduced from 14 to 10 days. So said Health minister Dr Zweli Mkhize who has revised the recommended isolation and quarantine period for South Africans who have tested positive for Covid-19. "The presence of detectable virus when testing does not necessarily imply infectiousness. It has been proven that in mild cases, virus cultures are generally only positive for 8-9 days after symptom onset," said the minister.

POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER RATE CUT

There is the possibility of a further rate cut for South Africans. The Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee sits this week and the move to cut rates is supported by the prediction that the economy will decline by more than 7%. It is hoped that lower rates will encourage economic activity – something dearly needed.

HOTLINE NUMBERS AND WEBSITE ADDRESSES TO KEEP HANDY

Official Toll Free Call Center: 0800 029 999

Clinicians Hotline: 082 883 9920

Official WhatsApp Help Service

Send HI to 0600 123 456 on WhatsApp.

or share this link: <https://wa.me/27600123456?text=Hi>

SAFETY TIPS

