



**Address by President Cyril Ramaphosa on deaths of children due to food-borne illnesses – in numbers.**

- 890 – a total of reported incidents of food-borne illnesses across all provinces since the beginning of September 2024.
- 22 – children who lost their lives over the last few weeks alone due to food-borne illnesses, by 15 November 2024.
- 6 – children who died last month (October) following a major food-borne incident in Naledi, Soweto.
- 6 – the age of the youngest of the children who died last month (October) following a major food-borne incident in Naledi, Soweto.
- 3 – the number of occasions Cabinet met to receive reports on the recent incidents.
- 84 – number of spaza shops in the Naledi, Soweto area where samples were taken.
- 3 – number of samples taken from 84 spaza shops in the Naledi, Soweto area, with evidence of Terbufos.
- 3 – children who died in Ekurhuleni in 2023 after exposure to Aldicarb, which has been banned for use in South Africa since 2016.
- 3 – children who died in Soweto in 2023 after exposure to Aldicarb, which has been banned for use in South Africa since 2016.
- 21 – number of days in which all spaza shops and other food handling facilities must be registered within the municipalities in which they operate, from 15 November 2024.
- One month – the period to complete the initial phase of inspections of all spaza shops, tuck shops and other informal traders.
- 12 – the age and below of patients whose deaths will be made notifiable in the Notifiable Medical Condition Surveillance System.
- R500 million – the value of a joint fund to be established by the departments of Trade, Industry and Competition and Small Business Development to support township and rural businesses, including community convenience shops.