

DCS Media Update
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The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) has recorded two recoveries from Covid-19 cases, one in East London, Eastern Cape, and one in Kutama Sinthumule, Limpopo.

The recoveries follows intensified efforts by DCS in implementing its Covid-19 Disaster Management Strategy where more officials and inmates are screened and tested.

However, three (3) new confirmed COVID-19 cases of officials were recorded, bringing the total number of cases in DCS to 114 thus far.

The Western Cape has additional two cases, taking it to 22 officials, whilst Gauteng recorded its first positive case of an official at Johannesburg Management Area.

Therefore, the total breakdown is as follows:-

Eastern Cape
Officials - 31
Inmates - 56 (stagnated)

Western Cape
Officials - 22
Inmates - 1

Limpopo
Officials - 2
Inmates - 0

Gauteng
Officials - 1
Inmates - 0

Head Office
Officials - 1

Prevention measures for officials are being flagged as the numbers continue to increase, hence a comprehensive care response to all positive cases remains pivotal.

Ends.

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