

Premier Alan Winde update on Coronavirus COVID-19 on 13 May

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As of 1pm on 13 May, the Western Cape has 4367 active cases of Covid-19, with a total of 6767 confirmed cases and 2283 recoveries.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases

Total recoveries

Total deaths

Total active cases (currently infected patients)

Total number of tests

Sub Districts Cape Town Metro:

Sub-district	Cases
Western	805
Southern	636
Northern	471
Tygerberg	1104
Eastern	718
Klipfontein	844

Mitchells Plain	649
Khayelitsha	927
Total	6154

Sub Districts Non-Metro:

District	Sub-district
Garden Route	Bitou
Garden Route	Knysna
Garden Route	George
Garden Route	Hessequa
Garden Route	Mossel Bay
Garden Route	Oudtshoorn
Cape Winelands	Stellenbosch
Cape Winelands	Drakenstein
Cape Winelands	Breede Valley
Cape Winelands	Langeberg
Cape Winelands	Witzenberg

Overberg

Overstrand

Overberg

Cape Agulhas

Overberg

Swellendam

Overberg

Theewaterskloof

West Coast

Bergrivier

West Coast

Matzikama

West Coast

Saldanha Bay Municipality

West Coast

Swartland

Unallocated: 114

The Western Cape has recorded an additional 7 COVID-19 deaths-bringing the total number of deaths from the virus in the province to 117 . We extend our condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed, at this time.

We were saddened to hear the news today of the passing of ENCA cameraman Lungile Tom. Lungile was a regular fixture at many Western Cape Government events and was well respected and liked by members of the Western Cape cabinet and the entire Western Cape communications team. We send our condolences to his family and to his colleagues today. He will be missed.

In line with COVID-19 protocols, ENCA contacted us this morning to alert us to the fact that Lungile had been the camera operator during last Thursday's digicon event. These digicons have been held digitally with the express purpose of ensuring that physical distancing can occur. Only a few television journalists are invited to attend in order to broadcast these news announcements. We also have strict hygiene protocols in place, with touch points sanitised, and everyone who entered the room

was temperature screened and wearing a mask on the day. For this reason and on advice from the specialists, most of the attendees have been deemed casual contacts and not close contacts. day.

In terms of good practice for workplaces, screenings will also be arranged for those Western Cape Government staff members who were in the room. Should any of them require testing, in terms of our established protocols, this will be arranged.

Because I had a one-on-one interview with Lungile after the press conference, being in close range for some time, I am deemed a close contact and will now self-quarantine. It has been nearly seven days since our contact, and I will therefore go into self-quarantine for another seven days. Members of the public should be reassured that I have not experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, but if I do, I will have a test performed straight away.

I will continue to work full steam ahead, from home. Because of our developed systems, I can continue to join all meetings, and will be overseeing our new hotspot targeted strategy.

It is imperative that we take the utmost care and lead by example in our approach to COVID-19.

Lastly I have also been in contact with the President to alert him to this situation as he was due to visit the province on Friday. The President has agreed to reschedule his visit given this development, and we thank him for his understanding.

I really want to thank ENCA for taking a proactive approach in handling this matter, even at a time when they were grieving the loss of their colleague. This is what every person and company should do in such an instance. This is how we slow the spread and “flatten the curve”.

In the coming weeks and months, we will see many more people becoming infected across the country and it is important that businesses respond appropriately when a staff member tests positive. The Western Cape Government has devised detailed protocols that indicate how to reduce the risk of infection in the workplace, as well as what steps to follow should an employee test positive. These can all be found here: <https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/files/atoms/files/Preventing%20and%20managing%20coronavirus%20infection%20in%20the%20workplace%20-%206%20May%202020.pdf>

Anyone experiencing symptoms which include a fever, cough, shortness of breath or sore throat is advised to contact the Western Cape provincial hotline on 021 928 4102 for advice on what steps to follow.