

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

- On June 15, 2021, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that due to a rapid surge of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, South Africa has returned to tighter restrictions on public gatherings and liquor sales
- The new infections threaten the health systems in several parts of the country
- Hospital admissions due to COVID-19 have increased by 59% over the past two weeks
- South Africa's seven-day rolling average of daily new cases has nearly doubled over the past two weeks from 6.69 new cases per 100,000 people on May 31 to 12.71 new cases per 100,000 people on June 14, 2021
- The nightly curfew has been extended by an hour from 10 pm to 4 am (SAST) while religious gatherings indoors are now limited to 50 people
- The number of people allowed to gather for social events has been limited to 50 people for indoor events and 100 people for outdoor events
- The retail sale of alcohol will only be permitted between 10 am and 6 pm (SAST) from Monday through Thursday
- South Africa has been the country hardest hit by the pandemic in the entire continent
- The country reported cumulative total of more than 1.7 million infections, including 58,087 deaths, accounting for nearly 40% of Africa's total confirmed cases
- The new restrictions come as South Africa also battles to sustain a vaccination drive that has faced delays from global vaccines shortages
- Johnson & Johnson (J&J) had promised to deliver 2 million of its single-shot doses by the end of June 2021
- However, it is now viewed as in jeopardy because of the recent ruling by the US Food and Drug Administration that a large amount of J&J vaccines were contaminated by a problem at a factory producing a component of the vaccine
- About 480,000 of South Africa's health care workers have been vaccinated with J&J doses
- Doses of the Pfizer vaccine are being used to inoculate people aged 60 and over
- About 1.4 million people have received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine
- Also, South Africa is expecting to receive 3.1 million Pfizer doses by the end of June 2021
- Reported COVID-19 stats for South Africa:
 1. Confirmed Cases: 1,761,066
 2. Deaths: 58,087 (3.4%)
 3. Recoveries: 1,616,405 (93.7%)
 4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 1,777,288
 5. Fully Vaccinated Population: 1.1 %
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

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 '[Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions](#)' and '[Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

Source(s)

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Related Alerts

June 11, 2021

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

May 31, 2021

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

May 28, 2021

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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

May 14, 2021

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

May 9, 2021

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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

Feb. 12, 2021

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

Jan. 13, 2021

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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

Dec. 22, 2020

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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

Dec. 15, 2020

Medium

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

Nov. 12, 2020

Medium

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

Oct. 29, 2020

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Update 12: South Africa - Government Plans to Freeze Public Sector Wages as COVID-19 Crisis Impacts Economy; Expects Economy to Shrink by 7.8% in 2020

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

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

July 1, 2020

High

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

June 30, 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 |
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| Immediate | Certain - 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 | Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - 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 | Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - 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 | Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - 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. |