

**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**

*\*Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow compatriots. Today we are reporting fifty-two (52) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from nine hundred and sixty-two (962) tests performed at the various laboratories. This constitutes 5.4% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the cases is thirty-four (34) females and eighteen (18) males. The age range is from one (1) year to eighty-four (84) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases*

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Karas	15	Lüderitz	13
		Karasburg	1
		Keetmanshoop	1
Khomas	14	Windhoek	14
Hardap	10	Rehoboth	10
Oshana	4	Oshakati	4
Erongo	3	Walvis Bay	1
		Omaruru	1
		Swakopmund	1
Ohangwena	2	Engela	2
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Omusati	1	Oshikuku	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Otjozondjupa	1	Grootfontein	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>52</b>

2. We have noted with concern the number of confirmed cases from Luderits district. It consists of thirteen (13) cases which includes two (2) learners and one (1) healthcare worker from Luderitz State Hospital. We report confirmed cases from 10 out of 14 regions (71.4%). We urge the public to adhere to public health preventive measures like social distancing at gatherings, wearing face masks and sanitizing hands. COVID-19 is still present in our communities.
3. Today we are reporting thirty (30) new recoveries, twenty-five (25) from Khomas Region and five (5) from Hardap Region. This brings the total number of recoveries to 13 182.
4. The total number of active cases currently stands at **337**. Of the active cases, four (4) are in severe to critical condition.

*Table 2: Distribution of severity of cases per region*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Severe</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Total</b>
Khomas	1	2	3
Erongo	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

5. With great sadness, we announce one (1) COVID-19 related death of a 69 years old male from Windhoek known to have comorbidities. He passed on the 15 November 2020. We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

6. *Table 3: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	13 662
Newly confirmed	52
Recoveries	13 182
Active cases	337
COVID-19 Death	108
COVID-19 Related Death	33
Total Deaths	141
Active contacts	2 677
Total samples tested	144 428
Cumulative number of people quarantined	19 670
Number of quarantined people discharged	19 174
Number of people in quarantine	496

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