

INTELLIGENT RISK ALERT

IMPACT LEVEL

High

Update 40: South Africa - Virus 'Lassa' Reported, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic

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- South Africa identified an imported case of 'Lassa' fever, a hemorrhagic virus harbored by rats and transmitted to humans
- A man in the south-eastern province of KwaZulu-Natal who had traveled to Nigeria died due to the virus attack
- In 2007, the first case of 'Lassa' fever was diagnosed in South Africa
- Lassa fever is a viral infection that is endemic to the West African countries and mostly reported in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, and Nigeria
- Up to 300,000 cases of 'Lassa' fever, with about 5000 deaths, are recorded annually in the endemic countries
- Currently, there is no vaccine for 'Lassa' fever
- Along with this, the COVID-19 cases are also on the rise in the country
- Recently, South Africa reported around 10,000 new infections since January 2022
- According to the data provided by South Africa's National Institute for Communicable Diseases, 10,107 cases were reported with most of them showing signs of 'Omicron' sub-variants
- There is an indication of COVID-19 fifth wave in the country
- **Reported COVID-19 stats for South Africa:**
 1. Confirmed Cases: 3,879,434
 2. Deaths: 100,744 (2.6%)
 3. Recoveries: 3,702,416 (95.4%)
 4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 35,307,618
 5. Fully Vaccinated Population: 18,495,192 (31.5%)
- Supply Wisdom will continue to monitor and issue alerts for any relevant developments

Related Alerts and Alert Graphs are displayed on the following pages

Sources

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- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/south-africa/>
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High

TARGET(S) AFFECTED

Johannesburg - South Africa

RISK DOMAIN(S)

ESG

EVENT TYPE(S)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

GUIDANCE

Actions to Consider

- South Africa is the southernmost country in Africa, the country is the world's 23rd-most populous nation. The largest city is Johannesburg where most of the major South African companies and banks have their head offices. Be prepared for possible disruptions to businesses in the region due to the reported incident
- Determine if all management teams in impacted areas are current on all government-designated guidelines and restrictions and are aware of possible misdiagnosis due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Lassa virus outbreak concurrently
- Determine if third parties or captive units have in-house health professionals to detect sickness and quarantine suspected disease carriers spotted within the business premises, if any
- Third parties or captive units are advised to educate employees and conduct workshops to help increase awareness about the diseases and its preventive measures
- Advised to be aware of the compounding health risks and

consequent impact on businesses due to increasing cases of COVID-19 and Lassa virus

- Consider implementing suggested government and company-approved actions related to the current COVID-19 situation. The latest updated information is available at (<https://www.health.gov.za/>)

Related Alerts

- High Apr 28, 2022
 Update 39: South Africa - COVID-19 Pandemic - New Wave Likely Amid Surge in Cases
- High Apr 13, 2022
 Update 38: South Africa - COVID-19 Sub-Lineages 'BA.4' and 'BA.5' Identified
- Low Apr 05, 2022
 Update 37: South Africa - COVID -19 Restrictions Eased Effective April 5, 2022
- Low Mar 23, 2022
 Update 36: South Africa - COVID-19 Restrictions for Inbound Travelers Eased
- Low Jan 03, 2022
 Update 35: South Africa - Night Curfew Lifted as Country Recorded Dip in New Cases
- Low Dec 18, 2021
 Update 34: South Africa - COVID-19 Travel Ban Eased by Canada Effective December 18, 2021
- Moderate Dec 17, 2021
 Update 33: South Africa - COVID-19 Infections - Highest Daily Cases Reported
- High Nov 26, 2021
 Update 32: South Africa - New COVID-19 Variant 'B.1.1.529' Detected
- Moderate Sep 13, 2021
 Update 31: South Africa - Eases Lockdown Restrictons Effective September 13, 2021 Amid Decline in COVID-19 Cases
- High Aug 30, 2021
 Update 30: South Africa - Detects New COVID-19 Variant 'C.1.2'
- Moderate Jul 27, 2021
 Update 29: South Africa - Eases Certain COVID-19 Restrictions as Country Recorded Dip in New Cases
- Moderate Jul 12, 2021
 Update 28: South Africa - Extends Restrictions for Another Two Weeks Amid Surge in Delta COVID-19 Variant Infections
- Moderate Jun 29, 2021
 Update 27: South Africa - Tightens Restrictions Amid Surge in Delta COVID-19 Infections
- Moderate Jun 16, 2021
 Update 26: South Africa - Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Surge in Infections and Hospitalizations
- Moderate Jun 11, 2021
 Update 25: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until July 15, 2021; Enters Third Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic

Related Alerts Cont.

