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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce two hundred and eleven (211) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight (1 928) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 11% positivity rate. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and thirty-three (133) females and seventy-eight (78) males. The age ranges from eleven (11) months to eighty-three (83) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 23 April 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	46	Windhoek	46
Kunene	35	Outjo	29
		Opuwo	6
Hardap	23	Rehoboth	22
		Mariental	1
Ohangwena	19	Engela	15
		Eenhana	4
Oshikoto	18	Onandjokwe	16
		Tsumeb	2
Erongo	17	Swakopmund	10
		Omaruru	7
Otjozondjupa	15	Grootfontein	12
		Okahandja	1
		Okakarara	1
		Otjiwarongo	1
Kavango East	13	Rundu	13
Karas	8	Keetmanshoop	4
		Luderitz	3
		Karaburg	1
Oshana	7	Oshakati	7
Omaheke	5	Gobabis	5
Zambezi	3	Katima Mulilo	3
Omusati	2	Tsandi	1
		Outapi	1
Total	211		211

2. Today we recorded new cases from thirteen (13) regions, except Kavango West. Among the confirmed cases are ninety (90) learners, of which twenty-nine (29) are from Outjo Senior Secondary School in Outjo District, fifteen from Mwadikange Kaulinge Senior Secondary School in Engela District and the rest are from different schools. Ten (10) teachers and eight (8) Health Care Workers also tested positive for COVID-19.

3. One hundred and forty-two new (142) cases have recovered.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 23 April 2021

Region	Number
Erongo	102
Khomas	27
Otjozondjupa	11
Hardap	2
Total	142

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand four hundred and seventy-two (1 472). One hundred and twenty-two (122) are hospitalized, of which forty-one (41) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 23 April 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	52	30
Erongo	20	9
Hardap	8	0
Kavango East	3	0
Otjozondjupa	17	0
Zambezi	5	0
Omusati	5	0
Oshikoto	3	2
Oshana	3	0
Karas	2	0
Omaheke	2	0
Ohangwena	1	0
Kunene	1	0
Total	122	41

5. We announce six (6) deaths, two from Okakarara, and one each from Walvis Bay, Otjiwarongo, Rundu and Grootfontein Districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 22 April 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Okakarara	Female	68	Yes	18/04/2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	85	Yes	16/04/2021	COVID-19 Death
Walvis Bay	Male	43	No	21/04/2021	COVID-19 Death
Otjiwarongo	Female	79	No	16/04/2021	COVID-19 Death
Rundu	Female	80	No	21/04/2021	COVID-19 Death
Grootfontein	Male	59	Yes	06/04/2021	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, 23 April 2021

Region	1 st Dose AstraZeneca /Covishield & Sinopharm		2 nd Dose Sinopharm	
	New persons vaccinated	Cumulative number vaccinated (1 st dose)	Persons vaccinated	Cumulative number vaccinated (2 nd dose)
Erongo	224	1832	27	182
Khomas	565	5409	171	313
Karas	68	265	0	0
Oshana	533	853	0	0
Omusati	0*	49	0	0
Zambezi	37	92	0	0
Ohangwena	193	220	0	0
Kunene	252	272	0	0
Otjozondjupa	263	263	0	0
Kavango West	54	54	0	0
Kavango East	151	151	0	0
Total	2340	9460	198	495

* Omusati is indicated zero for new vaccine because their report did not reach but they are continuing vaccinating. Their data will be updated in the next report.

Table 6: Summary of the national update, 23 April 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	47 383
Newly confirmed	211
Recoveries	45 278
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 472
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	9460
COVID-19 Deaths	507
COVID-19 Related Deaths	115
Total Deaths	622
Total samples tested	378 245
Active contacts	3 739
Cumulative number of people quarantined	44 435
Number of quarantined people discharged	43 089
Number of people in quarantines	1 346

Key Messages

- Considering the number of learners testing positive, especially from boarding schools, urgent interventions are needed, especially because school holidays have started.
- Learners from schools with active infections must take extra precautions in order to limit transmission to the older populations in the community.
- We continue observing more severe cases and more deaths due to COVID-19, therefore all eligible people should go for vaccination.

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