

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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1. We announce one hundred and seventy-two (172) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand five hundred and fifty-three (1 553) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 11% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is ninety-nine (99) females and seventy-three (73) males. The age ranges from three (3) months to ninety-six (96) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 17 May 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Hardap	35	Rehoboth	26
		Mariental	9
Khomas	28	Windhoek	28
Otjozondjupa	24	Grootfontein	11
		Otjiwarongo	8
		Okahandja	3
		Okakarara	2
Erongo	24	Walvis Bay	14
		Swakopmund	5
		Usakos	3
		Omaruru	2
Kunene	12	Outjo	7
		Khorixas	3
		Opuwo	2
Omaheke	12	Gobabis	12
Oshana	10	Oshakati	10
Oshikoto	10	Onandjokwe	5
		Omuthiya	4
		Tsumeb	1
Karas	8	Keetmanshoop	7
		Karasburg	1
Omusati	4	Okahao	2
		Oshikuku	1
		Outapi	1
Kavango East	4	Nyangana	4
Ohangwena	1	Eenhana	1
	172		172

2. Today we are reporting cases from 12 regions. Among the confirmed cases are eighteen (18) learners, seven (7) students, four (4) teachers and nine (9) health care workers.
3. We have recorded one hundred and eight (108) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 17 May 2021

Region	Number
Omaheke	36
Karas	26
Khomas	23
Hardap	14
Zambezi	9
Total	108

4. We now have two thousand three hundred and one (2 301) active cases. Two hundred and eighteen (218) are hospitalized, of which fifty-six (56) are in ICU/ High Care.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 17 May 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit/ High Care
Khomas	78	32
Karas	24	2
Kunene	20	0
Oshana	19	12
Erongo	18	8
Hardap	11	0
Oshikoto	10	2
Ohangwena	9	0
Omaheke	9	0
Otjozondjupa	7	0
Omusati	6	0
Zambezi	5	0
Kavango East	2	0
Total	218	56

5. We announce five (5) deaths, from Gobabis district and from Mariental district.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 17 May 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Gobabis	Male	70	Yes	05.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	59	Yes	12.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	50	Yes	04.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
Mariental	Male	69	Yes	12.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	69	Yes	10.05.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated with Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 1st vaccines administered, as of 17 May 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st dose of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	0	1 987	0	3 314	5 301
Hardap	0	950	0	1 504	2 454
Karas	0	856	0	1 252	2 108
Kavango East	65	1 733	20	2 159	3 892
Kavango West	88	456	90	891	1 347
Khomas	0	5 017	0	11 798	16 815
Kunene	77	1 630	52	823	2 453
Ohangwena	0	1 157	0	1 372	2 529
Omaheke	0	1 409	0	1 620	3 029
Omusati	9	837	44	1 652	2 489
Oshana	0	1 088	0	1 270	2 358
Oshikoto	0	463	0	690	1 153
Otjozondjupa	0	1 334	0	2 749	4 083
Zambezi	0	388	0	385	773
Total	239	19 305	206	31 479	50 784

Table 6: Number of 2nd doses administered as of 17 May 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of New persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	0	0	522
Hardap	0	0	72
Karas	0	0	46
Kavango East	0	0	78
Kavango West	0	0	32
Khomas	0	0	1 769
Kunene	2	0	34
Ohangwena	0	0	120
Omaheke	0	0	10
Omusati	0	0	45
Oshana	0	0	52
Oshikoto	0	0	103
Otjozondjupa	0	0	137
Zambezi	0	0	45
Total	2	0	3 065

7. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 17 May 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	51 390
Newly confirmed	172
Recoveries	48 355
Recovery rate	94%
Active cases	2 301
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	50 784
COVID-19 Deaths	596
COVID-19 Related Deaths	127
Total Deaths	723
Total samples tested	411 483
Active contacts	2 714
Cumulative number of people quarantined	46 986
Number of quarantined people discharged	46 019
Number of people in quarantines	967

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