

# Overview of the Garden Route Outbreak

19/11/2020



## Provincial Resurgence Overview

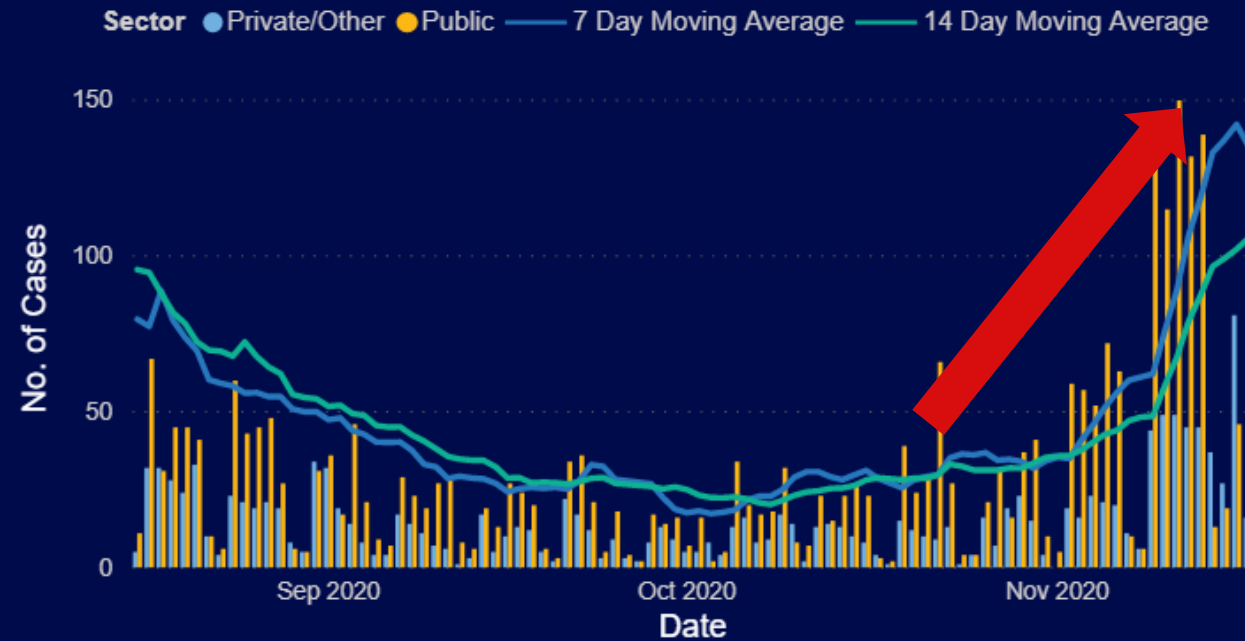
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### Key Indicators for the Garden Route District

- Consistent increase in cases seen in the Garden Route district over the last 4 weeks

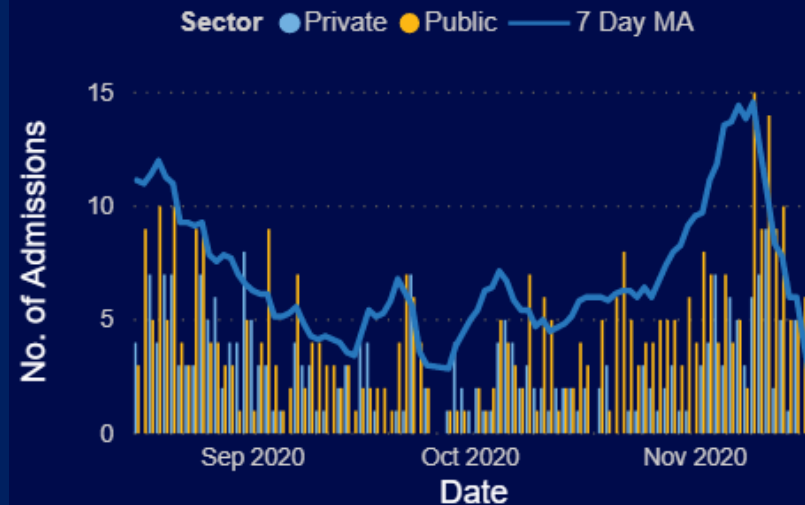
No. of Cases, 7 Day Moving Average and 14 Day Moving Average by Date and Sector



