



COVID-19 UPDATE

25 June 2020



Status update

As at 25 June 2020

Total number of employees	423,678
Total number of people screened every day	272,770
Total number of tests	15,994
Total tests pending	714
Total positive cases	1,796
Active cases	1,124
Deaths	6
Recovered	666

Testing rates
by population

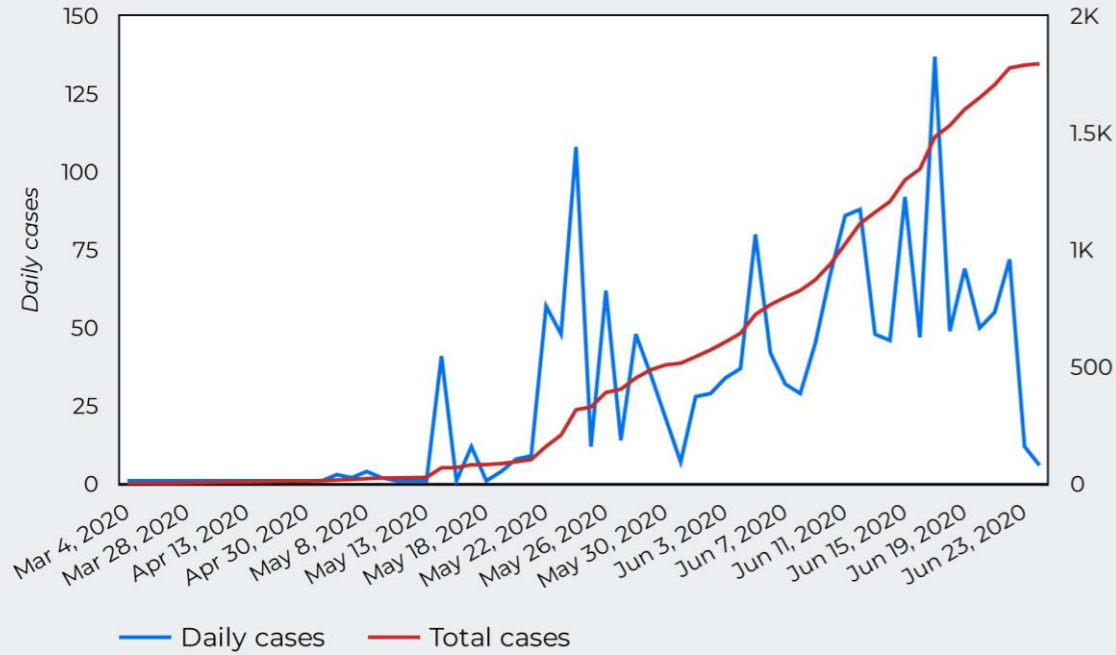
Global test rate
1.75%

RSA test rate
2.39%

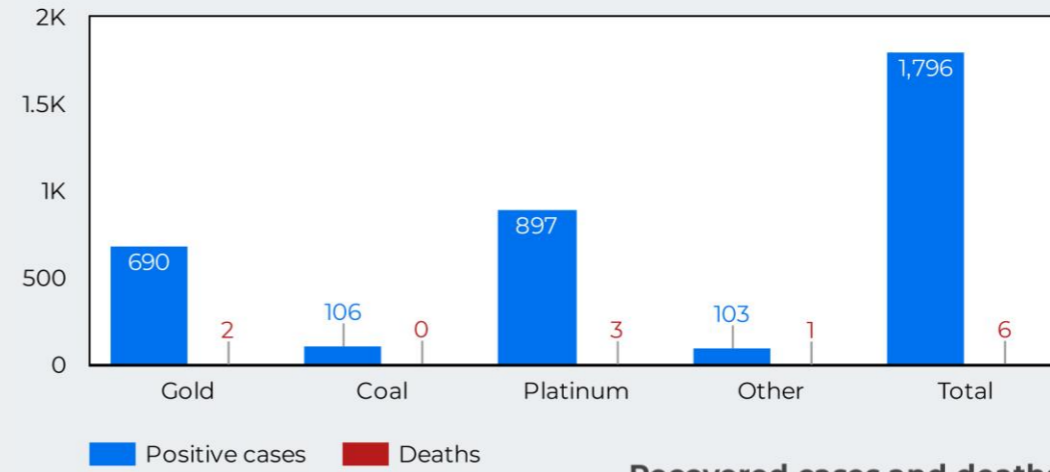
Mining test rate
3.78%

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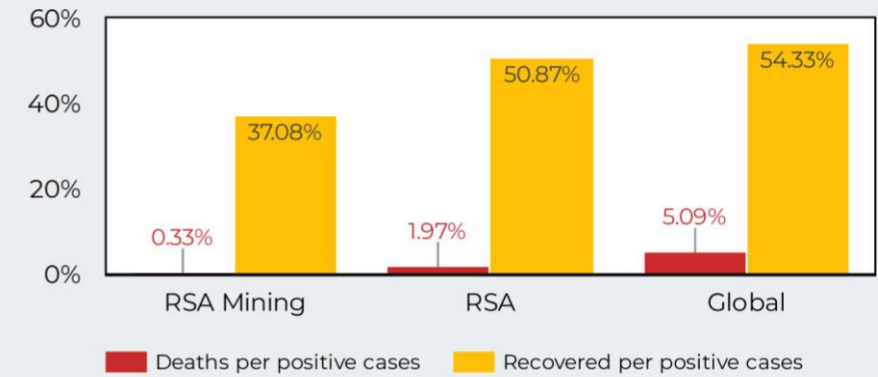
Daily and total cases diagnosed over time



