DCS Media Update  
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Mass screening and testing across correctional centres is progressing well and the heightened conscious level has been an added advantage in the fight against the spread of Covid-19.   
  
This assists in preventing large outbreaks of COVID-19 infections across our centres as this disease can manifest itself as a mild respiratory illness and begin gradually. As a result, prevention measures remain fundamental in this regard.   
  
As part of its self-sustainability model, the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is utilizing internal production means to manufacture fabric/cloth face masks. The face masks production line through our workshops across the country has thus far produced a total of 19 676 masks which are distributed across all centres.  
  
New positive cases for COVID-19 increased by three (3) officials, taking Correctional Services to a total of 141 cases.  
  
The total breakdown is as follows:-   
  
Eastern Cape - 91   
Officials - 35  
Inmates - 56   
One recovery   
  
Western Cape – 37  
Officials - 36  
Inmates – 1  
One Death under investigation  
  
Limpopo - 2  
Officials - 2  
Inmates - 0  
One recovery   
  
Gauteng - 10  
Officials - 3  
Inmates - 7  
  
Head Office  
Officials – 1  
One recovery   
  
The breakdown of new cases  
Modderbee - 2, Warmbokkeveld - 1  
  
Ends.  
  
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