



Introduction

COVID-19: What are the responsibilities of the employer?

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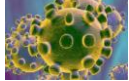
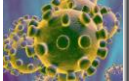






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15 April 2021

COVID-19 Timeline in South Africa

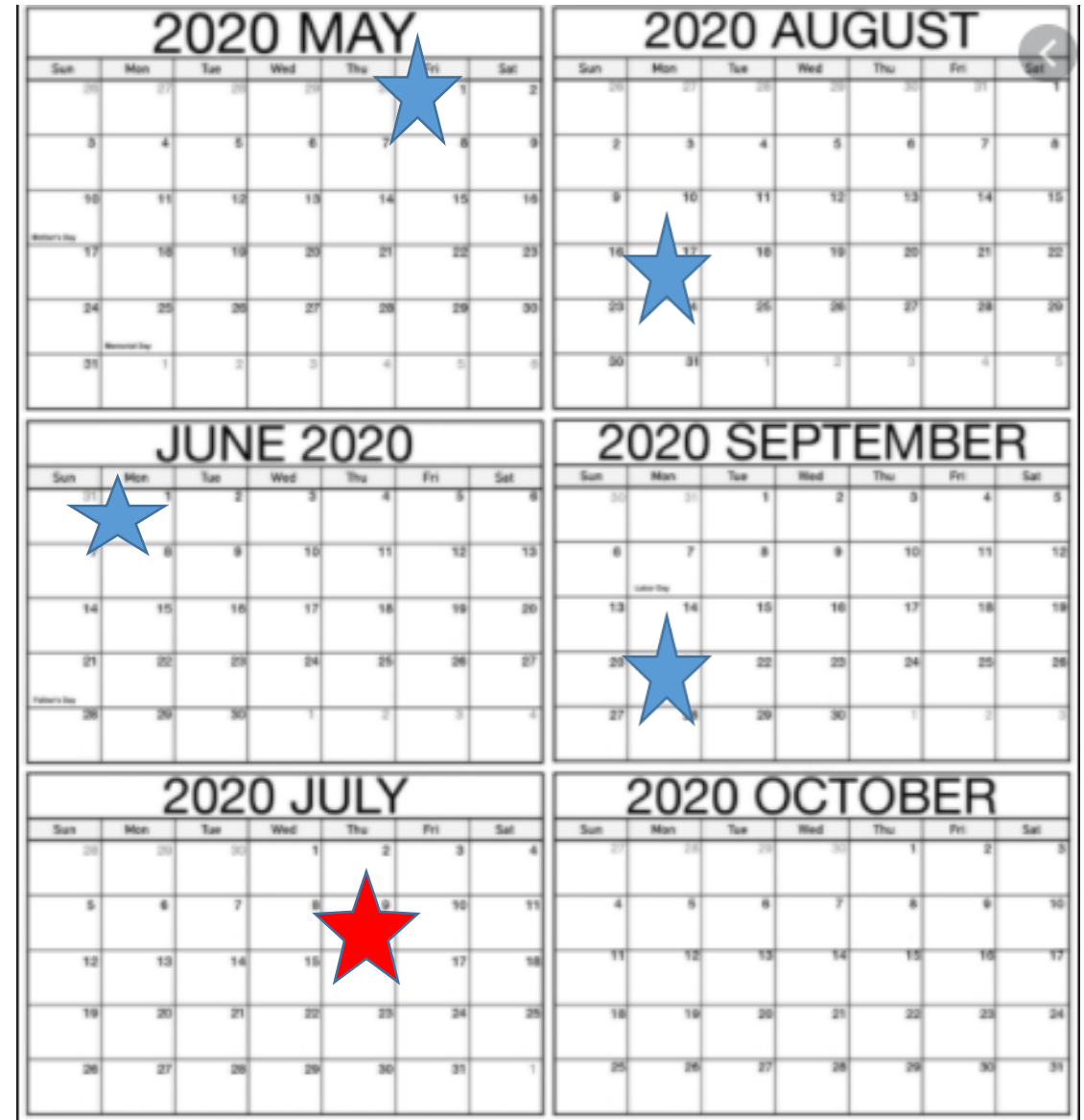
- 1 March 2020 - South African tour group returns from Italy;
- 5 March 2020 - First confirmed COVID-19 case in SA announced. A 38 year old man tested positive in KZN;
- 7 March 2020 - Second confirmed case in SA (39 Year old Female from Gauteng);
- 11 March 2020 - 6 new cases reported in SA (1 case from the same travel group from Italy but 5 other cases without a travel history to other European countries);
 - WHO confirms global COVID-19 pandemic;
- 14 March 2020 - Western Cape reports teenager tested positive (first case < 18 years in SA; All cases were > 30 years);
- 15 March 2020 - President declares a national state of disaster (travel restrictions imposed and closure of schools);
- 17 March 2020 - First confirmed local transmission cases were announced by government;
- 23 March 2020 – President announces Lockdown – level 5 starting 27 March 2020 for 21 days – until 16 April 2020;
 - Only essential services and businesses to continue
 - No alcohol or cigarette sales permitted
 - Citizens may not travel or attend any form of gatherings
- 27 March 2020 – First COVID-19 death reported in SA;

