

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.

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce two hundred and ten (210) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand four hundred and thirty-eight (1 438) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 15% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and seven (107) females and one hundred and three (103) males. The age range is from four (4) months to eighty-five (85) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 05 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Otjozondjupa	72	Okahandja	53
		Otjiwarongo	11
		Grootfontein	8
Khomas	44	Windhoek	44
Kavango East	27	Rundu	27
Erongo	18	Walvis Bay	18
Kunene	15	Opuwo	11
		Khorixas	4
Oshikoto	8	Tsumeb	8
Omaheke	8	Gobabis	8
Oshana	6	Oshakati	6
Hardap	3	Mariental	3
Karas	3	Lüderitz	2
		Karasburg	1
Zambezi	3	Katima Mulilo	3
Ohangwena	2	Eenhana	1
		Okongo	1
Kavango West	1	Nankudu	1
Total	210		210

2. Eighty-eight (88) of the confirmed cases are learners. Forty-nine (49) are from Okahandja Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Okahandja district, eleven (11) from Ohandungu SSS in Opuwo district and the rest are from different schools. Eight (8) teachers and nine (9) healthcare workers also tested positive to coronavirus infection.
3. We have recorded two hundred and sixteen (216) new recoveries and the recovery rate for Namibia stands at 94%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 05 March 2021

Region	Number
Kavango East	132
Khomas	47
Kavango West	12
Ohangwena	9
Hardap	7
Karas	6
Otjzondjupa	3
Total	216

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two (1 972). One hundred and fifty-one (151) are hospitalized, of which twenty-one (21) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 05 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	58	16
Ohangwena	17	0
Erongo	14	2
Karas	13	1
Zambezi	10	0
Kavango East	9	0
Omusati	8	0
Oshana	5	2
Omaheke	5	0
Oshikoto	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Otjzondjupa	4	0
Hardap	2	0
Total	151	21

5. We announce a COVID-19 death of a 41-year old male from Oshakati district known with multiple comorbidities who demised on 1 March 2021 at a local private health facility. We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

6. *Table 4: Summary of the national update, 05 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	39 676
Newly confirmed	210
Recoveries	37 259
Active cases	1 972
COVID-19 Deaths	347
COVID-19 Related Deaths	90
Total Deaths	437
Active contacts	4 153
Total samples tested	309 151
Cumulative number of people quarantined	36 459
Number of quarantined people discharged	34 552
Number of people in quarantines	1 907

7. **Key message**

The COVID-19 vaccination will be available through the Ministry of Health and Social Services to eligible groups. Vaccination is free of charge. Staff giving the vaccine are trained to deal with allergic reactions and will treat them immediately.

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