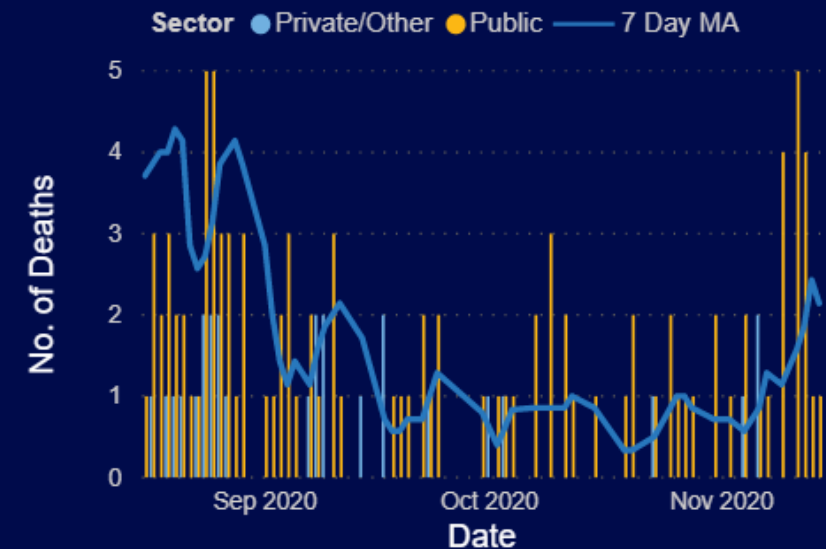
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No. of Admissions and 7 Day MA by Date and Sector



No. of Deaths and 7 Day MA by Date and Sector



Admissions have started to consistently increase over the last 2 weeks. Deaths are showing early signs of increase in the Garden Route.



# Resurgence Monitor by Town and Suburb

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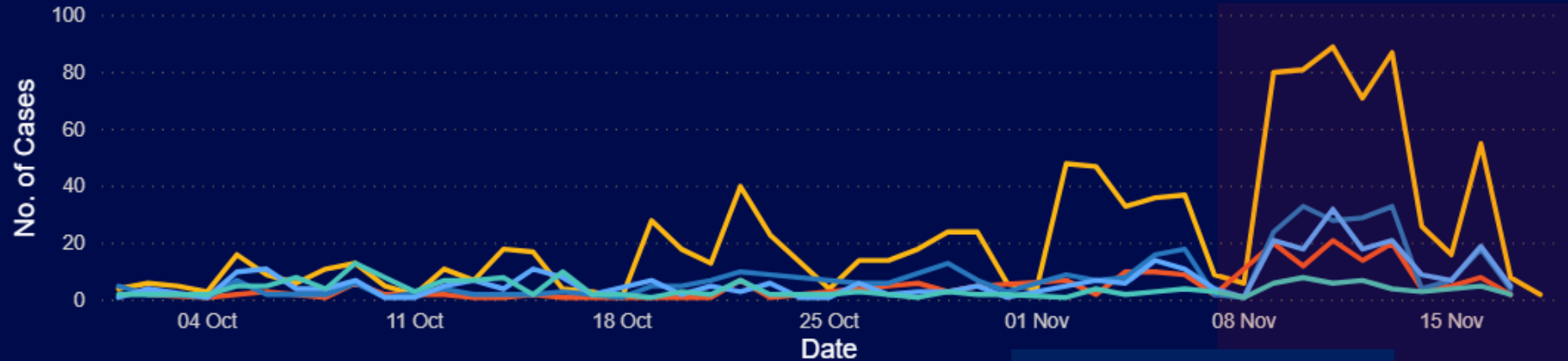
## Overview of the Garden Route Towns and Suburbs contributing to the outbreak

### Top 10 Towns with COVID Cases

Town	No. of Cases
George	1102
Knysna	347
Mossel Bay	327
Plettenberg Bay	204
Oudtshoorn	181
KWANOKUTHULA	68
Groot Brakrivier	52
Krantshoek	39
RIVERSDALE	39
SEDFIELD	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>2394</b>

