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- South Africa acted swiftly and decisively to halt the spread of the virus while the epidemic was at an early stage
- If we had not imposed the lockdown, the number of cases would have increased rapidly and exponentially
- This spike in infections would have occurred before our health system was adequately prepared to respond, resulting in a significantly more deaths
- The lockdown allowed us to slow down the spread of the virus and gave us time to build the capacity of the health system

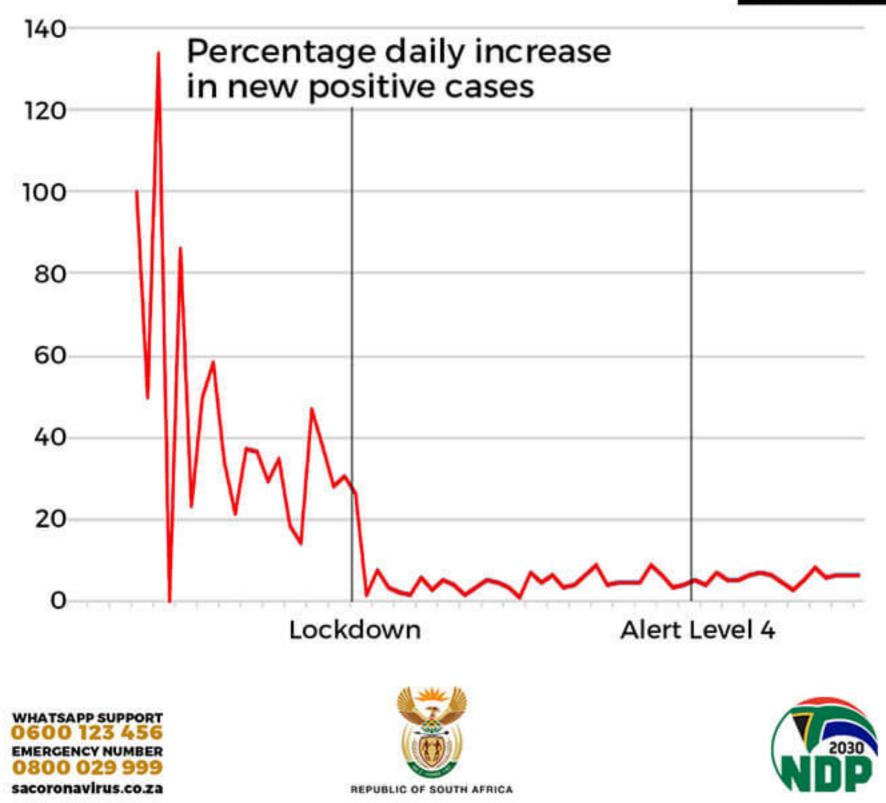






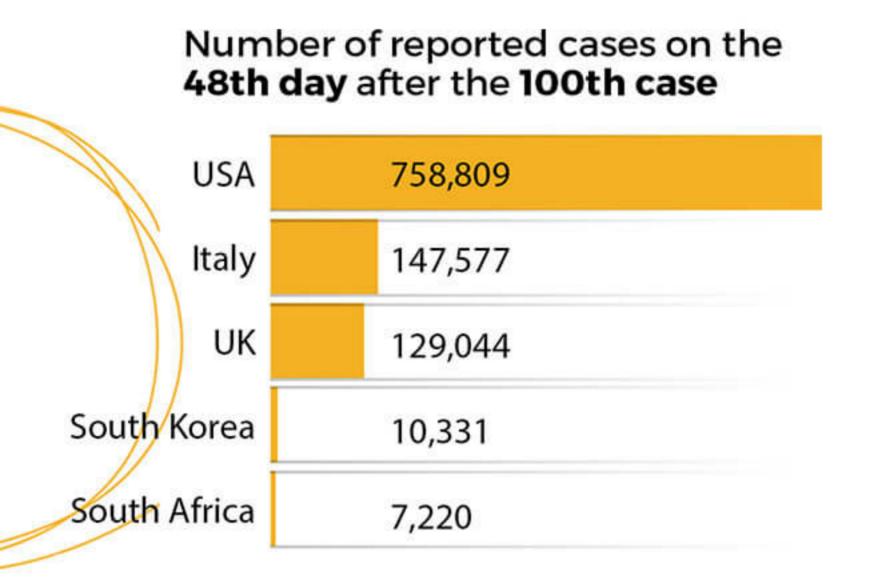
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We have built the capacity of our health system



