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Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 29 Jan. Source MOHCC



Cases in the last seven days 23 to 29 Jan. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 29 Jan. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	4,771
Harare	11,675
Manicaland	3,360
Mash Central	1,550
Mash East	2,344
Mash West	1,786
Midlands	2,180
Masvingo	2,078
Mat North	1,153
Mat South	2,055
Total	32,952

Zimbabwe renews level four national lockdown measures



On Friday 29 Jan, Acting President and Minister of Health and Child Care, Retired General Dr C.G.D.N Chiwenga announced the extension of the level four national lockdown measures by a further two (2) weeks to 15 February 2021.

Hon. Dr Chiwenga said that in relative terms and since the lockdown put in place on 5 Jan, the number of infections has been decreasing substantially. Equally, recovery rate has gone up from an all-time low of 54% to 75%.

During this week, new cases have been averaging about three hundred (300) per day, with deaths averaging twenty (20) per day.

The Acting President said, "Government will soon be bringing in vaccines against COVID-19. A roll out plan and deployment strategy is being finalized. The nation will be kept informed on all these developments." Advising the public to stay the course by upping vigilance, the Acting President appealed to the public to keep masking up, sanitize, maintain social distance, stay at home, and get tested and if positive, self-isolate.

Capacitating rural health facilities with rapid COVID-19 testing



This week, WHO supported in boosting national capacity to perform COVID-19 antigen RDT tests. WHO experts trained rural health facilities (Makombe, Chaswingo, Dite trained rura Chikwarakwara, Tsitulipasi, Chikwarakwara, and Masera) Tsitulipasi, Swereki, Zezani, nd Masera) in Beitbridge District on using antigen RDT as a diagnostic test for COVID-19.

High-performance antigen RDTs are the most flexible tests to deploy across settings to reduce COVID-19 transmission. The trainings enabled health workers in rural health facilities to use RDT as a diagnostic test,

collect samples for antigen testing, result interpretation, reporting of results and engagement of rapid response activities in case of positive cases.

"It is with much relief to have the antigen RDT testing platform especially this time when the country is experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases" Dr Nyafesa, General Medical Office in Rusape district hospital.

Services to survivors of gender-based violence during COVID19 lockdown



The joint European Union and UN Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls continues to ensure the continuation of essential services to survivors of gender based violence during the second lockdown in place since 5th January 2021.

to Spotlight Initiative continues The support Implementing Partners such as the Musasa Project in providing these essential services by supplying them with personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection

prevention and control (IPC) supplies including those areas that were affected by Tropical storm Eloise.

Currently, UNFPA has committed 3000 dignity kits provided through Spotlight Initiative to be distributed to the COVID-19 quarantine facilities and ports of entry.



Supplying handwashing stations to correction, prison services This week, IOM provided Beitbridge Prison Services with three hand washing stations for use by staff and inmates.

> COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures have been reported to be difficult to implement in prisons that are often overcrowded and have limited access to running water.

> IOM and its partners continue to support national and community level preparedness and response efforts for COVID-19 to stop the spread and to mitigate the impact of the pandemic.



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