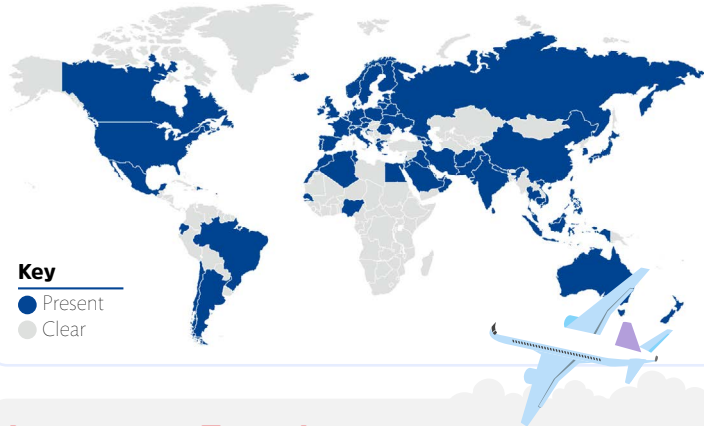


What is Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans.

In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19.

Outbreak Map



Impact on Travel

Travel restrictions imposed by companies across the globe in an effort to contain the spread of Coronavirus disease are severely affecting many service sectors as meetings, events and flights are cancelled.

South African Tourism is committed to working with all tourism industry stakeholders to prevent, mitigate and respond to the impact the spread of Coronavirus disease is having on our industry.

Prevention



Wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds



Handle meat and raw foods with care



Avoid people with respiratory infections



Cough/sneeze into your elbow

SA Tourism Key Position

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) presents SA Tourism with an unprecedented set of circumstances that are changing daily.

SA Tourism is in regular contact with partners and stakeholders as well as the relevant authorities in the travel and health sectors to monitor the situation as it unfolds and inform all stakeholders of any new developments.

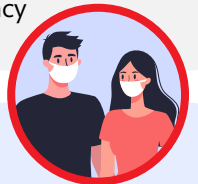
SA Tourism is working hard with players in the industry to create sustainable incentives to boost the domestic market and encourage South Africans to travel locally. SA Tourism is encouraging the tourism sector to co-ordinate and collaborate across the value chain to offer local travellers add-on packages and exclusive experiences.



Screening and Readiness

Government is currently implementing a formal, inter-sectoral plan to ensure our readiness in the event of a case of COVID-19.

With a national network of health facilities, the National Health Laboratory Services and the National Institute for Communicable Diseases have highly qualified staff who are able to perform diagnostic testing through their extensive sophisticated laboratory systems and emergency operations centre.



Frequently Asked Questions

How is SA Tourism updating the industry about the spread of the Coronavirus?

SA Tourism is making information available on various platforms to keep our stakeholders informed and offer advice to travellers.

What recommendations does SA Tourism have for travellers?

Anyone who develops symptoms of respiratory illness (cough, fever and shortness of breath) after recent travel to countries where the coronavirus is prevalent must seek medical care early and share their travel history with their healthcare providers.

PUBLIC HOTLINE

08:00 to 16:00 (weekdays)

0800 029 999

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