

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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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce fifteen (15) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand four hundred and twenty-nine (1 429) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 1% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is eight (8) females and seven (7) males. The age range is from eight (8 years) to sixty-five (65) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 08 April 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	11	Windhoek	11
Hardap	2	Rehoboth	2
Karas	2	Karasburg	2
Total	15		15

2. Today we record cases from three (3) regions. Among the confirmed cases are six (6) learners from different schools. Today's results reflect a good yield, looking at a positivity ratio of merely 1%. However, the situation may change tomorrow.
3. We have recorded forty-eight (48) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 08 April 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	20
Omusati	9
Otjzondjupa	8
Karas	5
Zambezi	4
Hardap	2
Total	48

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand one hundred and thirty-two (1 132). Of these, one hundred and twenty (124) are hospitalized, of which twenty-two (22) are in critical care (ICUs). Nine (9) regions have hospitalized patients due to COVID-19.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 08 April 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	57	8
Erongo	24	8
Zambezi	15	0
Otjozondjupa	7	0
Oshana	6	6
Omusati	5	0
Oshikoto	4	0
Karas	3	0
Ohangwena	3	0
Total	124	22

5. Sadly, Nine (9) lives were lost due to COVID-19, from Walvis Bay, Okahandja, Windhoek, Oshakati, Grootfontein, Rehoboth, Karasburg and Opuwo Districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 08 April 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Walvis Bay	Male	51	Yes	31.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Okahandja	Male	74	Yes	31.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Windhoek	Female	82	Yes	25.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	72	Yes	09.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Oshakati	Male	59	No	06.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Grootfontein	Male	71	Yes	07.04.2021	COVID-19 Related Death
Rehoboth	Male	80	No	06.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Karaburg	Female	56	No	03.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Opuwo	Male	61	Yes	04.04.2021	COVID-19 Death

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

6. In the last 24 hours, a total of one hundred and fifty-five (155) COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered in Khomas and Erongo region.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 08 April 2021

Region	Doses administered in last 24hrs	Total doses administered since the roll-out
Khomas	126	1874
Erongo	29	652
Total	155	2 526

Table 6: Summary of the national update, 08 April 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	45 054
Newly confirmed	15
Recoveries	43 354
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 132
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	2 526
COVID-19 Deaths	453
COVID-19 Related Deaths	104
Total Deaths	557
Total samples tested	356 460
Active contacts	4 183
Cumulative number of people quarantined	42 311
Number of quarantined people discharged	41 055
Number of people in quarantines	1 256

7. Key Message

We are still concerned with the upsurge in number of deaths and more people being hospitalized due to COVID-19. This calls for the nation to take extra precaution to continue adhering to the Infection Prevention Control Measures.

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