

**Media Release: Update on the coronavirus and vaccine rollout by Premier Alan Winde**  
**24 March 2021**

As of 1pm on 24 March, the Western Cape has 2206 active Covid-19 infections with a total of 278 917 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 265 285 recoveries. A total of 33 290 out of the 44 040 vaccines received to date as part of the Sisonke trial, had been administered by 5pm on 23 March.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases	278 917
Total recoveries	265 285
Vaccines administered	33 290
Total deaths	latest data delayed (11 426 as at 23/03)
Total active cases (currently infected patients)	2206
Tests conducted	1408294
Hospitalisations	889 with 181 in ICU or highcare

Additional data is available on the Western Cape Covid-19 data dashboard which also features active cases per sub-district, active cases per 100 000 and 7-day moving averages. Access the data dashboard here: <https://coronavirus.westerncape.gov.za/covid-19-dashboard>

Due to a slight delay updating the Covid-19 dashboard today, there may be some differences in the data reflected in this release, and on the dashboard due to a difference in the time at which the data was accessed.

**TB- the clock is ticking:**

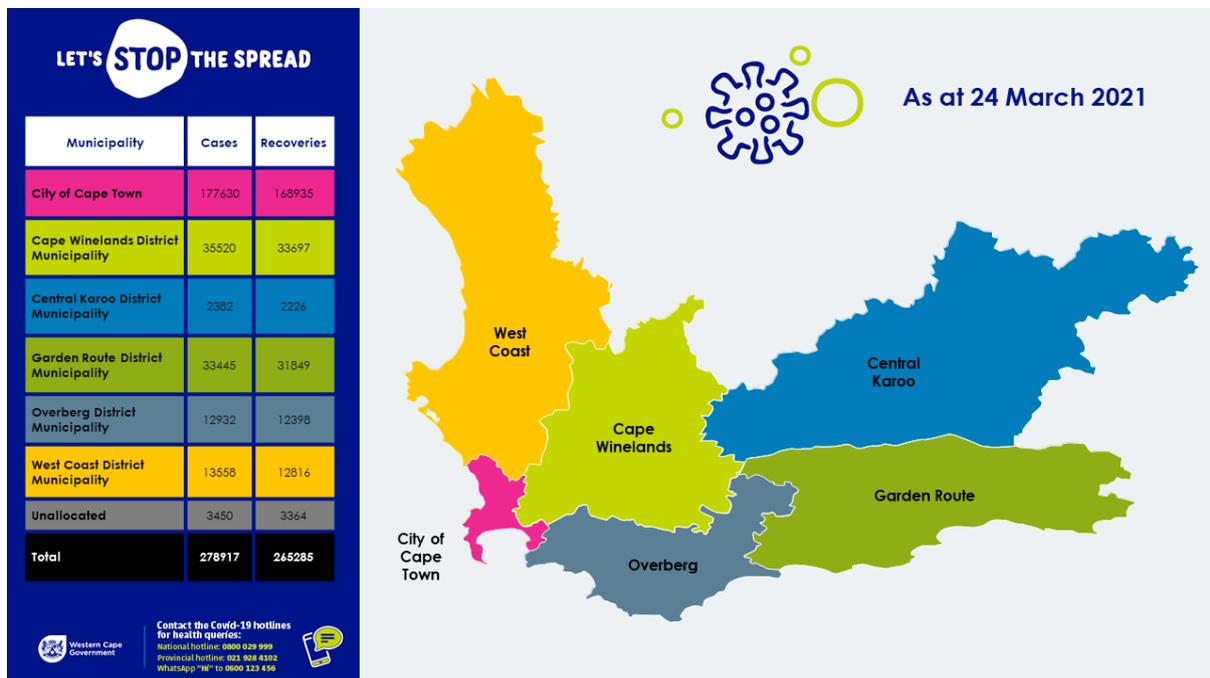
Today, we marked World TB Day under the theme, the clock is ticking. Earlier today, Minister of Health, Nomafrench Mbombo and I, attended an event at the Brooklyn Chest Hospital in Cape Town, where we committed to working with our partners in civil society and the private sector to develop an urgent, targeted and data-driven response to TB. We have secured R80 million in funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to drive this response over the next three years. Full details are available here: <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/news/wcg-and-partners-developing-emergency-response-tb-r80mn-funding-secured>

At the event, Minister Mbombo and I also had the opportunity to be screened for TB and underwent a quick and easy chest x-ray in a mobile clinic which has been

screening people for TB at Brooklyn Chest hospital since 1 March. This unit will further aid in helping us to detect and treat TB in communities and has been made possible through a partnership with TBHIV Care and the Global Fund.

To create further awareness of TB, we are lighting up the Western Cape Provincial Legislature building (see pictures attached) in red until tomorrow night as a reminder that we need to fight TB with the same determination with which we have fought Covid-19.

TB screening and testing has declined over the past year and we must work hard to ensure that we prevent, find and treat TB in order to save lives. If you have symptoms which include a cough, fever, unexplained weight loss or night sweats, visit your nearest clinic for testing. If you have been on treatment for TB and defaulted, for your health, and the health of those around you, you should visit a healthcare facility for further advice and treatment.



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Municipality	Cases	Recoveries
City of Cape Town	177630	148835
Cape Winelands District Munic.	35520	33497
Breede Valley	8827	8353
Drakenstein	11090	10528
Langeberg	4228	4016
Stellenbosch	6401	6099
Witzenberg	4974	4701
Central Karoo District Munic.	2382	2226
Beaufort West	1862	1738
Laingsburg	266	247
Prince Albert	254	241
Garden Route District Munic.	33445	31849
Bitou	2729	2615
George	11830	11266
Hessequa	1936	1824
Kannaland	878	828
Knysna	4785	4612
Mossel Bay	7340	7097
Oudtshoorn	3947	3607
Overberg District Municipality	12932	12398
Cape Agulhas	1642	1538
Overstrand	4935	4768
Swellendam	1719	1650
Theewaterskloof	4636	4442
West Coast District Municipality	13558	12816
Bergervier	2075	1926
Cederberg	880	826
Matzikama	2048	1947
Saldanha Bay	3960	3742
Swartland	4595	4375



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Sub-districts	Cases	Recoveries
Western	28252	27200
Southern	28818	27516
Kliffontein	16869	15724
Mitchells Plain	17005	16033
Tygerberg	29041	27597
Khayelitsha	12082	11414
Eastern	26153	24771
Northern	19410	18680



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