

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

## UPDATE BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA

15-20 July 2022 WINDHOEK

1. For the past week, 15-20 July 2022, we recorded forty (**40**) positive cases from one thousand three hundred and thirty-eight (**1 338**) tests conducted, representing a **3.0%** positivity ratio. Of these positive cases, thirty-nine (39) are new cases and one (1) is a reinfection. The sex distribution is twenty-three (23) males of which twenty-two (22) are new cases and seventeen (17) females all new cases. The age ranges from four (4) months to eighty-one (81) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & reinfections, 15-20 July 2022

| Region       | New cases | Reinfections | Total |  |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|
| Khomas       | 14        | 0            | 14    |  |
| Ohangwena    | 6         | 0            | 6     |  |
| Oshana       | 4         | 0            | 4     |  |
| Erongo       | 3         | 0            | 3     |  |
| Omusati      | 3         | 0            | 3     |  |
| Otjozondjupa | 3         | 0            | 3     |  |
| Kharas       | 2         | 1            | 3     |  |
| Zambezi      | 2         | 0            | 2     |  |
| Kavango East | 1         | 0            | 1     |  |
| Kunene       | 1         | 0            | 1     |  |
| Total        | 39        | 1            | 40    |  |

- 2. Cases were reported from ten (10) regions. We recorded two (2) cases among learners and two (2) among health care workers.
- 3. Of these reported cases, three (3) have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, nine (9) have received two doses of which six (6) have received booster doses. Two (2) are not eligible and twenty-six (26) were not vaccinated.
- 4. We recorded forty-seven (47) recoveries from seven (7) regions during the reporting period.

Table 2: Distribution of recoveries by region, 15-20 July 2022

| Region        | Number |
|---------------|--------|
| Khomas        | 25     |
| Erongo        | 6      |
| Oshikoto      | 6      |
| Otjozondjupa  | 6      |
| Omusati       | 2      |
| Ohangwena     | 1      |
| Kavangon East | 1      |
| Total         | 47     |

5. As at 20 July 2022, the number of active cases is one hundred and twenty-seven (127). Eighteen (18) cases are currently hospitalized in eight (8) regions of which one (1) is in ICU. None of the hospitalized cases is vaccinated.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 20 July 2022

| Region       | Hospitalized cases |          | Vaccinated |                      | ICU     |          | Vaccinated |                      |
|--------------|--------------------|----------|------------|----------------------|---------|----------|------------|----------------------|
|              | Current            | Previous | 1st dose   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose | Current | Previous | 1st dose   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose |
| Ohangwena    | 4                  | 4        | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0                    |
| Oshana       | 4                  | 4        | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0                    |
| Erongo       | 3                  | 3        | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0                    |
| Otjozondjupa | 3                  | 3        | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0                    |
| Omusati      | 2                  | 1        | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0                    |
| Khomas       | 1                  | 1        | 0          | 0                    | 1       | 1        | 0          | 0                    |
| Kharas       | 1                  | 1        | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0                    |
| Hardap       | 0                  | 1        | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0        | 0          | 0                    |
| Total        | 18                 | 18       | 0          | 0                    | 1       | 1        | 0          | 0                    |

- 6. We recorded two deaths during the reporting period. One (1) is a COVID-19 death of a 61-years old female from Eenhana district, with commodities died at a health facility on 09 July 2022. The deceased was not vaccinated. The second death was of a COVID-19 related death, recorded from Opuwo district of a 59-years old who died at the health facility on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. The deceased was not vaccinated.
- 7. By 19 July 2022, a total of **506 359** people aged 18 years and older have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **34.2%** of the target population (1 471 973). A total of **178 241** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, while **267 020** adults have received two doses of other vaccine types. Hence, **445 261** adults have completed their vaccination schedule, translating to **30.2** % of the target population.
- 8. Twenty-four thousand six hundred and sixty-two (24 662) children aged 12-17 years have received one dose of the Pfizer vaccine, representing 8.0% of the target population (307 298). Of these, twelve thousand two hundred thirty-four (12 595) are fully vaccinated. Hence, the cumulative number of people vaccinated with the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for both adults and children is 531 021 of which 457 856 are fully vaccinated, translating to 25.7% of the total target population (1 779 271).
- 9. Eighty thousand nine hundred and seventy-three (**80 973**) people have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. The vaccinations summary is presented in Table 4:

Table 4. Summary of administered vaccines (Cumulatively and between 15-20 July 2022)

|                 |        |            |          |            | adults and | % adults |
|-----------------|--------|------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|
| Doses           | Adults | Adults     | Children | Children   | children   | and      |
| administered    | New    | cumulative | New      | Cumulative | cumulative | children |
| First doses     | 16 947 | 506 359    | 152      | 24 662     | 531 021    | 29.8     |
| Completed doses | 563    | 445 261    | 118      | 12 595     | 457 856    | 25.7     |
| Booster doses   | 2 155  | 80 973     |          |            | 80 973     |          |

10. Table 5: Summary of the national update, as at 20 July 2022

| Cumulative confirmed individuals excluding reinfections | 166 405   |
|---|-----------|
| Cumulative cases including reinfections                 | 169 440   |
| Newly confirmed individuals                             | 40        |
| New reinfections  | 1         |
| Recoveries  | 165 227   |
| Recovery rate   | 97.5%     |
| Active cases  | 127       |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose                    | 531 021   |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose        | 279 615   |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed                   | 457 856   |
| COVID-19 Deaths   | 3 718     |
| COVID-19 Related Deaths                                 | 353       |
| Total Deaths  | 4 071     |
| Total samples tested                                    | 1 067 667 |