March 2020

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29	30	31	1353 Confirmed COVID-19 positive cases			

COVID-19 Timeline in South Africa

- 1 May 2020 - Gradual easing of lock down restrictions to alert level 4;
- 1 June 2020 - National restrictions were lowered to alert level 3;
 - Total number of confirmed cases 151 209 and 2657 deaths;
 - More than 1 million COVID tests performed;
- 9 July 2020 – The highest number of confirmed infections in one day was recorded 13 674;
- 17 August 2020 - Restrictions lowered to alert level 2;
- 21 September 2020 - Restrictions lowered to alert level 1;
 - Total confirmed cases 672 572 and 16 667 deaths;



COVID-19 Timeline in South Africa

December 2020

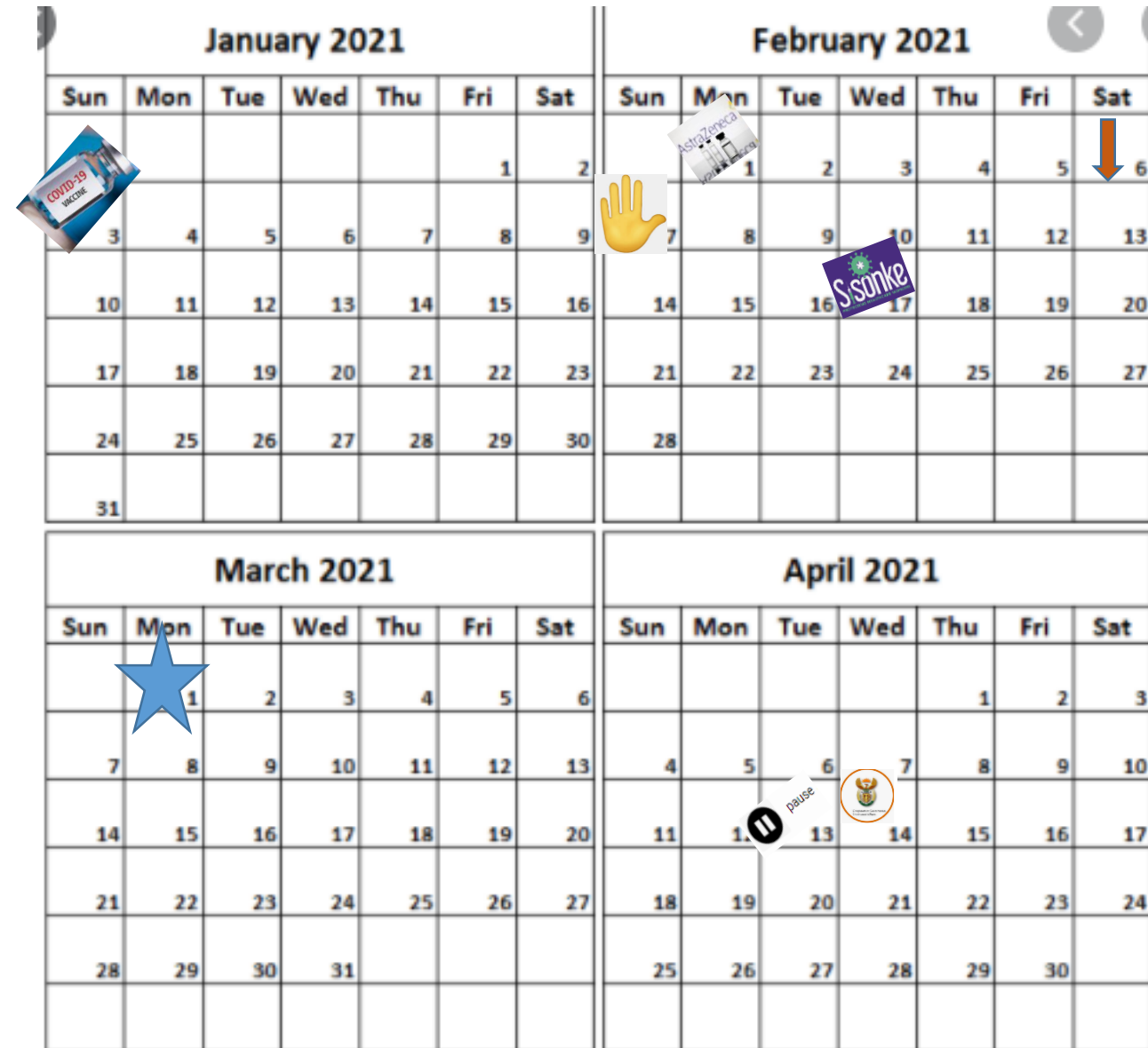
- 9 December 2020 - Minister of Health announces that SA has entered the second wave;
- 18 December 2020 - Minister of Health announces the discovery of a new variant of coronavirus (501Y.V2);
- 27 December 2020 - Number of confirmed cases in SA reaches 1 million;
- 29 December 2020 - Lockdown was tightened from adjusted level 1 to an adjusted level 3;

