

**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 three hundred and forty-one (341) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from two thousand two hundred and ninety-nine (2 299) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 15% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is one hundred and seventy-two (172) females and one hundred and sixty-nine (169) males. The age ranges from eight (8) months to eighty-seven (87) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

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

<b>REGIONS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>	<b>DISTRICTS</b>	<b>NEW CASES</b>
Khomas	100	Windhoek	100
Erongo	44	Walvis Bay	20
		Swakopmund	12
		Omaruru	6
		Usakos	6
Karas	31	Lüderitz	31
Otjozondjupa	31	Otjiwarongo	12
		Okakarara	10
		Grootfontein	9
Ohangwena	23	Eenhana	23
Oshana	20	Oshakati	20
Omusati	20	Okahao	13
		Outapi	4
		Tsandi	2
		Oshikuku	1
Hardap	18	Rehoboth	17
		Mariental	1
Omaheke	16	Gobabis	16
Zambezi	16	Katima Mulilo	16
Kunene	9	Outjo	5
		Khorixas	4
Kavango East	9	Rundu	9
Oshikoto	4	Tsumeb	3
		Omuthiya	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>		<b>341</b>

2. Today we record new cases from thirteen (13) regions with Khomas and Erongo recording the highest number. Among the confirmed cases are thirty-six (36) learners of whom eight are from Eenhana Primary School and the rest are from different schools. Thirteen (13) students, seven (7) teachers, twenty (20) health care workers, three (3) inmates from Gobabis holding cells, fifteen (15) employees from the fishing industry and three (3) employees from the mining industry also tested positive to COVID-19 infection.
3. We have recorded twenty-seven (27) recoveries, twenty-four (24) from Hardap region and three (3) from Omaheke region.

4. We now have two thousand and twenty-six (2 026) active cases. One hundred and seventy-nine (179) are hospitalized, of which forty-five (45) are in ICUs.

*Table 2: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 08 May 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Hospitalized confirmed cases</b>	<b>Intensive Care Unit</b>
Khomas	69	31
Karas	21	1
Erongo	20	6
Oshikoto	19	3
Ohangwena	10	0
Oshana	8	4
Omaheke	6	0
Hardap	6	0
Zambezi	6	0
Omusati	4	0
Kavango East	4	0
Kunene	3	0
Otjozondjupa	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>45</b>

5. We announce a COVID-19 death from Okakarara district. This is a 52-year-old female with a known comorbidity, who demised on the 6 May 2021. We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.
6. Tables 3 and 4 below shows the number of people vaccinated as per reports received. All regions are continuing with the vaccination, however some reports for yesterday vaccines are yet to be received and therefore not yet included in this update.

*Table 3: Summary of COVID-19 1<sup>st</sup> vaccines administered, as of 08 May 2021*

<b>Region</b>	<b>#New persons vaccinated with 1<sup>st</sup> dose of Sinopharm</b>	<b>Total persons who received 1<sup>st</sup> dose of Sinopharm</b>	<b>#New persons vaccinated with 1<sup>st</sup> dose of Astrazeneca</b>	<b>Total persons vaccinated with 1<sup>st</sup> dose of AZ</b>	<b>Total persons vaccinated with 1<sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm and AZ</b>
Erongo	51	1 671	177	2 438	4 109
Hardap	0	615	0	1 145	1 760
Karas	25	528	79	873	1 401
Kavango East	0	1 326	0	1 667	2 993
Kavango West	0	273	0	569	842
Khomas	92	3 837	693	8 788	12 625
Kunene	0	1 198	0	594	1 792
Ohangwena	0	380	0	676	1 056
Omaheke	143	1 237	0	1 620	2 857
Omusati	16	679	37	1 305	1 984
Oshana	0	903	0	989	1 892
Oshikoto	21	338	52	510	848
Otjozondjupa	67	957	166	1 944	2 901
Zambezi					
<b>Total</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>14 191</b>	<b>1 223</b>	<b>23 387</b>	<b>37 578</b>

*Table 4: Number of 2nd doses administered as of 8 May 2021*

Region	#Persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Sinopharm	#Persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Astrazeneca	Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Sinopharm and Astrazeneca
Erongo	68	0	445
Hardap	0	0	19
Karas	12	0	12
Kavango East	0	0	67
Kavango West	0	0	25
Khomas	51	1	1380
Kunene	0	0	21
Ohangwena	0	0	42
Omaheke	0	0	7
Omusati	0	0	44
Oshana	0	0	48
Oshikoto	0	0	63
Otjozondjupa	1	0	86
Zambezi	0	0	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2300</b>

7. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 08 May 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	49 893
Newly confirmed	341
Recoveries	47 173
Recovery rate	95%
Active cases	2 026
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1st doses administered	37 578
COVID-19 Deaths	559
COVID-19 Related Deaths	124
Total Deaths	683
Total samples tested	399 564
Active contacts	3 370
Cumulative number of people quarantined	46 087
Number of quarantined people discharged	44 746
Number of people in quarantines	1 341

8. **Key Messages**

- As we continue to monitor closely the COVID-19 crisis currently unfolding in India with great concern, we urge all Namibians to practice extreme caution in order to avert getting infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and to avert a similar crisis in our country.
- Today we have reported the highest number of new cases since the beginning of the week. We encourage all to go back to the basics in following public health guidelines; get vaccinated, wear face masks, observe social distancing of at least 1m apart and frequently sanitize your hands with soap and clean water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

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