### Top 5 Towns with COVID Cases by Date

Town ● George ● Knysna ● Mossel Bay ● Oudtshoorn ● Plettenberg Bay



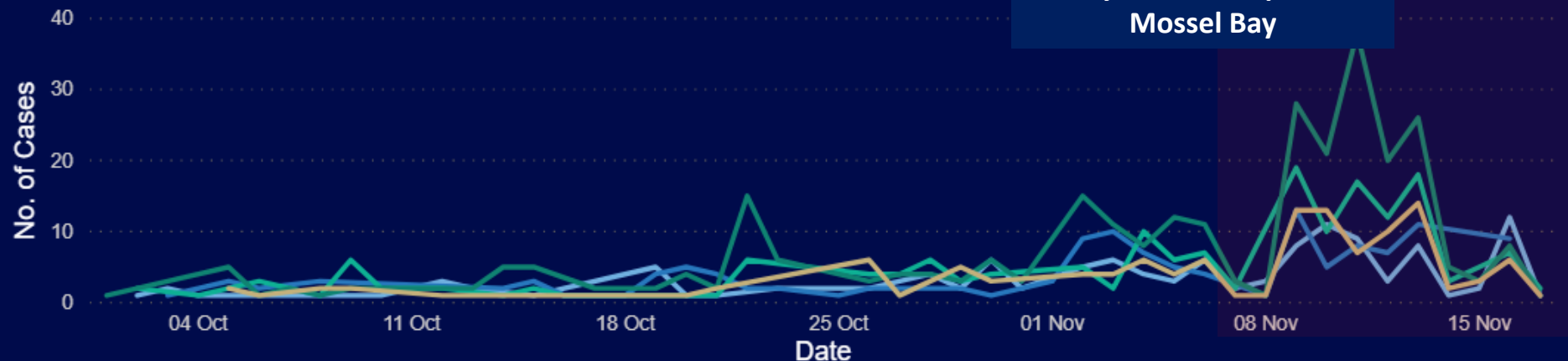
Increase in cases in George, Knysna, Thembalethu, Plettenberg Bay, Pacaltsdorp and Mossel Bay

### Top 10 Suburbs with COVID Cases

Suburb	No. of Cases
Thembalethu	293
Plettenberg Bay	178
PACALTS DORP	135
GEORGE	126
Knysna	123
Mossel Bay	99
PARKDENE	97
Village On Sea	86
Oudtshoorn	80
Conville	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>1291</b>

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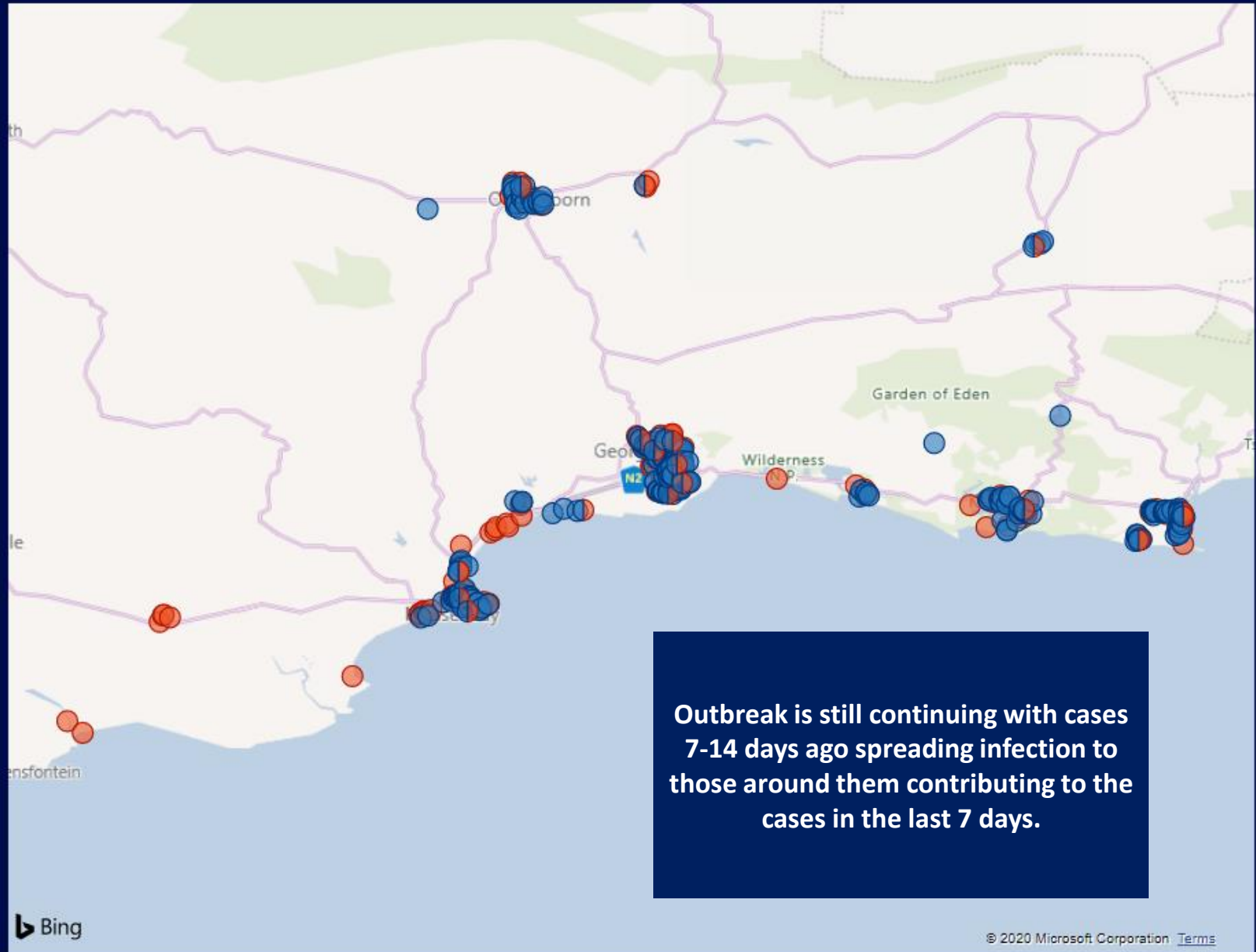
# Resurgence Monitor by Geographic Region

