

BRIEF TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DEEP

WEEKLY UPDATE – Week of 10 to 14 August 2020



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LET'S TALK

Positive cases are coming down

Coronavirus

Together we can protect ourselves and those we care about



Colleagues

Remembering Marikana

This week marks the eighth anniversary of the loss of 44 lives at Marikana. We honour and remember all who died and who were affected by this tragic event in our industry's history. We commit to doing our part with organised labour to maintain sound industrial relations so this can never happen again.

Fewer positive COVID-19 cases

We are very encouraged by the continuing decline in the trend of positive COVID-19 cases across the country. Of the 568,919 COVID-19 cases recorded to date in South Africa, over 430,000 individuals have recovered. That's 76%! At South Deep, 63% of the people who tested positive are already recovered and are back at work. This confirms that our hygiene and social distancing practices and extensive communication are having a positive effect. As we celebrate this positive news we need to remember not to let our guard down and to maintain the discipline.

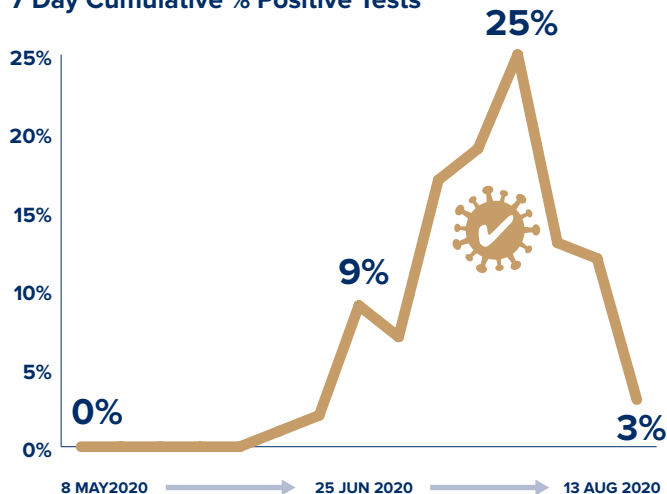
Recognising World Mask Week

South Deep's discipline of mask-wearing was clearly shown in the many photo entries we received for our competition where we invited you to share how you are leading the way at work, at home and in your community by wearing your masks consistently and correctly. This was a great way to acknowledge World Mask Week, which ran from 7 to 14 August. We will be announcing the ten winners of the vouchers shortly. Take a look at our South Deep Facebook page to see all the colleagues who sent in their entries. You have until close of business today to send yours.

Testing update

The graph below shows how the tide is turning, and the positive cases across our four testing categories begin to decline.

7 Day Cumulative % Positive Tests



You will also have noticed that we have been implementing a second round of testing. One test does not necessarily mean you will not contract the virus and the rationale behind the ongoing testing is to ensure we identify positive people early so we can care for them and reduce the potential risk of exposure to others. As we go along and when approved we will look at starting the anti-viral testing which will allow us to see who has become immune to the Coronavirus and would therefore not need to be tested for a period of time.

We are looking forward to when lockdown restrictions can be eased further, and all business sectors can return to full operation, while we all continue to proceed with caution.

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