

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 one hundred and forty (140) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand and sixty-two (1 062) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 13% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is eighty-two (82) females and fifty-eight (58) males. The age ranges from five (5) years to eighty-one (81) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 18 April 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	36	Windhoek	36
Otjozondjupa	26	Otjiwarongo	13
		Okakarara	7
		Grootfontein	6
Hardap	23	Rehoboth	15
		Mariental	8
Erongo	21	Swakopmund	11
		Walvis Bay	7
		Usakos	3
Oshikoto	14	Tsumeb	12
		Omuthiya	2
Karas	9	Keetmashoop	8
		Lüderitz	1
Kunene	6	Outjo	5
		Khorixas	1
Kavango East	3	Rundu	3
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Total	140		140

2. We continue to report COVID-19 cases from all corners of the country. Today we recorded cases from ten (10) regions. Among the confirmed cases are twenty-nine (29) learners from different schools and six (6) inmates from Karas Correctional Facility.
3. Two regions recorded eighty-eight (88) recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 18 April 2021

Region	Number
Hardap	39
Karas	34
Kunene	15
Total	88

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand five hundred and fifteen (1 515). One hundred and thirty-nine (139) are hospitalized, of which thirty-four (34) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 18 April 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	76	25
Erongo	26	6
Hardap	10	0
Oshana	5	2
Zambezi	4	0
Karas	4	0
Ohangwena	3	0
Otjozodjupa	3	0
Kavango East	3	1
Oshikoto	2	0
Omaheke	2	0
Omusati	1	0
Total	139	34

5. We announce two (2) COVID-19 deaths from Swakopmund and Rehoboth Districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 18 April 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Swakopmund	Male	58	No	17.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Rehoboth	Male	63	Yes	17.04.2021	COVID-19 Death

6. The table below shows the number of people received the first doses of vaccine.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 18 April 2021

Region	New persons vaccinated	Cumulative number received 1st doses
Erongo	0	1 093
Karas	4	51
Khomas	123	3 476
Total	127	4620

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 18 April 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	46 655
Newly confirmed	140
Recoveries	44 525
Recovery rate	95%
Active cases	1 515
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	4 620
COVID-19 Deaths	490
COVID-19 Related Deaths	114
Total Deaths	604
Total samples tested	371 066
Active contacts	3 778
Cumulative number of people quarantined	43 596
Number of quarantined people discharged	42 016
Number of people in quarantines	1 580

8. **Key Message**

- We encourage vaccinated people to always return for their second dose to improve protection against the infection.
- Your health care provider will inform you when you will need to return for your second dose.
- It will take a few weeks for your body to build immunity after getting a vaccination.
- Therefore, you are still required to practice additional public health measures such as wearing face masks, adequate ventilations, hands hygiene and physical distancing.

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