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## Recent Cases by Time Period

Recent Category ● <7 days ago ● 7-14 days ago

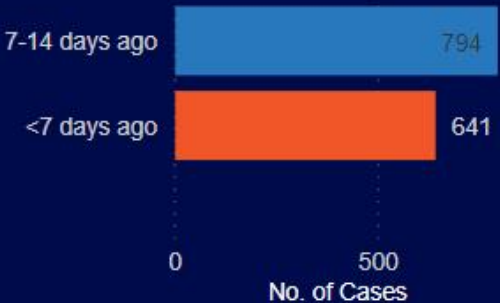


Outbreak is still continuing with cases 7-14 days ago spreading infection to those around them contributing to the cases in the last 7 days.

## Select District, Subdistrict:

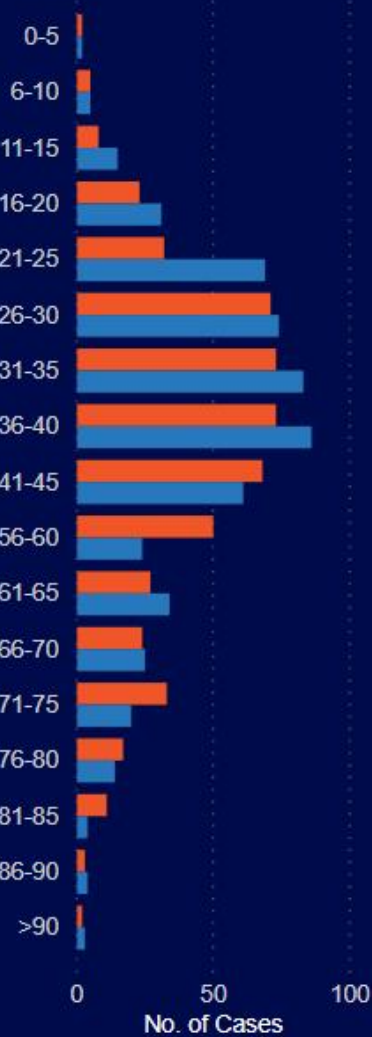
- ✓ ☐ Cape Winelands
- ✓ ☐ Central Karoo
- ✓ ☐ City of Cape Town
- ✓ ☒ Garden Route
  - ✓ ☒ Bitou
  - ✓ ☒ George
  - ✓ ☒ Hessequa
  - ✓ ☒ Kannaland
  - ✓ ☒ Knysna
  - ✓ ☒ Mossel Bay
  - ✓ ☒ Oudtshoorn
- ✓ ☐ Overberg
- ✓ ☐ West Coast

## No. of Cases by Recent Category



## No. of Cases by Age and Recent Category

● <7 days ago ● 7-14 days ago





Over the last 3 weeks we see high positive proportions from almost all Garden Route subdistricts

