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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce five hundred and fifty-four (**554**) new positive cases from two thousand six hundred and nineteen (**2 619**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **21.2%** positivity ratio. The sex is two hundred and ninety (**290**) females and two hundred and sixty-four (**264**) males. The age ranges between three (**3**) weeks and eighty-one (**81**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases &Reinfections, 09 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	Re-infections
Khomas	376	Windhoek	376	44
Erongo	85	Walvis Bay	55	4
		Usakos	16	
		Swakopmund	13	
		Omaruru	1	
Otjozondjupa	50	Otjiwarongo	29	10
		Okahandja	20	
		Okakarara	1	
Kharas	22	Luderitz	13	2
		Keetmanshoop	6	
		Karasburg	3	
Omaheke	6	Gobabis	6	1
Oshana	3	Oshakati	3	0
Zambezi	3	Katima Mulilo	3	0
Kavango East	3	Rundu	3	0
Oshikoto	3	Tsumeb	3	0
Hardap	2	Mariental	2	0
Omusati	1	Oshikuku	1	0
Total	554		554	61

2. We are reporting cases from eleven (11) out of fourteen (14) regions with Khomas region reporting the high number of new cases, totalling three hundred and seventy-six (376) and making up 67.9% of the total confirmed cases.
3. Among the confirmed cases are thirty-six (36) health care workers, twenty-eight (28) learners sixteen (16) students and four (4) teachers. Twenty-seven (27) cases have received one (1) dose of the vaccine and seventy-one (71) cases are fully vaccinated.
4. We are reporting seventy-nine (**79**) new recoveries, sixty-five (65) from Khomas region, eleven (11) from ||Kharas region, and three (3) from Hardap region.
5. The number of active cases has increased to one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven (**1 797**). Number of hospitalized cases continues to increase gradually. Today we have seventy-four (**74**) hospitalized cases, of which four (4) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Two (2) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and five (5) cases are fully vaccinated. The cases in ICU are not vaccinated.

Table 2: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 09 December 2021

Region	Hospitalized cases		Vaccinated		ICU		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Khomas	41	29	0	1	4	3	0	0
Erongo	7	6	0	3	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	6	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
Kharas	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	74	51	2	5	4	3	0	0

6. We have not recorded death during the current reporting cycle..
7. By 8 December 2021, a total of **386 129** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which **92 759** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, administered as one dose. One hundred and fifty-six (**156**) are children aged 12-17 years, while **232 204** adults had received two doses. Therefore, **324 963** have completed the vaccination. Five hundred and twenty-two (**522**) people have received 3rd doses of Sinopharm. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 below:

Table 3: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 09 December 2021

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	30	15 717	7	13 131	0	3	59	735	146	8 209	37 795
Hardap	27	12 274	3	5 565	0	0	3	14	109	5 209	23 062
Kharas	42	10 103	0	4 580	0	0	21	99	173	4 873	19 655
Kavango East	21	10 011	1	7 012	0	0	26	329	38	7 725	25 077
Kavango West	44	5 195	0	4 508	0	0	0	260	241	7 675	17 638
Khomas	33	41 424	5	29 405	0	94	108	3 173	194	17 975	92 071
Kunene	0	11 503	0	5 422	0	0	0	2	0	7 048	23 975
Ohangwena	16	15 550	3	5 264	0	2	1	13	59	5 139	25 968
Omaheke	4	8 226	0	5 004	0	0	2	83	105	4 565	17 878
Omusati	28	13 126	2	7 197	0	0	0	97	61	4 652	25 072
Oshana	54	12 197	0	4 773	0	29	23	65	164	3 883	20 947
Oshikoto	16	11 942	6	3 711	0	0	2	2	87	4 974	20 629
Otjozondjupa	12	12 265	2	8 444	0	0	16	80	130	8 214	29 003
Zambezi	3	3 601	2	935	0	0	0	49	7	2 618	7 203
Total	330	183 134	31	104 951	0	128	261	5 001	1 514	92 759	385 973

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 08 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1st DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 1st dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 1st dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 1st DOSES (12-17 yrs)
Erongo	9	46	35	74	120
Hardap	0	0	1	1	1
Kharas	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	6	9	9	13	22
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	2	7	2	6	13
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	62	47	94	156

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 09 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2nd DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 2nd dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 2nd Dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 2nd DOSE (12-17) Years
Erongo	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

8. *Table 8: Summary of the national update, 09 December 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	131 230
Newly confirmed	554
Recoveries	125 846
Recovery rate	95.9%
Active cases	1 797
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	386 129
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	232 204
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	324 963
COVID-19 Deaths	3 277
COVID-19 Related Deaths	298
Total Deaths	3 575
Total samples tested	810 348
Active contacts	851
Cumulative number of people quarantined	83 127
Number of quarantined people discharged	82 872
Number of people in quarantines	255

9. **Key messages:**

- As the number of cases are on the increase, we remind the public that the basic prevention measures remains the same: Correctly and consistently wearing of face masks, maintaining physical distance, keeping rooms well ventilated, avoid crowded places, maintaining hand hygiene by washing with soap and water regularly or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer. If you are unwell, keep away from others. The most important thing to do is to **GET VACCINATED!**
- We emphasise again that vaccine may not always prevent you from getting infected, but it helps your body to fight the infection so that you do not get severe disease. Therefore, hearing number of vaccinated people getting infected should not confuse us to think that vaccines are not working. Equally, vaccinated people should not get false sense of protection and put their guards down on adhering to the preventive measures. One must get vaccinated and still to comply with public health measures.

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