- Moderate** May 31, 2021
Update 24: South Africa - Extends Night Curfew, Limits Gatherings Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases
- High** May 28, 2021
Update 23: South Africa - Reports 1,649,977 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Government Warns of Third Wave of COVID-19 Infection
- High** May 14, 2021
Update 22: KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa - Reports Eight New Cases of Indian COVID-19 Variant
- High** May 09, 2021
Update 21: South Africa - Reports First Four Cases of COVID-19 Indian Variant
- Moderate** Feb 14, 2021
Update 20: South Africa - Government Decides to Reopen 20 Land Borders Effective February 15, 2021 amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- High** Feb 12, 2021
Update 19: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until March 15, 2021 in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- High** Jan 13, 2021
Update 18: South Africa - Reports 1,259,748 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total; Announces Closure of Land Borders Until February 15, 2021 to Curb the Spread of Infection
- High** Dec 22, 2020
Update 17: South Africa - Reports 930,711 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Announces a New Variant of COVID-19 Virus
- Moderate** Dec 15, 2020
Update 16: South Africa - Reports 866,127 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Tightens Restrictions as COVID-19 Infections Rise
- High** Dec 10, 2020
Update 15: South Africa - Reports 6,079 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Enters Second Wave of COVID-19 Infection
- Moderate** Dec 04, 2020
Update 14: South Africa - Reports 4,173 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 hours, Announces Stricter Lockdown for Nelson Mandela Bay
- Moderate** Nov 12, 2020
Update 13: South Africa - President Extends State of Emergency Until December 15, 2020; Eases Travel Restrictions
- Moderate** Oct 29, 2020
Update 12: South Africa - Government Plans to Freeze Public Sector Wages as COVID-19 Crisis Impacts Economy; Expects Economy to Shrink by 7.8% in 2020
- Moderate** Sep 18, 2020
Update 11: South Africa - Further Eases COVID-19 Restrictions; Allows International Travel Starting October 01, 2020
- High** Sep 08, 2020
Update 10: South Africa - Recession Deepens as Economy Contracts by 51% in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- High** Aug 16, 2020
Update 9: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until September 15, 2020; Eases Restrictions as Outbreak Reaches Peak
- Moderate** Jul 13, 2020
Update 8: South Africa - Reimposes Night Curfew Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases
- High** Jul 01, 2020
Update 7: South Africa - Recession Deepens as GDP Declines by 2% in Q1 2020

Related Alerts Cont.

Moderate Jun 30, 2020

Update 6: South Africa - Further Eases Restrictions on Domestic Air Travel Despite Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Moderate Jun 28, 2020

Update 5: South Africa - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 7,210 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 131,800

Moderate Jun 24, 2020

Update 4: South Africa - Q1 2020 Unemployment Rate Increases to 30.1%

Moderate Jun 21, 2020

Update 3: South Africa - Records ~5,000 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling ~93,000

Moderate Jun 12, 2020

Update 2: South Africa - Plans to Reopen Tourism Industry Starting September 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Moderate Jun 06, 2020

Update 1: South Africa - Records 2,642 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 43,434

High Jun 02, 2020

South Africa - Partially Lifts COVID-19 Lockdown to Aid Economy

Related Alerts Impact Level Trend

This graph represents the impact level trend of Related Alerts published over the period of time from the first alert published to the most recent alert.

Alert Impact Level

■ Critical

■ High

■ Moderate

■ Low

■ Info

First Alert

Most Recent Alerts

Alerts by Event Type - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

This graph represents the number of **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)** alerts for **Johannesburg - South Africa** - as compared to the overall monitoring portfolio over the period of time from the first alert published to the most recent alert.

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Impact Level Definitions

Impact Level	Definition
Critical	Anticipated disruption intensity is critical, and occurrence is imminent - Supply Wisdom recommends considering immediate review and action.
High	Anticipated disruption intensity is high and/or disruption is likely to occur within 3 months - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a heightened state of readiness to take quick action and confirm response plans/protocols.
Moderate	Anticipated disruption intensity is moderate and/or likely to occur within 3 to 6 months - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being prepared to take proactive action if and when situation deteriorates further.
Low	Anticipated disruption intensity is low and/or may occur after 6 months - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve in approved timeframe.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a current risk element associated with it.