

# Update 29: South Africa - Eases Certain COVID-19 Restrictions as Country Recorded Dip in New Cases

- South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced the lifting of certain COVID-19-restrictions, including relaxation on inter-provincial travel, sale of alcohol and larger public gatherings
- This measure comes as the country recorded a dip in new COVID-19 cases and deaths in the third wave of the pandemic
- On July 25, 2021, Ramaphosa said South Africa, with immediate effect, will move to level three from the current level four of the five-level lockdown strategy
- He said some restrictions would still remain in place as fears persist regarding the highly transmissible delta variant
- As part of level three lockdown, a curfew will remain in place from 10 pm to 4 am (SAST)
- Funeral services will still be restricted to a maximum of 50 people with strict protocols in place
- Indoor venues can cater for a maximum of 50 people at a time or for only 50% of their capacity if they are smaller
- Outdoor may not have more than 100 people attending. This includes religious, political, and social gatherings
- Schools will also reopen nationwide on July 26, 2021, after a month-long break
- Ramaphosa said the sale of alcohol would be allowed from Monday to Thursday between 10 am and 6 pm (SAST)
- Non-essential businesses such as restaurants, taverns, bars, and fitness centers, which had to close their doors during the Level four restrictions, may now remain open until 9 pm (SAST)
- The president announced a stepped-up vaccination campaign to address the pandemic
- National Institute for Communicable Diseases announced that 9,718 new COVID-19 cases had been recorded in the preceding 24 hours, with 287 new COVID-19 related deaths
- Reported COVID-19 stats for South Africa:
  1. Confirmed Cases: 2,383,490
  2. Deaths: 70,018 (2.9%)
  3. Recoveries: 2,169,452 (91.0%)
  4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 6,384,382
  5. Fully Vaccinated Population: 4%
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

## Source(s)

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/south-africa-loosens-covid-19-restrictions-as-new-cases-see-dip-121072600065\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/south-africa-loosens-covid-19-restrictions-as-new-cases-see-dip-121072600065_1.html)

<https://www.africanews.com/2021/07/26/south-africa-eases-restrictions-as-covid-19-cases-decline/>

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202107/1229675.shtml>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/south-africa/>

## Targets Affected:

[South Africa](#)

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

<https://www.pharmaceutical-technology.com/covid-19-vaccination-tracker/>

## Related Alerts

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Update 26: South Africa - Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Surge in Infections and Hospitalizations

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Update 25: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until July 15, 2021; Enters Third Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 24: South Africa - Extends Night Curfew, Limits Gatherings Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 23: South Africa - Reports 1,649,977 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Government Warns of Third Wave of COVID-19 Infection

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Update 22: KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa - Reports Eight New Cases of Indian COVID-19 Variant

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Update 21: South Africa - Reports First Four Cases of COVID-19 Indian Variant

**Feb. 14, 2021**

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Update 20: South Africa - Government Decides to Reopen 20 Land Borders Effective February 15, 2021 amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 19: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until March 15, 2021 in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 18: South Africa - Reports 1,259,748 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total; Announces Closure of Land Borders Until February 15, 2021 to Curb the Spread of Infection

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Update 17: South Africa - Reports 930,711 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Announces a New Variant of COVID-19 Virus

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Update 16: South Africa - Reports 866,127 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Tightens Restrictions as COVID-19 Infections Rise

**Dec. 10, 2020**

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Update 15: South Africa - Reports 6,079 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Enters Second Wave of COVID-19 Infection

**Dec. 4, 2020**

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Update 14: South Africa - Reports 4,173 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 hours, Announces Stricter Lockdown for Nelson Mandela Bay

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Update 13: South Africa - President Extends State of Emergency Until December 15, 2020; Eases Travel Restrictions

**Oct. 29, 2020**

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**Sept. 18, 2020**

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Update 11: South Africa - Further Eases COVID-19 Restrictions; Allows International Travel Starting October 01, 2020

**Sept. 8, 2020**

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Update 10: South Africa - Recession Deepens as Economy Contracts by 51% in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Aug. 16, 2020**

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Update 9: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until September 15, 2020; Eases Restrictions as Outbreak Reaches Peak

**July 13, 2020**

Medium

Update 8: South Africa - Reimposes Night Curfew Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

**July 1, 2020**

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Update 7: South Africa - Recession Deepens as GDP Declines by 2% in Q1 2020

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Update 6: South Africa - Further Eases Restrictions on Domestic Air Travel Despite Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**June 28, 2020**

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Update 5: South Africa - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 7,210 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 131,800

**June 24, 2020**

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Update 4: South Africa - Q1 2020  
Unemployment Rate Increases to  
30.1%

**June 21, 2020**

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Update 3: South Africa - Records  
~5,000 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling  
~93,000

**June 12, 2020**

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Update 2: South Africa - Plans to  
Reopen Tourism Industry Starting  
September 2020 Amid COVID-19  
Pandemic

**June 6, 2020**

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Update 1: South Africa - Records 2,642  
New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 43,434

**June 2, 2020**

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South Africa - Partially Lifts COVID-19  
Lockdown to Aid Economy

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.