

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce seventy-nine (79) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand two hundred and seventy-three (1 273) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 6% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is forty-one (41) females and thirty-eight (38) males. The age ranges from three (3) years to ninety-eight (98) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 21 April 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	38	Windhoek	38
Hardap	20	Rehoboth	16
		Mariental	4
Otjozondjupa	6	Okakarara	4
		Otjiwarongo	2
Kunene	6	Outjo	6
Erongo	4	Walvis Bay	2
		Swakopmund	2
Oshikoto	2	Omuthiya	1
		Onandjokwe	1
Karas	1	Lüderitz	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Ohangwena	1	Eenhana	1
Total	79		79

2. Today we record cases from nine (9) regions. Among the confirmed cases are fifteen (15) learners and three (3) teachers from different schools.
3. Eight-six new (86) cases have recovered.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 21 April 2021

Region	Number
Ohangwena	48
Erongo	14
Omaheke	8
Khomas	7
Omusati	7
Zambezi	1
Karas	1
Total	86

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand two hundred and ninety-five (1 295). One hundred and six (106) are hospitalized, of which thirty-three (33) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 21 April 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	55	27
Erongo	18	5
Hardap	9	0
Omusati	7	0
Kavango East	4	0
Karas	3	0
Otjozodjupa	3	0
Zambezi	2	0
Omaheke	2	0
Ohangwena	1	0
Oshikoto	1	1
Kunene	1	0
Total	106	33

5. Today we announce one (1) COVID-19 death, a 53 years old female from Swakopmund Districts who passed away on 19 April 2021. We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family.
6. The table below shows the number of people vaccinated

Table 4: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 21 April 2021

Region	1st Dose AstraZeneca /Covishield & Sinopharm		2nd Dose Sinopharm	
	New persons vaccinated	Cumulative number vaccinated	Persons vaccinated in the last 24 hours	Cumulative number vaccinated
Erongo	175	1277	31	145
Khomas	464	4333	45	94
Karas	64	146	0	0
Oshana	109	109	0	0
Omusati	12	49	0	0
Zambezi	27	37	0	0
Ohangwena	27	27	0	0
Kunene	20	20	0	0
Total	898	5998	76	239

7. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 21 April 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	46 954
Newly confirmed	79
Recoveries	45 039
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 295
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	5998
COVID-19 Deaths	495
COVID-19 Related Deaths	114
Total Deaths	609
Total samples tested	374 942
Active contacts	3 493
Cumulative number of people quarantined	43 959
Number of quarantined people discharged	42 603
Number of people in quarantines	1 356

8. **Key message:**

- Although the number of new cases seems to have stabilized, we are still concerned with more severe cases and more deaths.
- The COVID-19 call center, number **0800100100** is now operational. We thank you for bearing with us.
- All 14 regions have commenced with COVID-19 vaccination programme. The public is therefore encouraged to visit any nearest vaccination site as identified in the respective regions to get vaccinated.
- The identified private health facilities that are offering COVID-19 vaccines are doing so at no cost.
- Persons aged 65 years and above can be vaccinated. However; they have to undergo appropriate eligibility and medical screening and as all other people being vaccinated, they need to give consent for vaccination.
- Vaccination is available to all persons 18 years and above at all vaccination sites, with or without a medical aid.

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