

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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WINDHOEK

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1. We announce two hundred and eighteen (218) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand eight hundred and fifty (1 850) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 12% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and thirty (130) females and eighty-eight (88) males. The age range is from one (1) year to eighty-five (85) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 26 February 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	34	Windhoek	34
Kavango East	34	Rundu	34
Otjozondjupa	24	Okahandja	16
		Otjiwarongo	5
		Grootfontein	3
Erongo	23	Walvis Bay	18
		Omaruru	3
		Swakopmund	1
		Usakos	1
Oshikoto	19	Onandjokwe	15
		Tsumeb	4
Omaheke	17	Gobabis	17
Oshana	12	Oshakati	12
Karas	11	Luderitz	6
		Keetmanshoop	5
Omusati	10	Tsandi	4
		Okahao	4
		Oshikuku	1
		Outapi	1
Ohangwena	10	Okongo	7
		Eenhana	3
Zambezi	8	Katima Mulilo	8
Hardap	7	Mariental	7
Kunene	5	Opuwo	3
		Khorixas	1
		Outjo	1
Kavango west	4	Nankudu	4
Total	218		218

2. Fifty-one (51) of the positive cases are learners. Fifteen (15) of these learners are from Uukule Senior Secondary School, twelve (12) are from Okahandja Senior Secondary School and the rest are from different schools. Five (5) employees from the fishing industry, seven (7) health care workers, sixteen (16) teachers and five (5) inmates are also among the COVID-19 positive cases.

3. We have recorded two hundred and six (206) new recoveries. The recovery rate for Namibia stands at 94%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 26 February 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	84
Omusati	58
Karas	36
Erongo	25
Ohangwena	3
Total	206

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand and four (2 004). One hundred and sixty (160) are hospitalized, of which twenty-one (21) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases, 26 February 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	60	17
Erongo	27	2
Karas	12	0
Ohangwena	10	0
Zambezi	10	0
Kavango East	10	0
Hardap	7	0
Omusati	7	0
Oshana	6	2
Omaheke	4	0
Oshikoto	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Otjozondjupa	1	0
Total	160	21

5. We announce two (2) deaths from Rundu and Windhoek districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 26 February 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Rundu	Female	54	Yes	14.02.2021	COVID-19 Death
Windhoek	Male	80	Yes	25.02.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 26 February 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	38 424
Newly confirmed	218
Recoveries	35 994
Active cases	2 004
COVID-19 Deaths	330
COVID-19 Related Deaths	88
Total Deaths	418
Active contacts	3 899
Total samples tested	300 024
Cumulative number of people quarantined	35 675
Number of quarantined people discharged	33 576
Number of people in quarantines	2 099

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