


# Summary of alert levels

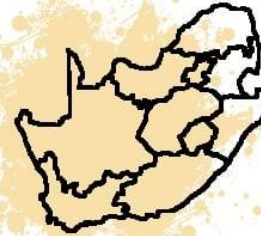
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 <b>OBJECTIVE</b>				
<p>Drastic measures to contain the spread of the virus and save lives.</p>	<p>Extreme precautions to limit community transmission and outbreaks, while allowing some activity to resume.</p>	<p>Restrictions on many activities, including at workplaces and socially, to address a high risk of transmission.</p>	<p>Physical distancing and restrictions on leisure and social activities to prevent a resurgence of the virus.</p>	<p>Most normal activity can resume, with precautions and health guidelines followed at all times.</p> <p>Population prepared for an increase in alert levels if necessary.</p>



# How the alert system works



The **level of alert** at any given time will be decided based on the **rate of transmission**, as well as the capacity of the health system to provide care to those infected.



Different **parts of the country** may be at **different levels** simultaneously.



It is possible to **move up and down levels**, as well as to skip levels if necessary.



**Essential goods and services will continue** to be available at all levels.



Some precautions will **remain in place at all levels**, including **social distancing** guidelines and **safe hygiene** practices.

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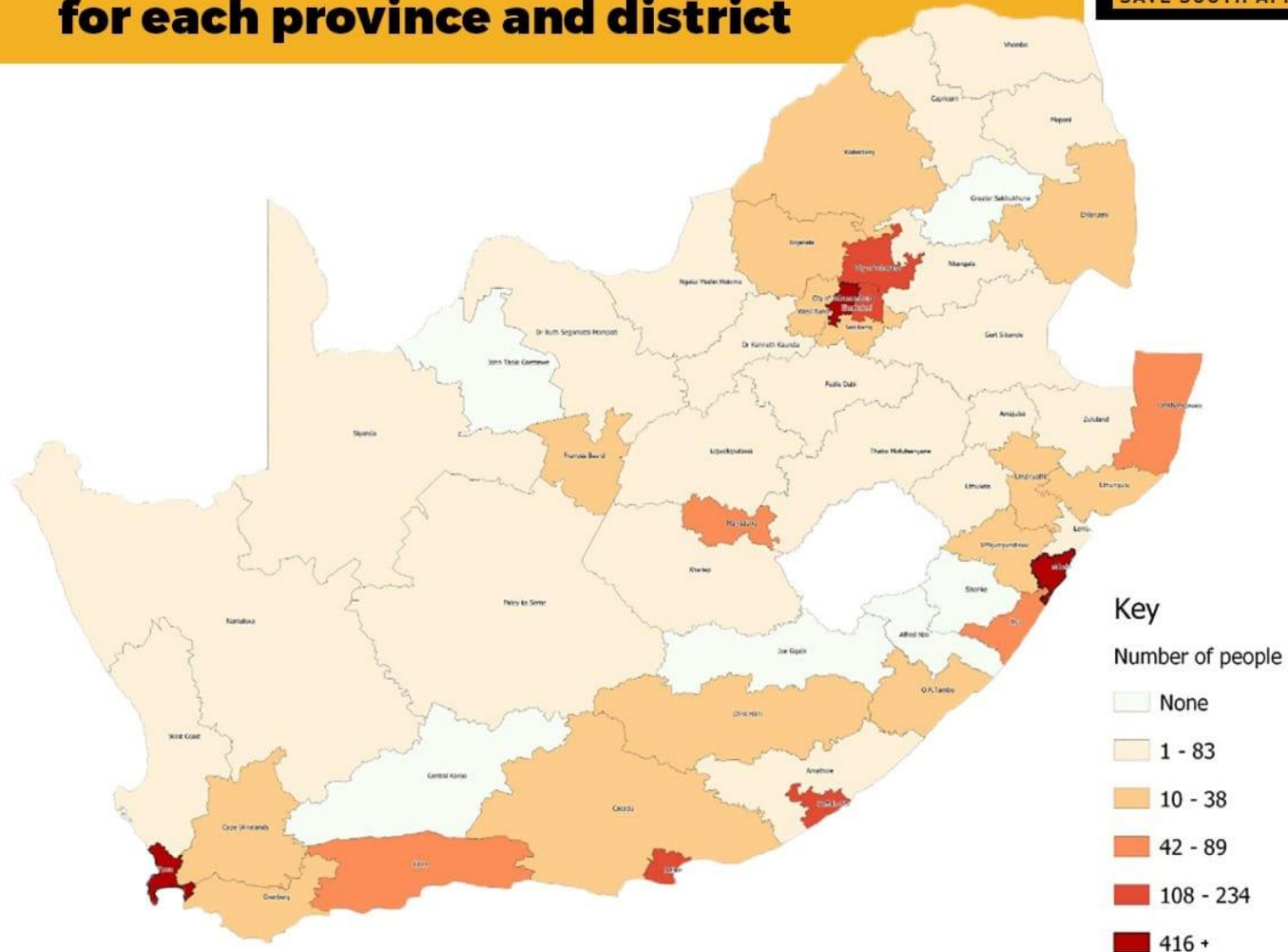
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# Alert levels will be determined for each province and district



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## The following restrictions will remain in place



Bars and shebeens



Conference and convention centres



Entertainment venues, including cinemas, theatres, and concerts



Sporting events



Religious, cultural and social gatherings