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1 Million confirmed positive cases

COVID-19 Timeline in South Africa

- 3 January 2021 - Minister of Health reveals SA COVID-19 vaccine strategy (aiming for 67% of the country's population to be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity);
- 1 February 2021 – First batch of Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines (AZD1222) arrive in SA;
- 6 February 2021 - Reports emerge that provisional trial data of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine show reduced efficacy to the 501Y.V2 strain;
- 7 February 2021 – Minister of Health suspends the rollout of approximately 1 million doses of Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines in SA;
- 17 February 2021- National COVID-19 vaccination strategy was started through the Sisonke Program using the Johnson and Johnson (JnJ) vaccine (Ad26.COV2S);
- 1 March 2021 - Easing of restrictions from adjusted level 3 to adjusted level 1;
 - Confirmed cases 1 548 157 / deaths 52 846;
- 13 April 2021 - SA National COVID Vaccination (Sisonke program) has been temporarily suspended as a precautionary measure to allow for further investigation, following concerns raised in the US of a rare side effect (reported in 6 cases from the approximately 6.8 million persons vaccinated with the JnJ vaccine);
- 13 April 2021 – Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs has extended the national state of disaster to the 15 May 2021.





COVID-19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA

				
10 216 114	1 561 559	1 486 873	53 498	1 599
TESTS CONDUCTED	POSITIVE CASES IDENTIFIED	TOTAL RECOVERIES	TOTAL DEATHS	NEW CASES