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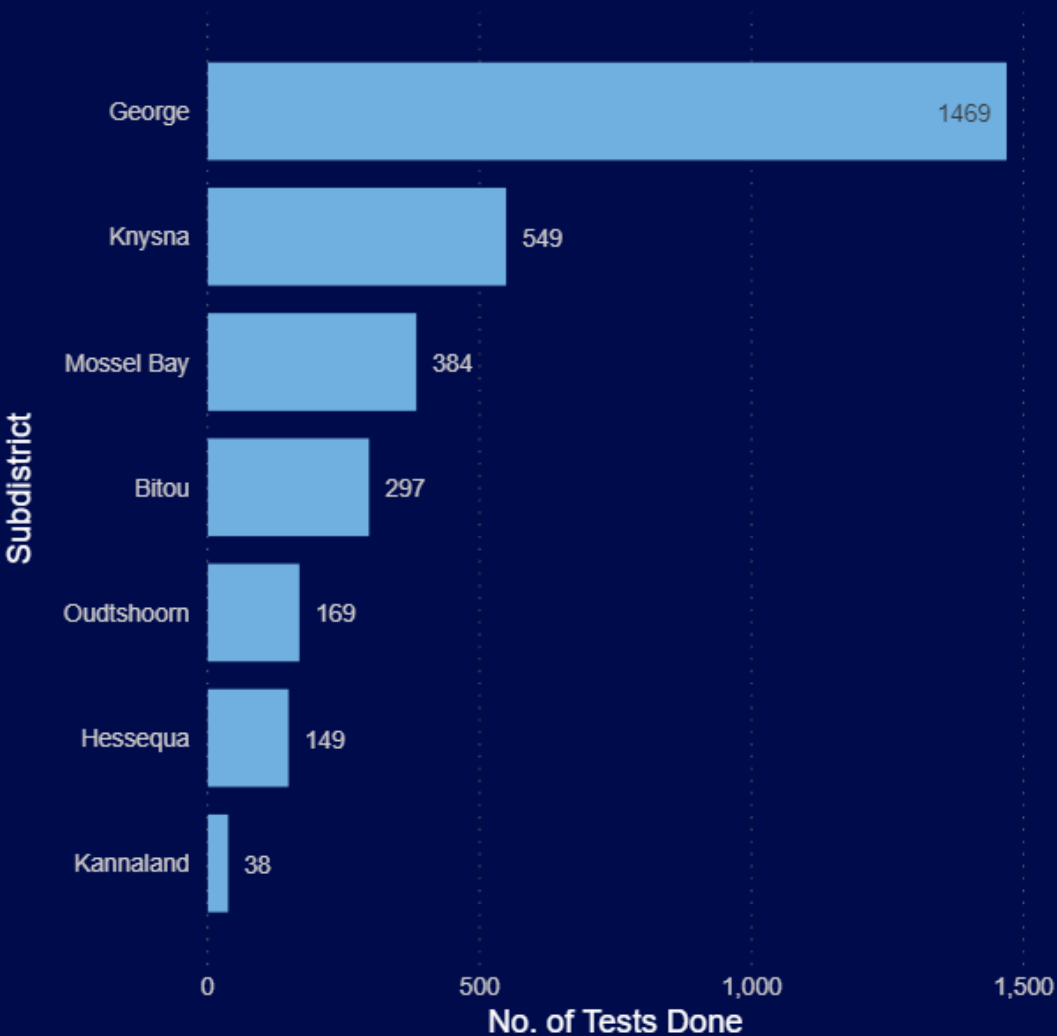
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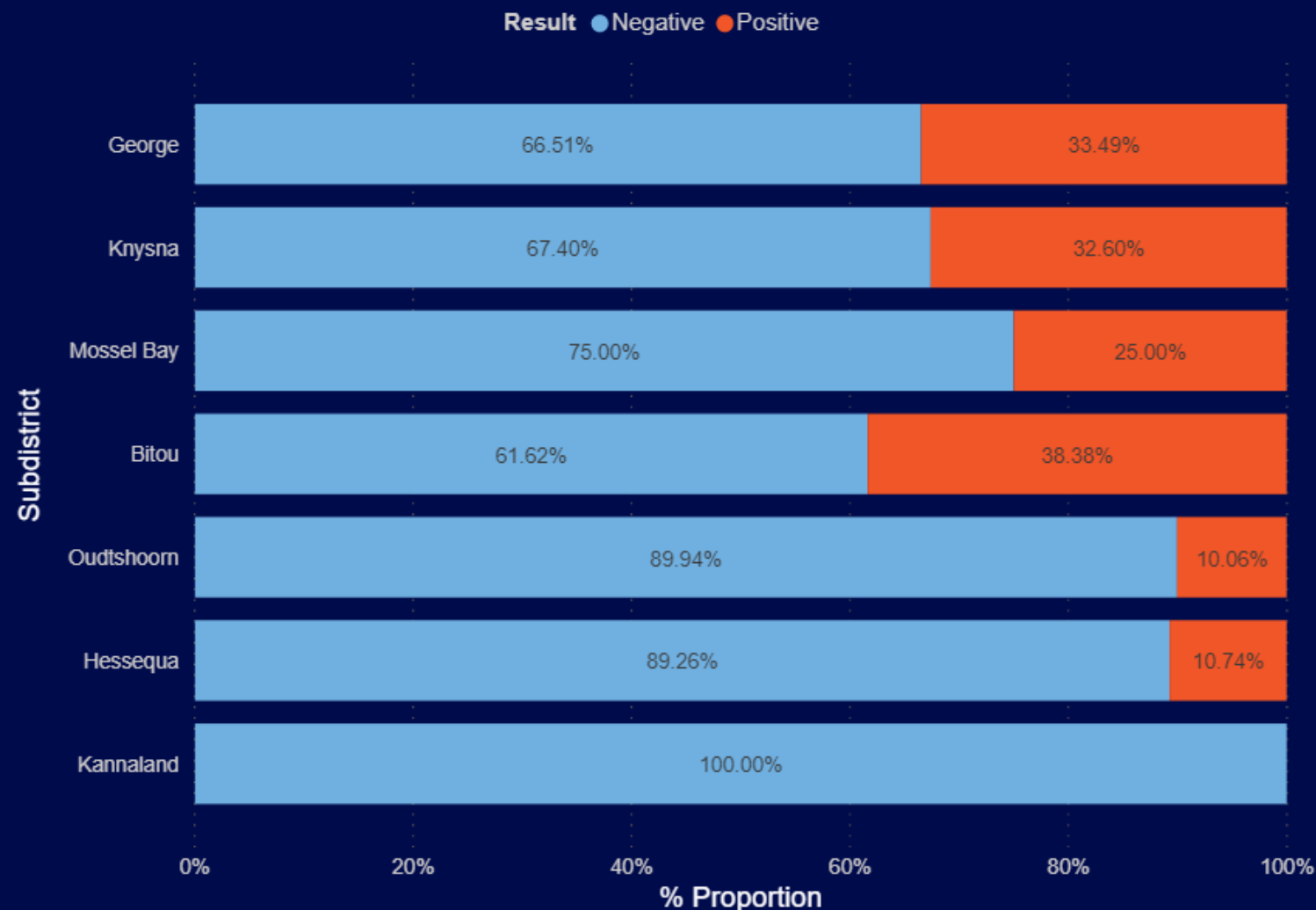
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## Lab Testing by Subdistrict

