

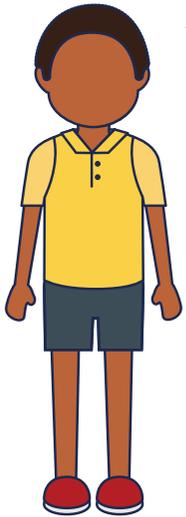
Coronavirus CivicActs Campaign captures rumours and perceptions among communities to eliminate information gaps between the government, the media, NGOs, businesses and the public. By providing the public with facts, these coronavirus bulletins aim to create a better understanding of the needs regarding coronavirus and to debunk rumours before they can do more harm.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

On Monday 13 April Prof. Salim Abdool Karim, Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Group on COVID-19 explained the basis for the lockdown and subsequent extension.

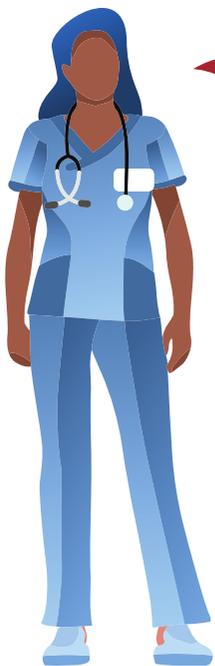
1. The lockdown has slowed the viral spread, the curve has flattened slightly and South Africans have gained some time.
2. There are 28 000 community healthcare workers going door-to-door in vulnerable communities, screening and testing people to find positive cases.
3. The abrupt ending of the lockdown may increase the spread of disease. A systematic easing of the lockdown over several days is advised, taking economic conditions and social imperatives into consideration.
4. The state is considering a voluntary partial lockdown until the end of September for people older than 60 and other high-risk individuals.
5. The health department is preparing for an exponential curve in Covid-19 cases with triage field hospitals in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban, makeshift ICUs at major provincial hospitals and additional purchasing of PPE and ventilators.

Rumours → Facts



Will all COVID-19 patients need ventilators?

No. Most COVID-19 patients will not need hospitalisation. Estimates are 15 % of COVID-19 patients will have a severe form of the disease that needs some kind of oxygen therapy and 5% will be critically ill, requiring mechanical ventilation.



Does South Africa have less than 1000 ventilators?

No. It is unclear how many ventilators South Africa has. Estimates state that they are approximately 6000 in both the public and private sector. Both the public and private sector are working to meet the anticipated need.

The lockdown has been important to delay the exponential growth of COVID-19 cases and therefore give the government a chance to build capacity in the health sector. A priority area for spending has been on increasing the number of ventilators available.

How has government partnered up to meet this need?



South Africa's National Ventilator Project (NVP), a partnership between government and business are planning on producing 10,000 ventilators by the end of June. NVP will do this in a South African factory, using parts and material that are already available or manufactured locally. Arms manufacturer Denel, appliance group, Defy, and other companies plan to help with this.

Who has been mandated to manage the national effort for respiratory ventilators?



The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) will manage the NVP and procedure required for the local design, development, production and procurement of respiratory ventilators.

Following the Lockdown Promises

Last week, we introduced 7 key statements that President Cyril Ramaphosa made on April 9. We'll be tracking these promises over the next few weeks as the government ramps up its response to the Covid-19 epidemic.

Today, we're looking at number 5, which focuses on economic impact. "The provision of food parcels has been expanded and spaza shops have received financial support."

Early indications are that the provision of food parcels is being coordinated by the Department of SA Social Security Agency. Communities in need in the Eastern Cape, Western Cape and North West received food parcels during the past few days. Nationally, families in distress are being asked to call 0800 60 10 11 or email grantenquiries@sassa.gov.za. In terms of assistance to spaza shops, Small Business Development Minister Khumbudzo Ntshavheni has said that R500 million has so far been allocated to the sector. Shop owners can apply for relief from the Spaza Shops Support scheme. More info can be found here - <https://smma.gov.za/>

Designated Hospitals

Gauteng

Charlotte Maxeke Hospital, Parktown
Steve Biko Hospital, Pretoria
Tembisa Hospital, Tembisa

KwaZulu-Natal

Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg

Limpopo

Polokwane Hospital, Polokwane

Mpumalanga

Rob Ferreira Hospital, Nelspruit

Northern Cape

Kimberley Hospital, Kimberley

North West

Klerksdorp Hospital, Klerksdorp

Eastern Cape

Livingstone Hospital, Port Elizabeth

Free State

Pelonomi Hospital, Bloemfontein

Western

Cape

Tygerberg Hospital, Cape Town

Useful Numbers



- GBV Command Centre: 0800 428 428 / *120*7867#
- Persons with disabilities, SMS 'help' to 31531
- Women Abuse Helpline: 0800 150 150
- Child line: 0800 055 555SAPS
- Crime Stop: 0860 10111 / SMS Crime Line: 32211
- National AIDS Helpline: 0800 012 322
- Suicide Helpline: 0800 567 567
- National Department of Health:
[jhhttps://www.health.gov.za](https://www.health.gov.za)
- National Institute of Communicable Diseases:
<https://www.nicd.ac.za>
- Coronavirus Hotline: 0800 029 999
- No data no problem: <https://coronavirus.datafree.co>

Questions

Do you have any questions about coronavirus?
Have you heard any myths?

Reach out to us via WhatsApp
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complete **this form** so we can
address your concerns.