

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.**

20 April 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and two (102) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand four hundred and eighty-one (1 481) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 7% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is fifty-seven (57) females and forty-five (45) males. The age ranges from two (2) year to eighty-five (85) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 20 April 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	32	Windhoek	32
Hardap	29	Rehoboth	29
Erongo	17	Swakopmund	9
		Omaruru	5
		Walvis Bay	3
Otjozondjupa	10	Okakarara	7
		Otjiwarongo	2
		Grootfontein	1
Karas	6	Keetmaschoop	5
		Karaburg	1
Omaheke	3	Gobabis	3
Kunene	2	Outjo	1
		Khorixas	1
Ohangwena	1	Eenhana	1
Oshikoto	1	Tsumeb	1
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
Total	102		102

2. Today we recorded cases from ten (10) regions. Among the confirmed cases are twenty-four (24) learners and three (3) teachers from different schools.
3. Two regions recorded one hundred and ninety-three (193) recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 20 April 2021

Region	Number
Hardap	69
Oshana	36
Khomas	31
Kavango West	23
Erongo	14
Kavango East	10
Zambezi	7
Karas	3
Total	193

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand three hundred and three (1 303). One hundred and twelve (112) are hospitalized, of which thirty-three (33) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 20 April 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	53	22
Erongo	17	9
Hardap	9	0
Oshana	6	2
Omusati	5	0
Zambezi	5	0
Karas	4	0
Kavango East	4	0
Otjozodjupa	3	0
Ohangwena	2	0
Omaheke	2	0
Oshikoto	1	0
Kunene	1	0
Total	112	33

5. Today we announce four (4) deaths, from Windhoek and Rehoboth Districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 20 April 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Male	56	Yes	16.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	80	No	15.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	61	Yes	20.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Rehoboth	Female	35	No	18.04.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. The table below shows the number of people vaccinated.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 20 April 2021

Region	1 st dose AstraZeneca /Covishield & Sinopharm)		2 nd dose Sinopharm	
	New persons vaccinated in the last 24 hours	Cumulative number vaccinated	Persons vaccinated in the last 24 hours	Cumulative number vaccinated
Erongo	109	1202	29	114
Karas	31	82	0	0
Khomas	393	4205	6	49
Omusati	37	37	0	0
Zambezi	10	10	0	0
Total	580	5536	35	163

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 20 April 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	46 875
Newly confirmed	102
Recoveries	44 953
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 303
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	5536
COVID-19 Deaths	494
COVID-19 Related Deaths	114
Total Deaths	608
Total samples tested	373 669
Active contacts	3 524
Cumulative number of people quarantined	43 786
Number of quarantined people discharged	42 508
Number of people in quarantines	1 278

8. Key message

- Now that all the regions have launched the vaccination programme, we urge all eligible people to go for the vaccination, remember, “Prevention is better than Cure”.
- We regret to inform the public that our call centre for the number 0800100100 has not been operational since the other evening when it was struck by the lightning. Technicians are working around the clock to attend to it.

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