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# Eswatini records its first COVID-19 death

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The southern African kingdom of Eswatini has recorded its first death from coronavirus, Health Minister Lizzie Nkosi said on Thursday.

"The ministry sadly announces the first death of a COVID-19 patient, who was admitted to (a) treatment facility on 13 April," Nkosi said.

The 59-year-old man was diagnosed on [admission](#) with

[pneumonia](#), with diabetes as an underlying condition. He died on Wednesday after his condition suddenly worsened.

Eswatini, widely known as Swaziland, has so far recorded 17 cases of infection.

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