No. of Tests Done by Subdistrict (Public Sector only)



% Proportion Positive by Subdistrict (Public Sector only)



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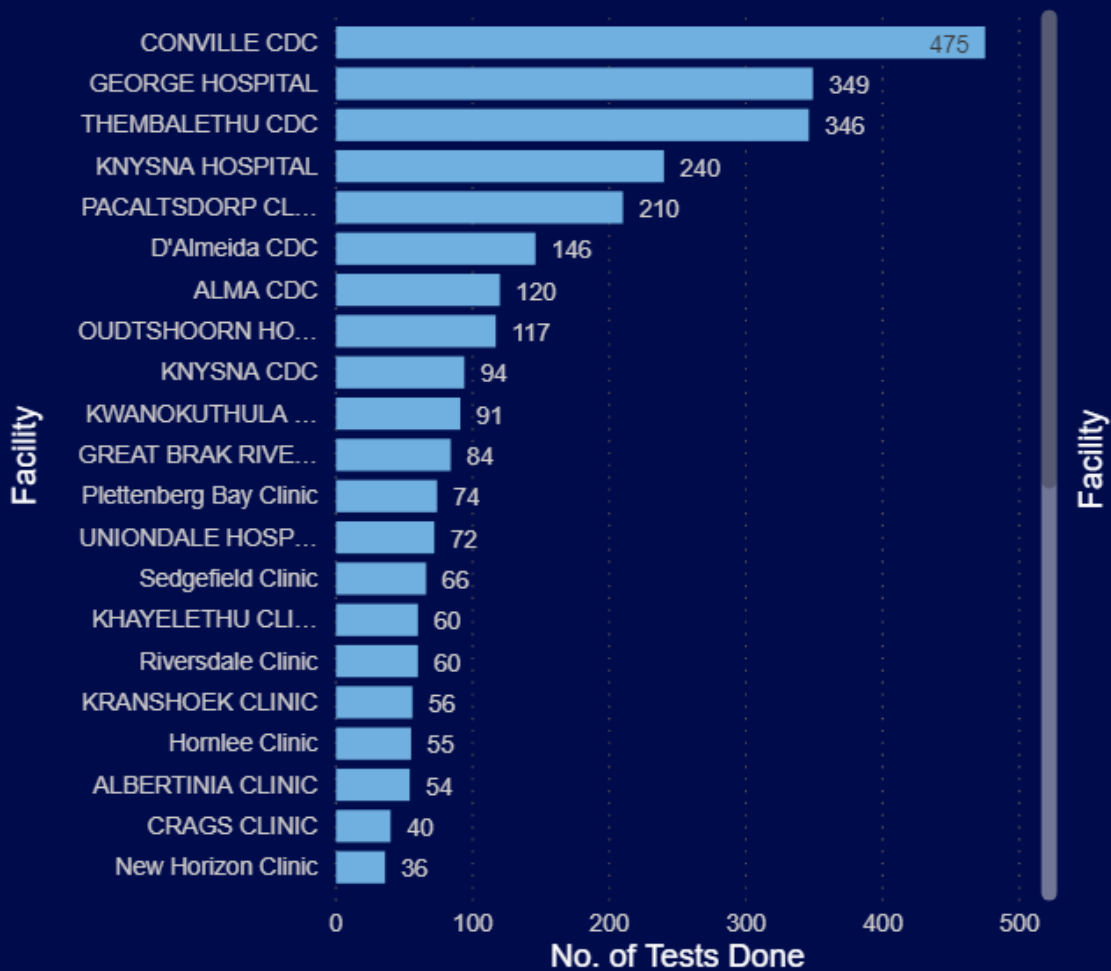
## Lab Testing by Facility

