

COVID-19 THIRD WAVE FOR SA

A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY



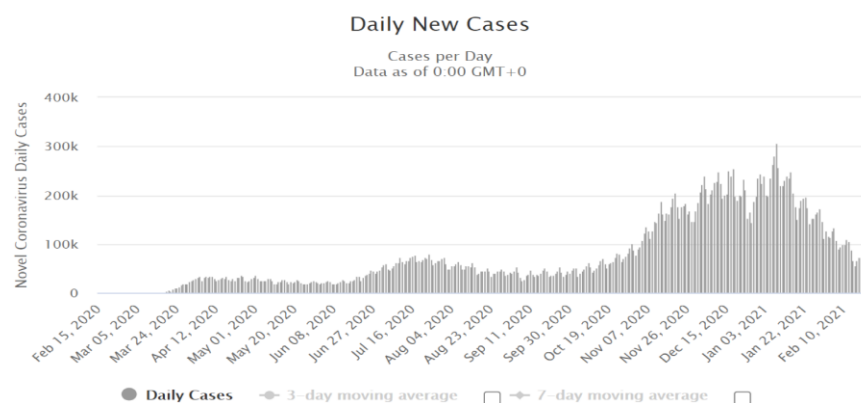
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Although South Africa (SA) is currently seeing a decrease in COVID-19 daily infections, it is highly probable that SA will experience a third wave within the coming months. Looking at the graphs below, United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK) and Spain all experienced staggering numbers of infections in their second and third waves. Alarming, with each wave experienced, the number of infections almost doubled compared to the previous wave, and by the third wave new daily infections were in some countries even nine times higher compared to the first wave.

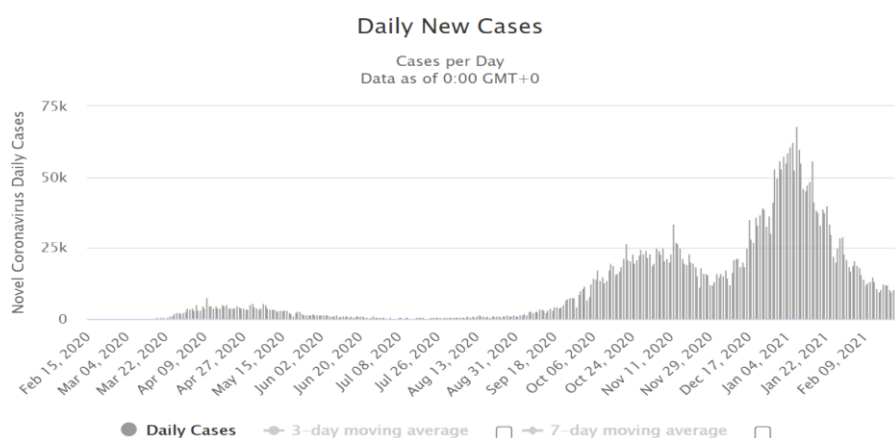
United States of America (USA)

- **First wave** - highest daily infection rate of **36 373** on 24 April 2020.
- **Second wave** - highest daily infection rate on of **79 699** 24 July 2020 (*daily infections doubled compared to the first wave*)
- **Third wave** - highest daily infection rate on of **308 013** on 8 January 2021 (*daily infections eight and a half times higher than the first wave*)

Daily New Cases in the United States



Daily New Cases in the United Kingdom



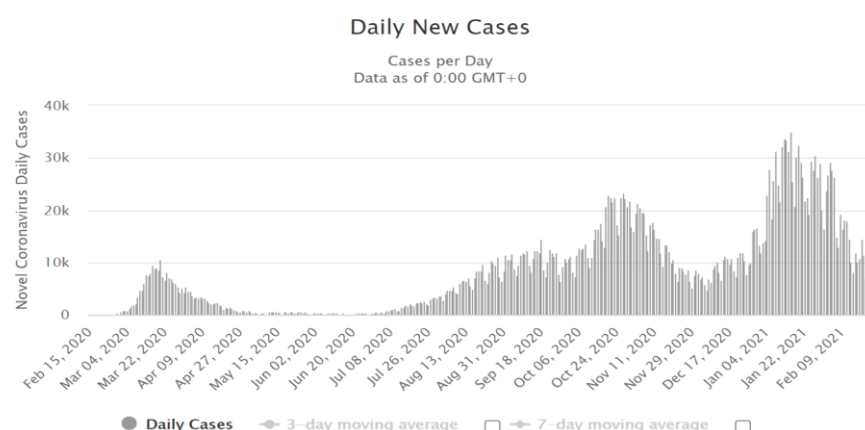
United Kingdom (UK)

- **First wave** - highest daily infection rate of **7 860** on 10 April 2020.
- **Second wave** - highest daily infection rate of **33 470** on 12 November 2020 (*daily infections more than four times higher than the first wave*)
- **Third wave** - highest daily infection rate of **68 053** on 8 January 2021 (*daily infections more than eight times higher than the first wave*)

Spain

- **First wave** - highest daily infection rate of **10 670** on 20 March 2020.
- **Second wave** - highest daily infection rate of **23 355** on 27 October 2020 (*daily infections doubled compared to the first wave*).
- **Third wave** - highest daily infection rate of **35 118** on 15 January 2021 (*daily infections more than three times higher compared to the second wave*)

Daily New Cases in Spain



STATUS OF SOUTH AFRICA

In its first wave, SA recorded its highest daily infection rate of 13 944 on 24 July 2020 and in the second wave the highest daily infections of 21980 were recorded on 8 January 2021 (*this is alarmingly almost double the infection rate compared to the first wave*). Considering the trends above and the fact that the new variant COVID-19 501.V2 is 50% more infectious than the first wave, it is clear that a third wave could have devastating consequences for South Africa. It is therefore imperative that Platinum Health members should be doing all they can to avoid personal infection.

Don't let your guard down. Protect yourself by:

- Avoiding crowded places or social gatherings.
- Always wearing your mask in public and at work.
- Washing and sanitising your hands frequently.
- Sticking to the rules of social distancing.
- Disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at home and at work.