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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check Against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We have received a total of **547** results from NIP and Pathcare laboratories over the past twenty-four hours. Out of these, a total of **70** samples tested positive for COVID-19. They are distributed as follow:

Table 1: New Covid-19 positive cases

Region	Town	Number
Erongo	Walvis Bay	30
	Swakopmund	10
Khomas	Windhoek	26
Otjozondjupa	Otjiwarongo	1
	Okahandja	1
Kharas	Keetmanshoop	1
Oshana	Oshakati	1
Total		70

2. The gender distribution comprises of forty-four males and twenty-six females. The ages range from 3 to 66 years. Contact tracing has been initiated.
3. Windhoek cases are increasing exponentially and is really a cause of concern. Of the 26 cases reported from Windhoek, the ages range from 6 to 64 years. Thirteen are males and thirteen are females. Thirteen are contacts of confirmed cases while another thirteen have no known contact to confirmed cases. Among those who had contacts to confirmed cases, four presented with COVID-19 related symptoms.
4. All the thirteen cases from Windhoek with no known contact to confirmed cases, presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
5. These cases come from different locations in Windhoek such, namely Brakwater, Cimbebasia, Freedom Square, Goreagab, Grysblock, Hockland Park, Khomasdal, Klein Windhoek, Ombili, Wanaheda, Herero location, Suiderhof, Okapuka Namib Poutry and one is a resident of Rehoboth.
6. Of concern is the Herero location, where 10 people were reported from, and we learn that these people attended a church event on the 25th July 2020. Other people who were diagnosed earlier last week also attended the same church event. This is what triggered the attendants to go get tested, however not all of them were tested by then. It is likely that more have been exposed. Therefore, we are cautioning people who have attended the same church event to call the hotline for guidance.
7. This is where keeping register at events is very important, and more so, providing correct information, especially the names and contact numbers.

8. The case reported from Keetmanshoop is that of a 28-years old Namibian male who arrived in the country on the on 29th July 2020, who was deported from South Africa due to criminal activities, with other two. They were tested in Keetmanshoop just before they were transported to Windhoek under Police escort on the same day and quarantined in the holding cells.
9. The Okahandja case is that of a 33-years old male, from Oropoko and a contact of a confirmed case at the same location. He was tested on the 29th July 2020 and the result came out positive on the 4th August 2020.
10. The Otjiwarongo case is that of a 48-years old female, a teacher, who was seen at the private clinic on the 19th July 2020 with flu-like symptoms and treated symptomatically, She went back again on the 25th July 2020 with more symptoms, and was only tested on the 3rd of August 2020. She is admitted at the local private hospital. Her condition is reported to be satisfactory.
11. I hereby call on the health care professional in both public and private health sector, to have a high level of suspicion and exclude COVID-19 timely.
12. Today we are announcing a record number of recovery, again this is a result of the shift in de-isolation policy. A total number of 345 cases have recovered and discharged. These are distributed as follows:

Table 2: Number of recoveries

Region	District	Number
Erongo	Walvis Bay	325
Oshana	Oshakati	6
Hardap	Mariental	5
Khomas	Windhoek	4
Otjozondjupa	Okakarara	1
	Otjiwarongo	1
Omusati	Oshikuku	1
	Outapi	1
Karas	Keetmanshoop	1
Total		345

13. *Table 2: Summary*

Cumulative confirmed cases	2 540
Newly confirmed	70
Recoveries	556
Active cases	1 972
Deaths	12
Total samples tested	29 2779
Active contacts	3 444
Cumulative number of people quarantined	6 637
Number of quarantined people discharged	5 005
Number of people in quarantines	1 632

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