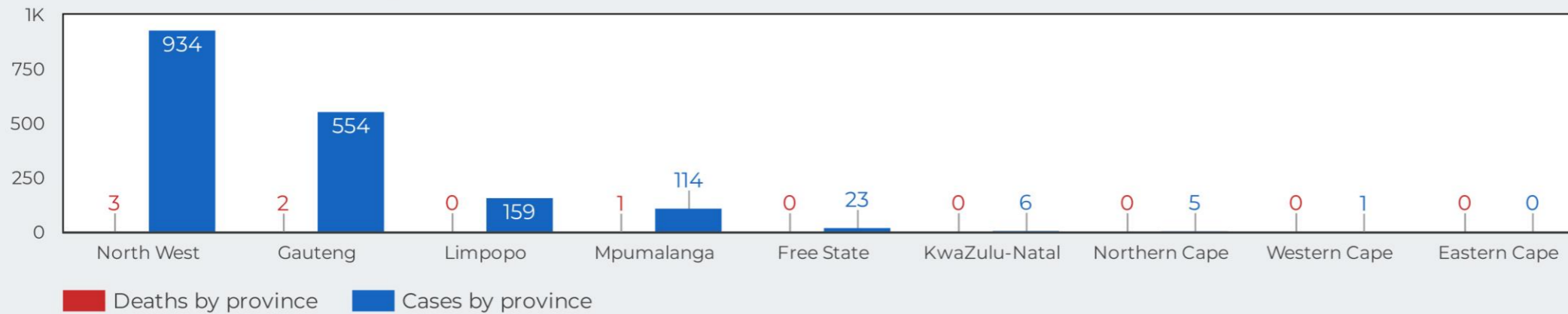
Cases and deaths per commodity



Recovered cases and deaths per positive cases

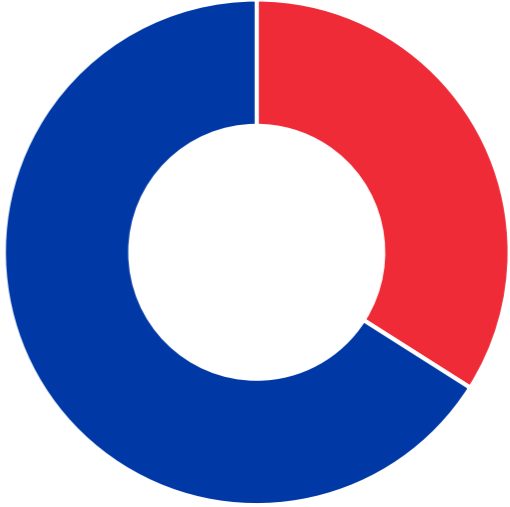
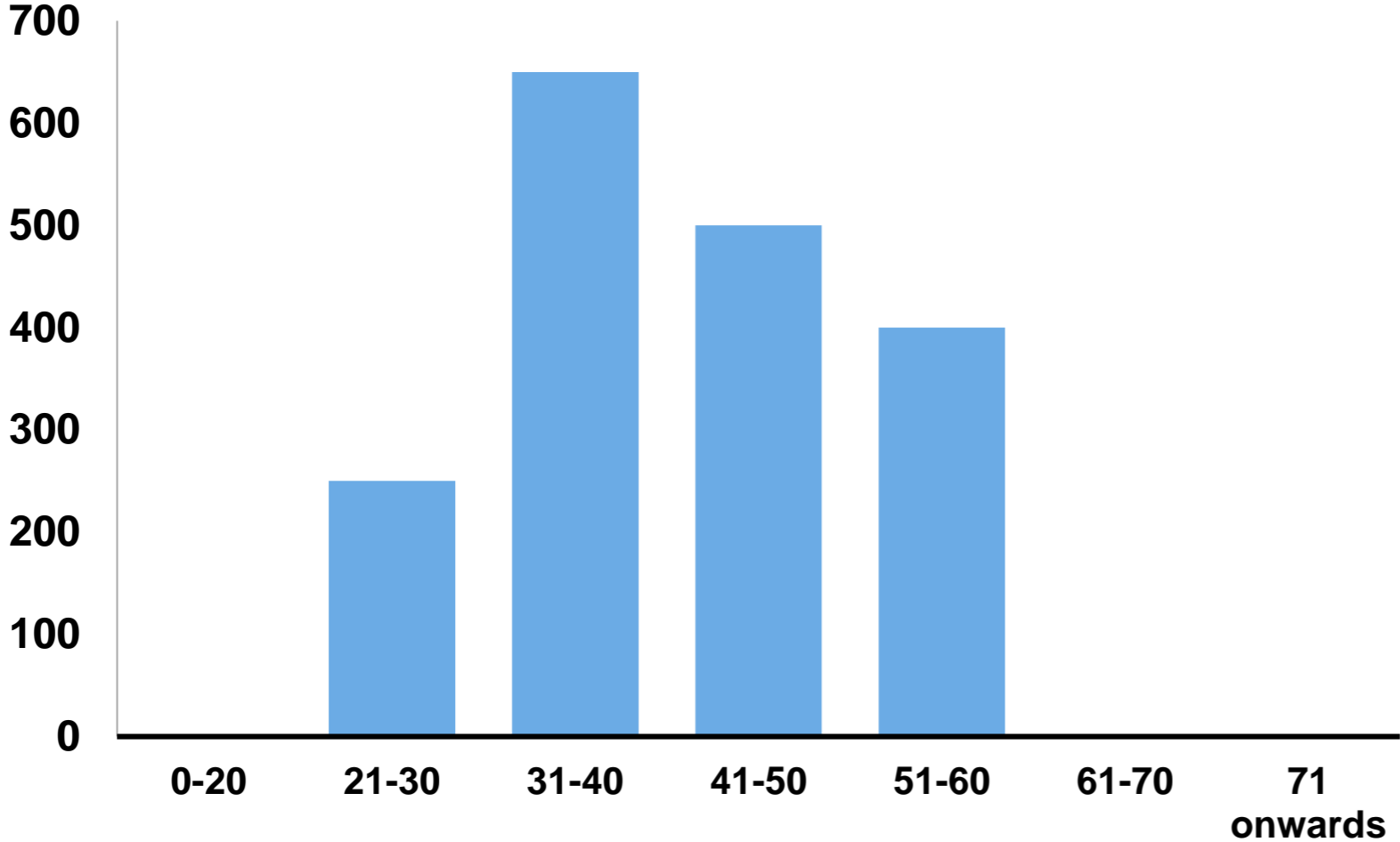


Cases and deaths per region to date



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Number of cases by age range



Symptomatic
34%*

Asymptomatic
66%*

*based on 62% of cases analysed

Testing initiative

SA mining - directly and under Minerals Council, seeking to increase COVID-19 testing capacity for companies and in support of country's overall testing imperative

Ideal response

- Identify all cases through testing with aim of isolating infected individuals and curbing transmission
- But, SA's COVID-19 testing capacity severely constrained by lack of availability of testing machines, testing kits and qualified staff
- Significant lag in processing of tests

Current situation

- Companies required to test employees that fail screening
- Risk-based approach encompasses additional testing for higher risk persons (e.g. healthcare workers, security), returning mineworkers, and when clusters of infection are identified
- Testing guided by NICD – minimum standard with which industry complies
- But exigencies in mining, and the very high level of asymptomatic cases, means there are very real reasons why mining industry should modify its protocols on a case by case basis

Initiative

- Number of mining companies taken initiative to procure and establish own testing capacity or access to increased testing capacity
- Minerals Council Board (29 April) - study on how industry could collaborate to secure greater testing capacity for industry and SA as a whole
- Companies may participate voluntarily and directly secure capacity
- Collaborate regionally
- Support for regional testing needs, esp regional public health facilities
- Also engaging with NHLS to understand and respond to specific needs in support of the country's testing imperative

About testing

- Minerals Council fully aware of testing capacity constraints
- Diagnostic testing only a component of holistic response to epidemic
- Approach premised on basis that it will add to, rather than deplete national testing reserves both by providing for the testing of its employees (who would otherwise have relied on constrained national capacity) and by adding to that capacity
- Minerals Council has engaged with leading experts to develop principles that underpin its approach to testing



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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