WEDNESDAY
14
APRIL
2021

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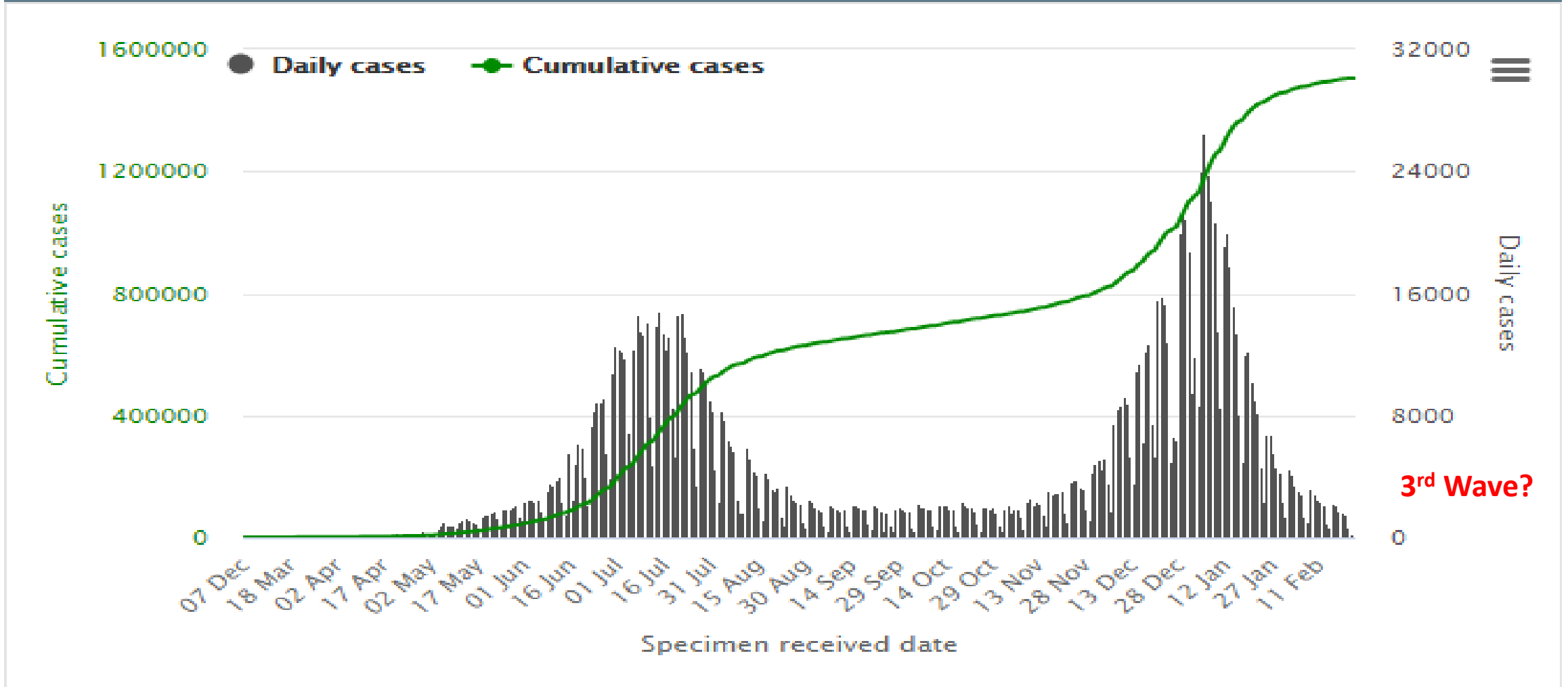
UNALLOCATED
CONFIRMED CASES: 00

DAILY DEATHS
75

RECOVERY RATE
95%

 **VACCINES ADMINISTERED**
292 623

Epidemic curve by day



Epidemic curve by day (7-day moving average)



GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR

CONSOLIDATED DIRECTIONS ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES IN CERTAIN WORKPLACES 2020

No. R. _____

DIRECTION ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(10) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002: MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN CERTAIN WORKPLACES IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

I, Thembelani Waltermade Nxesi, the Minister of Employment and Labour, in terms of Regulation 4(10) of the Regulations, as published under Government Notice No. R.480 of 28 April 2020 and amended by Regulations published under Government Notices No. R.608 of 28 May 2020, R.714 of 25 June 2020, R.783 of 12 July, R.846 of 31 July 2020, R.891 of 17 August 2020, R.999 of 18 September 2020 and R.1011 of 20 September 2020 in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), hereby issue the Consolidated Directions on Occupational Health and Safety in certain workplaces as set out in the Schedule.

MR TW NXESI, MP
 MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR
 DATE: 28/09/2020



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