

# WEEKLY FACTSHEET #8

## COVID-19: WEEK 8 - 14 JUNE 2020

### REGIONAL INDICATORS

#### SOUTH AFRICA

**CONFIRMED** 55421  
**RECOVERED** 31505  
**DEATHS** 1210

#### ZAMBIA

**CONFIRMED** 1200  
**RECOVERED** 912  
**DEATHS** 10

#### TANZANIA

**CONFIRMED** 509  
**RECOVERED** 183  
**DEATHS** 21

#### DRC

**CONFIRMED** 4515  
**RECOVERED** 567  
**DEATHS** 98

#### IVORY COAST

**CONFIRMED** 4181  
**RECOVERED** 2174  
**DEATHS** 41

Source: [app.powerbi.com](http://app.powerbi.com)

### DID YOU KNOW?

More than 1 billion students are still out of school due to worldwide school closures due to COVID-19. But more than 70 countries have announced plans to reopen schools and hundreds of millions of students are returning to school, as of early June 2020. Schools should only be reopened when it is safe for students. School reopenings should be consistent with each country's overall COVID-19 health response to protect students, staff, teachers and their families.

Some of the recommended practical

measures that schools can take include:

- 1) Having students take break or mealtimes at different times.
- 2) Having students start and close the school day at different times.
- 3) Moving some classes outdoors.
- 4) Holding schools in shifts, to reduce the class size.

[UNICEF](https://www.unicef.org)

### YOUTH VOICES

This pandemic is affecting all of us and it helps to reach out and share ideas, stories and concerns with one another about all things COVID-19. Please keep sharing your questions with us weekly, and we'll do our best to find you the most accurate and relevant answers.

#### YOUTH REPORTER - ZAMBIA

**QUESTION:** "What evidence do the people have to say that COVID-19 in Zambia is real, because a number of the people I know are not fully sure about it?"

**RESPONSE:** In the 1980s, 1990s, and even 2000s, there was a spread of dangerous lies about AIDS - from the belief that HIV was created by a government laboratory to the idea that HIV tests were unreliable. These claims increased risky behaviour and made the crisis worse. Now, there is a fresh stream of fake news - this time, about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many people have been sharing false information with a sort of disclaimer at the top, saying something like "I don't know if this is true, but...". They may think that if there's any truth to the information, it could be helpful to friends and followers, and if it isn't true, it's harmless - so they share it, not realising that sharing causes harm too. Accurate and reliable information about COVID-19 can be found on the [World Health Organisation](https://www.who.int) and [UNICEF](https://www.unicef.org) sites.

Source: [BBC](https://www.bbc.com)

#### YOUTH REPORTER - TANZANIA

**QUESTION:** "What are the effects of steam treatment to the human body?"

**RESPONSE:** There is no evidence that inhaling steam kills the virus. When we are infected with COVID-19 the virus is inside our cells and inhaling steam will not affect it. The virus can be killed on surfaces using very hot water

- at around 70 degrees Celsius, or hotter - as well as chemicals. But water and chemicals that are safe for surfaces are not safe for your body. Bringing hot water into close contact with your face and airways can cause burns and serious damage, so please do not try inhaling steam.

Source: [DigitalMedic - Stanford](https://www.digitalmedic.com)

#### YOUTH REPORTER - DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

**QUESTION:** "Is it true that COVID-19 is not going to disappear, and that we might have to get used to living with it as we do with AIDS or malaria?"

**RESPONSE:** There's a good chance that the new coronavirus will never go away. Even after a vaccine is discovered and distributed, the coronavirus will likely remain for decades to come, circulating around the world's population. Experts call such diseases endemic - stubbornly resisting efforts to stamp them out. Other diseases like this include

measles, HIV and chickenpox. But experts in epidemiology, disaster planning and vaccine development say embracing that reality is crucial to the next phase of the world's response to the pandemic. Eventually many experts believe coronavirus could become relatively benign, causing milder infections as our immune systems develop a memory of responses to it through previous infection or vaccination. There is no conclusive evidence at this point.

Source: [Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com)

#### MBUSO MASINGU (ALEX FM) - SOUTH AFRICA

**QUESTION:** "COVID-19 is affecting our economy, especially because the government has to help so many people financially. Does this mean that as a country we'll be deep in recession/debt post COVID-19?"

**RESPONSE:** The Department of Trade Industry and Competition Minister, Ebrahim Patel in an address to the Parliamentary Committee, stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a massive and rapid shock on the economy. It started globally and transmitted rapidly to South Africa and the rest of the African continent - with an impact especially on the demand and supply-side of the

economy. The minister made a point that it was too early to get a firm figure of the extent of the damage, with a range of projections by different economists who referred to the estimated lockdown costs being R13 million a day. Such a figure is based on an estimate of impact since the full extent of the cost would depend on a number of factors. Other factors to take into account need to consider that key sectors such as agriculture, food-processing, healthcare and parts of mining were working during lockdown.

Source: [Department of Trade, Industry and Competition](https://www.dti.gov.za)

#### NOKWANDA (INANDA FM) - SOUTH AFRICA

**QUESTION:** "If I were to get a health official on our show, seeing as people are aware of COVID-19, which other questions could we cover about the pandemic?"

**RESPONSE:** A health official could speak about many different topics related to COVID-19. Many people who have been exposed to the media have probably come to know the messages about 'Symptoms, Prevention and Treatment of COVID-19' very well. Other topics

that we would encourage you to ask a Health Official about, include questions on Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Health and Hygiene or even to verify health facts in order to dispel myths and misinformation about COVID-19. The COVID-19 radio productions guides as well as the weekly fact sheets are packed with ideas and information about how to explore a variety of COVID-19 related topics.

Source: [Children's Radio Foundation](https://www.childrensradiofoundation.org)