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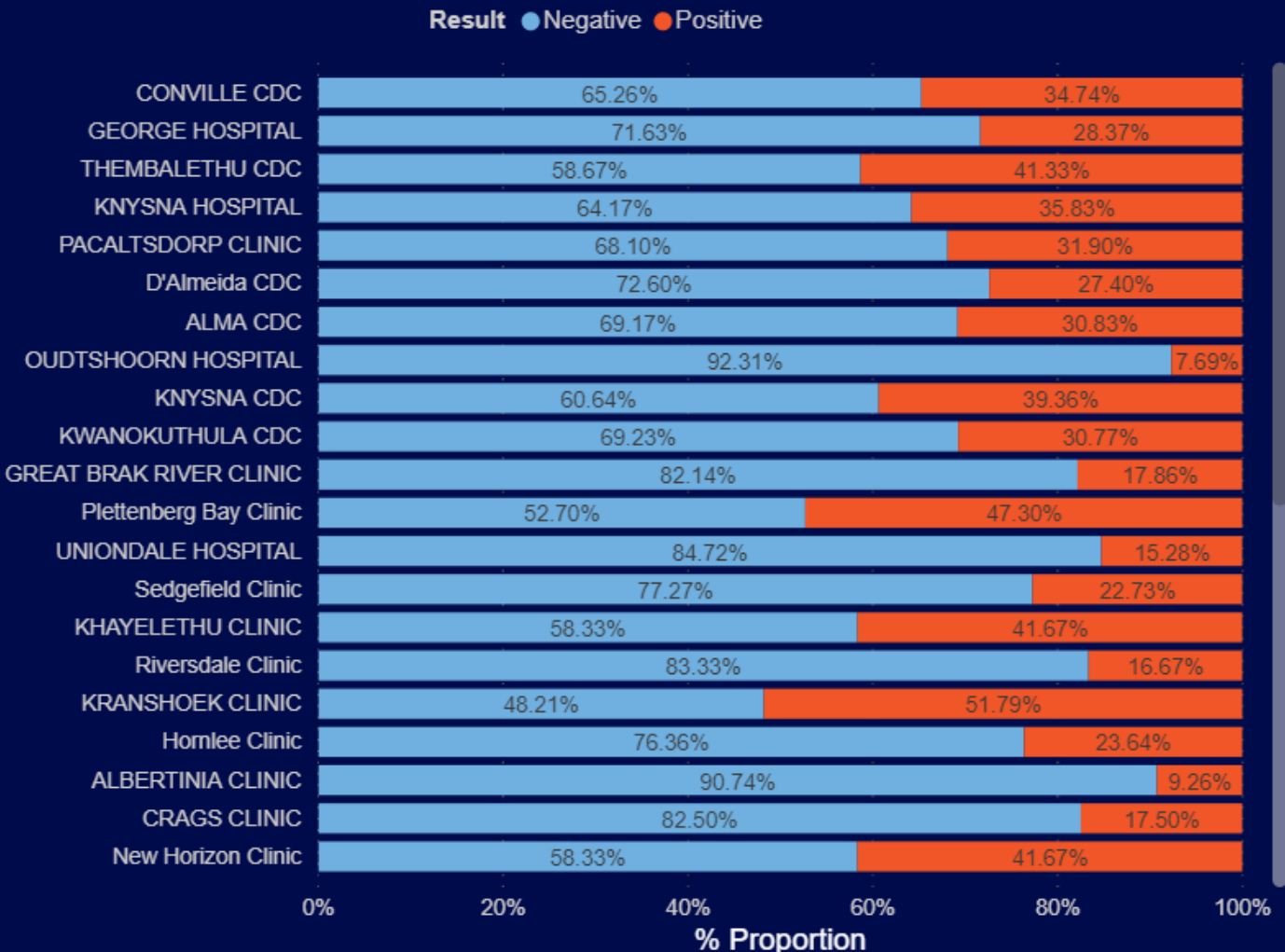
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Over the last 3 weeks we see high positive proportions from almost all Garden Route health facilities as well

