

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 eight hundred and ten (810) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from two thousand four hundred and twelve (2 412) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 34% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is four hundred and seventy (470) females and three hundred and forty (340) males. The age range is from four (4) months to one hundred and five (105) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 24 July 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	101	Eenhana	59
		Okongo	36
		Engela	6
Oshana	98	Oshakati	98
Erongo	87	Walvis Bay	54
		Swakopmund	24
		Omaruru	6
		Usakos	3
Khomas	80	Windhoek	80
Oshikoto	71	Onandjokwe	53
		Omuthiya	18
Omusati	70	Tsandi	25
		Outapi	19
		Oshikuku	18
		Okahao	8
Otjozondjupa	68	Grootfontein	43
		Otjiwarongo	23
		Okakarara	2
Kunene	68	Opuwo	64
		Outjo	3
		Khorixas	1
Kharas	62	Luderitz	51
		Keetmanshoop	8
		Karasburg	3
Kavango West	34	Nankudu	34
Zambezi	24	Katima Mulilo	24
Omaheke	20	Gobabis	20
Kavango East	19	Rundu	12
		Nyangana	7
Hardap	8	Rehoboth	7
		Mariental	1
Total	810		810

2. We are reporting cases from all the fourteen (14) regions, with Ohangwena region reporting the highest number of cases, accounting for 12% of the confirmed cases. Among the confirmed cases are eighty (80) learners, nine (9) teachers and eleven (11) students from different institutions. We are also reporting seventeen (17) health care workers.
3. Of all the confirmed cases, twelve (12), representing 1% are reported to have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
4. We have recorded eight hundred and forty-nine (849) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 24 July 2021

Region	Number
Oshana	455
Erongo	92
Omusati	74
Otjozondjupa	66
Khomas	57
Zambezi	52
Kunene	27
Kharas	14
Hardap	12
Total	849

5. We now have twenty thousand nine hundred and two (20 902) active cases. Five hundred and forty-five (545) are hospitalized, of which one hundred and sixteen (116) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 24 July 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	202	62
Oshana	63	16
Erongo	61	16
Otjozondjupa	35	3
Kavango East	34	4
Kharas	31	2
Oshikoto	26	7
Omusati	24	0
Kunene	20	0
Ohangwena	17	2
Omaheke	14	4
Zambezi	14	0
Hardap	4	0
Total	545	116

6. We announce fifty-one (51) deaths from sixteen (16) districts.

Table 4a. Summary table of deaths, 24 July 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid Death	Related death		
Rundu	12	2	14	14	0	6	8
Rehoboth	2	5	7	7	0	0	7
Oshakati	3	1	4	4	0	0	3
Oshikuku	1	3	4	4	0	0	2
Eenhana	3	0	3	3	0	0	3
Nankudu	2	1	3	3	0	1	2
Okahao	0	3	3	3	0	0	2
Grootfontein	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Okahandja	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Windhoek	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Swakopmund	0	2	2	2	0	0	2
Katima Mulilo	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Otjiwarongo	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Outjo	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Engela	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Khorixas	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	28	23	51	51	0	7	39

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 24 July 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		1st dose	2 nd dose	Undetermined
Under 1	0			
1-4	0			
5-9	0			
10-19	1	0	0	0
20-29	0			
30-39	0	0	0	0
40-49	3	0	0	1
50-59	5	0	0	0
60-69	13	0	0	2
70-79	14	0	0	1
80-89	11	0	0	1
90+	4	0	0	0
Total	51	0	0	5

7. Rundu district reported the highest number of deaths with fourteen (14) deaths, followed by Rehoboth with seven (7) deaths, Oshakati and Oshikuku with four (4) deaths each. Eenhana, Nankudu and Okahao districts reported three (3) deaths each, Grootfontein, Okahandja, Windhoek and Swakopmund two (2) deaths each, and Katima Mulilo, Otjiwarongo, Outjo, Engela and Khorixas with one (1) death each.
8. Seven (7) deaths were reported as home deaths, six (6) from Rundu and one (1) from Nankudu districts.
9. All deaths being reported today have occurred in July 2021. Three (3) demised between 01-11 July 2021, forty-two (42) died between 12 and 22 July 2021, and six (6) deaths occurred between 23 and 24 July 2021, that is within 24 hours of this report.
10. Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated with Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 24 July 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1st doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1st doses of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1st dose of (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1st doses of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	186	6 376	0	9 292	15 668
Hardap	118	3 242	0	3 674	6 916
Kharas	102	3 825	16	2 754	6 579
Kavango East	0	3 383	0	4 414	7 797
Kavango West	0	1 176	0	2 173	3 349
Khomas	913	22 135	0	23 824	45 959
Kunene	0	3 236	0	3 526	6 762
Ohangwena	0	4 340	0	3 785	8 125
Omaheke	119	3 541	0	3 060	6 601
Omusati	0	4 402	0	5 125	9 527
Oshana	288	5 865	0	3 474	9 339
Oshikoto	158	4 338	0	2 819	7 157
Otjozondjupa	164	6 998	0	5 938	12 936
Zambezi	55	2 033	0	831	2 864
Total	2 103	74 890	16	74 689	149 579

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 24 July 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	31	3 053	0	385	3 438
Hardap	21	1 760	0	30	1 790
Kharas	53	1 983	45	260	2 243
Kavango East	0	1 650	0	912	2 562
Kavango West	0	682	0	97	779
Khomas	567	12 279	0	1 271	13 550
Kunene	0	1 656	0	86	1 742
Ohangwena	0	2 049	0	289	2 338
Omaheke	8	1 461	0	164	1 625
Omusati	0	2 171	0	526	2 697
Oshana	131	2 761	0	966	3 727
Oshikoto	78	2 063	0	300	2 362
Otjozondjupa	118	3 962	0	926	4 889
Zambezi	48	1 070	0	113	1 183
Total	1 056	38 600	45	6 325	44 925

Table 7: Summary of the national update, 24 July 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	116 603
Newly confirmed	810
Recoveries	92 879
Recovery rate	80%
Active cases	20 902
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	149 579
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses administered	44 925
COVID-19 Deaths	2 568
COVID-19 Related Deaths	243
Total Deaths	2 811
Total samples tested	602 749
Active contacts	5 143
Cumulative number of people quarantined	67 726
Number of quarantined people discharged	63 712
Number of people in quarantines	4 014

11. Key message

- As we are encouraging people to go out in big numbers to be vaccinated, we caution that people should not go to be vaccinated when they are not feeling well. Those

who are not feeling well must go to the hospital instead. A person who has recovered from illness can be vaccinated after two weeks of recovery. This applies to those who are confirmed to have COVID-19.

- I want to restate the message I sent put yesterday regarding payment of N\$7 000 for Covid-19 burials.
- There are allegations in the public that Ministry is charging family members an amount of N\$7 000 for Covid-19 burials. These allegations are devoid of any truth. The Ministry does not charge family members for anything. The Ministry conduct safe Covid-19 burials free of charge, using its own transport to carry the casket and personnel to do the burial. The Ministry only ask the family to bring a coffin for their loved one if they so wish.
- Some families however, choose to bury their loved one themselves. In that case, they contract a licensed private undertaker to do the burial. This is an arrangement between the private undertaker and the family concerned. The private undertakers will then ask the family to him or her for his or her service. This has nothing to do with the Ministry.

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