

# INTELLIGENT RISK ALERT

## IMPACT LEVEL

Moderate

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### Update 41: South Africa - COVID-19 'Omicron' Sub-Variants 'BA.4' and 'BA.5' - Surge in Cases Reported

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- South Africa has reported a sudden increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations associated with 'Omicron's BA.4 and BA.5' variants
- New cases have increased from an average of 300 per day in April 2022 to about 8,000 per day in May 2022
- There are no reports of severe cases and deaths found
- Cases of COVID-19 are rising as South Africa is entering the coldest winter months in the Southern Hemisphere and experiencing an increase in influenza cases
- 'BA.4' and 'BA.5' variants of 'Omicron' is likely the original strain of 'Omicron' found in South Africa and Botswana in 2021
- **Reported COVID-19 stats for South Africa:**
  - Confirmed Cases: 3,887,449
  - Deaths: 100,753 (2.6%)
  - Recoveries: 3,708,347 (95.4%)
  - Vaccine Doses Administered: 35,370,563
  - Fully Vaccinated Population: 18,517,880 (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

- <https://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2022/may/14/south-africa-experiences-surge-of-covid-cases-fromomicron-variants-ba4-and-ba5-2453546.html>
- <https://www.africanews.com/2022/05/14/south-africa-fears-new-surge-driven-by-variants/>
- <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/south-africa-in-new-surge-of-covid-19-from-versions-of-omicron-variant/article65414166.ece?homepage=true>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/south-africa/>
- <https://news.google.com/covid19/map?hl=en-IN&gl=IN&ceid=IN%3Aen&state=6&mid=%2Fm%2F0h1z>

## TARGET(S) AFFECTED

Johannesburg - Port Elizabeth - 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. Port Elizabeth is a major seaport in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa. The economy is primarily oriented toward automotive assembly, manufacturing, and export industries. Be prepared for possible disruptions to businesses in the regions due to the reported incident
- 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** May 14, 2022  
[Update 40: South Africa - Virus 'Lassa' Reported, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- 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](#)

## Related Alerts Cont.

- Moderate** Jun 11, 2021  
 Update 25: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until July 15, 2021; Enters Third Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic
- 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

## Related Alerts Cont.

**High** Jul 01, 2020

Update 7: South Africa - Recession Deepens as GDP Declines by 2% in Q1 2020

**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 - Port Elizabeth - 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	<b>Anticipated disruption intensity is critical, and occurrence is imminent</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering immediate review and action.
High	<b>Anticipated disruption intensity is high and/or disruption is likely to occur within 3 months</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a heightened state of readiness to take quick action and confirm response plans/protocols.
Moderate	<b>Anticipated disruption intensity is moderate and/or likely to occur within 3 to 6 months</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being prepared to take proactive action if and when situation deteriorates further.
Low	<b>Anticipated disruption intensity is low and/or may occur after 6 months</b> - 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.