No. of Tests Done by Facility



% Proportion Positive by Facility



## Garden Route: new cases on 18 November 2020

Data from the teams on the ground

Hessequa – 11

Mossel Bay - 29

George – 68

Knysna/Bitou – 109

Kannaland – 2

Oudtshoorn - 3

## Garden Route: Hospitalizations on 18 November 2020

Number in hospital/Critical Care  
(Provincial & Private Sector)

Hessequa – 3/0

Mossel Bay – 30/4

George – 75/16

Knysna/Bitou – 34/4

Kannaland – 0/0

Oudtshoorn – 17/2

TOTAL- 159/26



18 Nov 2020  
Garden Route:  
Active cases per  
100 000  
population

(Western Cape 65)

Hessequa – 43

Mossel Bay – 229

George – 319

Knysna/Bitou – 347 / 282

Kannaland – 0

Oudtshoorn – 60

District- 230

# Garden Route Surveillance Huddle 18 November 2020



## Garden Route Districts Daily Huddle

18 Nov 2020

### Hessequa

1. 2 new patients from yesterday
2. Active cases: 18
3. Random distribution (Albertinia and Riversdale)
4. Albertinia staff being re-tested because a number of staff still symptomatic
5. Coping ok

### Mossel Bay

1. 18 new patients
2. NHLS 2 and Pvt 16
3. Active cases: 186
4. Random distribution; changes every day. This last day Heiderand had 5 cases which is new.
5. Difficult to do CST because no specific area, but NGO Professional Nurse with mobile does do outreach to check for contacts and screening
6. Now feeling pressure to do all the contact tracing and ask for assistance over weekends; possibility of EHP from district municipality being explored
7. Private hospital busy; provincial hospital still fine

### George

1. 29 new patients, but many pending tests so this is not a true reflection of the situation
2. Active cases: 594
3. Bo-dorp had a few cases yesterday which is a new development; Uniondale has six active patients
4. George Hosp and George Mediclinic very busy
5. Harry Comay Hospital has 14 patients. Planning to open up further 20 beds. Discussing staff implications with district office. More will be needed.
6. George Hospital: opening additional space: will have 18 IC beds and 24-bed Covid ward; also opening the Viral Testing Unit again on Monday, 23 Nov 2020.
7. Planning Teams meetings with private hospitals from next week to ensure synergy between sectors

### Knysna/Bitou

1. Active cases: Knysna 148 and Plett 125
2. No change in distribution.
3. Targeted CST in above 3 areas started
4. Knysna Hosp is busy (pps 15, all on oxygen, PUI 7; HFO2 2).
5. Planning to open Rehab unit for extra beds (10-15). Staffing will be an issue and engaging with district office
6. Tracing team now also under pressure and needs support

# Garden Route: Containment Strategy

- Surveillance using available data and on the ground knowledge. Daily district surveillance huddles.
- Intensified screening, testing and contact tracing. Garden Route has an excellent contact tracing system but admits to being under strain.
- Communication campaign using social media to encourage positive behaviour
- Multisectoral response including health, local government, law enforcement, education, NPOs etc.

## Garden Route: Containment Strategy - continued

- Activating additional Covid bed space in hospitals
- Re-allocation of present staff in routine services to provide support for Covid activities
- Opening the Vital Testing Unit again at George Hosp on Mon, 23 Nov 2020



## Concluding remarks

- We are continuing to see a significant outbreak unfolding in the Garden Route district over the last 4-5 weeks
- The outbreak seems to be occurring in the George, Thembalethu, Conville, Pacalstdorp, Plettenberg Bay, and Knysna areas with further spread to surrounding regions
- The outbreak is leading to considerably high positive proportions in public sector facilities and patients
- This is translating into higher admissions for the district over the last week as well.
- Deaths are showing early signs of increase.
- All citizens in the Garden Route district need to consider extra vigilance to reduce and contain the spread of the virus any further