

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**UPDATE BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

**03 May 2021**

**WINDHOEK**

*\*Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and fifty-two (152) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand one hundred and forty-six (1 146) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 13% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is ninety-three (93) females and fifty-nine (59) males. The age ranges from two (2) years to ninety-one (91) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 03 May 2021*

<b>REGIONS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>	<b>DISTRICTS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>
Otjozondjuka	30	Otjiwarongo	14
		Okakarara	7
		Okahandja	6
		Grootfontein	3
Khomas	30	Windhoek	30
Hardap	26	Mariental	18
		Rehoboth	7
		Aranos	1
Oshana	19	Oshakati	19
Oshikoto	12	Onandjokwe	8
		Omuthiya	4
Omaheke	10	Gobabis	10
Ohangwena	9	Eenhana	9
Kunene	5	Outjo	4
		Khorixas	1
Omusati	5	Okahao	2
		Tsandi	2
		Outapi	1
Erongo	3	Walvis Bay	2
		Usakos	1
Karas	3	Keetmanshoop	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>		<b>152</b>

2. Among the confirmed cases are sixteen (16) learners and fourteen (14) teachers from different schools, five supportive staff from Dr. Fischer School in Gobabis district, three (3) students and nine (9) health care workers.

3. Seven (7) recoveries were recorded from the following regions:

*Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 03 May 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>
Kunene	4
Omusati	2
Zambezi	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

4. The number of active cases stands at one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five (1 975). One hundred and fifty-nine (159) are hospitalized, of which forty (40) are in ICUs.

*Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 03 May 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Hospitalized confirmed cases</b>	<b>Intensive Care Unit</b>
Khomas	60	29
Erongo	22	5
Karas	19	1
Ohangwena	11	0
Oshana	10	2
Oshikoto	8	3
Otjozondjupa	6	0
Omaheke	5	0
Hardap	5	0
Omusati	4	0
Zambezi	4	0
Kavango East	3	0
Kunene	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>40</b>

5. We announce seven (7) deaths, five (5) from Windhoek district and one (1) each from Rehoboth and Okahandja districts.

*Table 4: Summary of deaths, 03 May 2021*

<b>District</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Comorbidities</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Classification</b>
Windhoek	Female	64	Yes	02.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	77	No	03.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	27	No	27.04.2021	COVID-19 Related Death
	Female	75	Yes	02.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	47	Yes	27.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Rehoboth	Female	53	Yes	29.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Okahandja	Male	86	Yes	02.05.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families and to the nation at large.

6. The table below shows the number of people vaccinated. This remains the same as yesterday as no vaccination happened yesterday.

*Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, as of 03 May 2021*

Region	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose AstraZeneca & Sinopharm		2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose Sinopharm	
	New persons vaccinated	Total persons vaccinated	Persons vaccinated	Total persons vaccinated
Erongo	0	3 201	0	282
Khomas	0	9 412	0	1086
Karas	0	975	0	6
Oshana	0	1 658	0	41
Omusati	0	499	0	0
Zambezi	0	315	0	2
Ohangwena	0	1 056	0	42
Kunene	0	951	0	0
Otjozondjupa	0	2 076	0	85
Kavango West	0	280	0	5
Kavango East	0	1 142	0	11
Hardap	0	1 397	0	19
Omaheke	0	1 329	0	0
Oshikoto	0	666	0	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24 957</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 654</b>

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 03 May 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	49 151
Newly confirmed	152
Recoveries	46 506
Recovery rate	95%
Active cases	1 975
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1st doses administered	24 957
COVID-19 Deaths	539
COVID-19 Related Deaths	120
Total Deaths	659
Total samples tested	392 845
Active contacts	4 078
Cumulative number of people quarantined	45 479
Number of quarantined people discharged	44 211
Number of people in quarantines	1 268

## 8. Key Messages

- As we continue to report COVID-19 deaths on an almost daily basis, we encourage members of the public to strictly adhere to the COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures at all times.

- Mask up, wash your hands frequently with soap and clean running water or sanitize with an alcohol-based hand rub, observe social distance and get vaccinated.
- The Ministry of Health and Social Services has increased the number of vaccination sites across the country. We therefore urge all Namibians to get vaccinated.
- The COVID-19 vaccines produce protection against the disease, as a result of developing an immune response to the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- Developing immunity through vaccination means there is reduced risk of developing severe illness and its consequences such as hospitalization and death.
- Let us all take responsibility over our health and the health of those in our communities, particularly people with existing comorbidities and the elderly.
- For more information on the vaccination site nearest to you, please contact our Call Centre toll free number 0800100100.

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