

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.

28 February 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce two hundred and three (203) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand four hundred and thirty-four (1 434) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 14% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and fourteen (114) females and eighty-nine (89) males. The age range is from five (5) months to ninety-one (91) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 28 February 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Kavango East	40	Rundu	39
		Andara	1
Omusati	34	Tsandi	33
		Outapi	1
Erongo	26	Walvis Bay	19
		Omaruru	5
		Swakopmund	2
Khomas	19	Windhoek	19
Karas	18	Keetmanshoop	18
Otjozondjupa	14	Okakarara	5
		Grootfontein	4
		Otjiwarongo	3
		Okahandja	2
Oshikoto	13	Tsumeb	12
		Onandjokwe	1
Omaheke	12	Gobabis	12
Oshana	9	Oshakati	9
Hardap	5	Mariental	4
		Rehoboth	1
Kunene	5	Opuwo	5
Zambezi	4	Katima Mulilo	4
Kavango West	3	Nankudu	3
Ohangwena	1	Okongo	1
Total	203		203

2. One hundred and five (105) of the positive cases are learners. Eighteen (18) are from Onesi Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Tsandi district, seventeen (17) from Leevi Hakusembe SSS in Rundu district, eleven (11) from J A Nel SSS in Keetmanshoop district and the rest are from different schools. Ten (10) health care workers and five (5) teachers are among the positive cases.
3. We have recorded forty-one (41) new recoveries. The recovery rate for Namibia stands at 93%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 28 February 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	15
Omaheke	15
Erongo	11
Total	41

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand one hundred and fifty-two (2 152). One hundred and fifty-six (156) are hospitalized, of which twenty (20) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases, 28 February 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	62	16
Erongo	23	2
Karas	12	0
Ohangwena	10	0
Zambezi	10	0
Kavango East	10	0
Hardap	7	0
Omusati	7	0
Oshana	4	2
Omaheke	4	0
Oshikoto	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Otjozondjupa	1	0
Total	156	20

5. We announce four (4) deaths from Windhoek, Oshakati, Omaruru and Outjo districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 28 February 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Female	66	Yes	27/02/2021	COVID-19 Death
Oshakati	Female	51	Yes	26/02/2021	COVID-19 Related Death
Omaruru	Male	72	Yes	25/02/2021	COVID-19 Death
Outjo	Female	55	Yes	27/02/2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 28 February 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	38 845
Newly confirmed	203
Recoveries	36 261
Active cases	2 152
COVID-19 Deaths	335
COVID-19 Related Deaths	89
Total Deaths	424
Active contacts	4 036
Total samples tested	302 912
Cumulative number of people quarantined	35 925
Number of quarantined people discharged	33 863
Number of people in quarantines	2 062

7. **Key Messages**

While we are waiting for the vaccine to arrive in the country, please take note:

- COVID-19 vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic.
- The vaccine will help protect you by creating immunity (antibody) without having to experience sickness.
- Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, however these measures are not enough.
- The COVID-19 vaccine will work with your immune system to be ready and enable to fight the virus if you are exposed.
- The combination of getting vaccinated and following Infection Prevention Control measures to protect yourself and others will offer the best solution to end COVID-19.

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