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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow citizens. Today, a record of one hundred and forty-nine (149) new COVID-19 positive cases were identified from one thousand three hundred and twenty-seven (1327) results received from the testing laboratories. This represents 11% positivity ratio and 119% more confirmed cases than the cases reported yesterday. The gender distribution of the reported cases is seventy-nine (79) females and seventy (70) males. The age range is from two (2) months to seventy-five (75) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	105	Windhoek	105
Karas	38	Luderitz	38
Erongo	3	Swakopmund	3
Otjozondjupa	1	Otjiwarongo	1
Oshikoto	1	Tsumeb	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Total	149		149

2. Among the one hundred and five (105) cases from Windhoek district, seventy-three (73) are learners from different schools who are all contacts to confirmed cases, with 58% of them showing symptoms for COVID-19. Sixty-eight (68) cases are from St Joseph High School, of which sixty-five (65) are learners and three (3) staff members. The cases from Lüderitz district, are mainly from the fishing industry. The district conducted expanded targeted testing following increased in number of confirmed cases, which resulted in the current high yield.
3. For the past 40 days, we had been reporting less than hundred (100) cases per day with a daily average of 40 cases. This is quite worrisome, more especially that we are approaching the festive and holiday season, and people will start moving to visit relatives in different areas of the country. We continue to urge members of the public to adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures in order to reduce transmission of the virus.
4. Today we are reporting sixteen (16) new recoveries. This brings the total number of recoveries to 13 355.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Erongo	9
Khomas	2
Omaheke	2
Oshana	3
Total	16

3. The total number of active cases currently stands at 650. Of the active cases, four (4) are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Khomas	2	1	3
Erongo	0	1	1
Total	2	2	4

5. With great sadness, we announce 2 COVID-19 deaths, from Windhoek district.

6. *Table 4: Summary of deaths*

District	Sex	Age	Place of Death	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Male	32	Home	22.11.2020	COVID-19 Death
Windhoek	Male	68	Hospital	24/11/2020	COVID-19 Death

We express sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

7. *Table 5: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	14 155
Newly confirmed	149
Recoveries	13 355
Active cases	650
COVID-19 Death	114
COVID-19 Related Death	33
Total Deaths	147
Active contacts	3 051
Total samples tested	151 721
Cumulative number of people quarantined	20 151
Number of quarantined people discharged	19 712
Number of people in quarantines	439

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