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LATEST CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN SOUTH AFRICA

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I wish to announce that as of this morning, South Africa now has a total of 24 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

To be clear, from the 16 that I announced yesterday, 6 more cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed.

GAUTENG: 4

- A 39 year old female who had travelled to Switzerland and Austria
- A 50 year old male who had travelled to Austria
- A 21 year old female who had travelled to Italy
- A 57 year old male who had travelled to Switzerland

KWAZULU-NATAL: 2

-A 79 year old male who had travelled to Greece and Italy

-A 52 year old male who had travelled to Switzerland

WESTERN CAPE: 2

-A 50 year old male who had travelled to Switzerland and Austria

-A 46 year old male who had travelled to Italy

The patients have now been informed and tracing of their contacts is underway.

At this point I wish to also bring it to your attention that there are more positive results that have come out. The NICD and NHLS are now verifying the information and these results. Thereafter we will make a formal announcement.

To ensure accuracy and avoid unnecessary panic, I wish to emphasize to the media and the public to await and rely on our formal announcements thereafter publish.

We also continue to stress the importance of observing and respecting the privacy of the patients and their families.

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Minister of Health

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