- Daily testing has increased from below 4,000 tests per day to between 10,000 and 15,000 tests per day
- We have screened over 9 million people in communities across the country
- We have established 354 quarantine sites with over 25,000 beds
- We have conducted simulations and training in hospitals, and have procured medical supplies and personal protective equipment for healthcare workers







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Relief provided to businesses



- The Unemployment Insurance Fund has supported the wages of 2.4 million employees from over 220,000 companies in distress
- The UIF figures have been adjusted:
 2m employees, 160,000 companies, R11.6bn disbursed
- Direct assistance has been provided to over 5,000 small businesses through initiatives by the Department of Small Business Development, the Department of Tourism, the Industrial Development Corporation and South Africa Future Trust
- Over R70 billion has been provided in tax relief to businesses of all sizes







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The **Covid-19 Loan Guarantee Scheme** which was launched on 12 May, will provide an **additional R200 billion** in **relief funding** for businesses with a turnover below R300 million, who can apply directly through all major banks







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Support to vulnerable households



- Government will pay out an additional R5 billion per month to social grant recipients, on top of the R15 billion normally paid, to assist poor households
- The R350 Special COVID-19
 Grant for those who are unemployed and not receiving other forms of government support has opened for applications









A Differentiated Approach

The next phase in our response will focus on saving lives while protecting livelihoods.

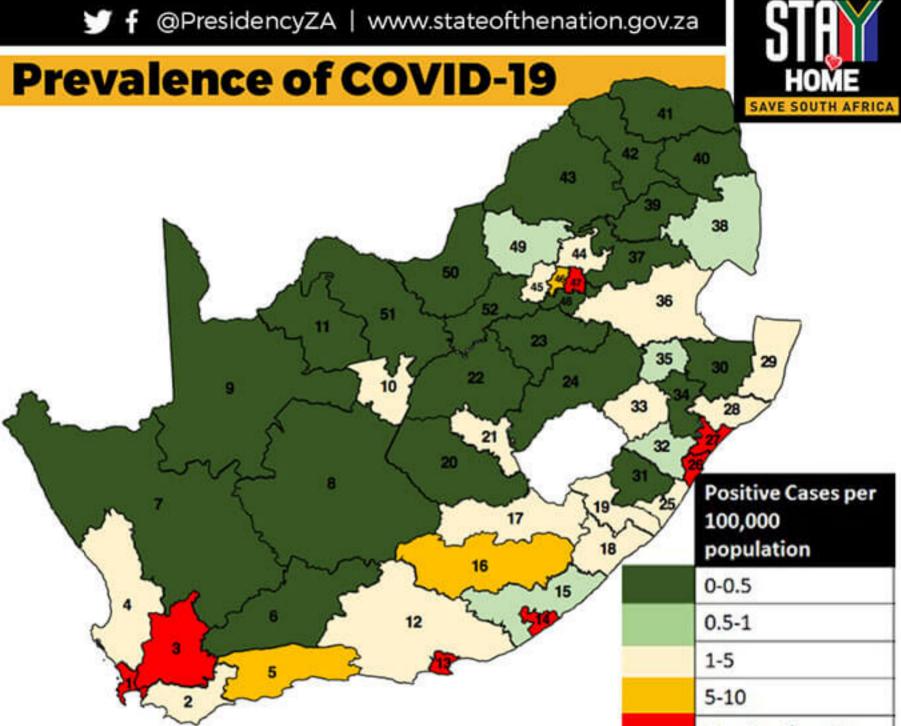


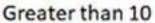
- A differentiated approach will allow economic activity to resume in many parts of the country, so that people can get back to work as quickly and safely as possible
- Some areas of the country, where the infection rate is low, will return to a lower alert level
- More stringent restrictions will apply in hotspot areas, where the infection rate is increasing





















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The alert level will be determined by the **rate of infection in each area** and the **capacity** of its health facilities.





