

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.**

01 April 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce two hundred and thirty-five (235) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (1 919) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 12% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and thirty-four (134) females and one hundred and one (101) males. The age range is from two (2) years to seventy-nine (79) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 01 April 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Otjozondjupa	64	Okakarara	30
		Grootfontein	18
		Okahandja	15
		Otjiwarongo	1
Khomas	36	Windhoek	36
Erongo	34	Swakopmund	14
		Walvis Bay	11
		Usakos	7
		Omaruru	2
Kavango East	26	Rundu	15
		Nyangana	11
Kunene	21	Opuwo	18
		Outjo	3
Hardap	13	Mariental	12
		Rehoboth	1
Oshikoto	13	Tsumeb	13
Karas	11	Karasburg	5
		Luderitz	3
		Keetmanshoop	3
Oshana	11	Oshakati	11
Ohangwena	3	Okongo	3
Omusati	3	Outapi	2
		Oshikuku	1
Total	235		235

2. Among the confirmed cases are eighty-three (83) learners. Twenty-five (25) are from Waterberg Junior Secondary School in Okakarara district, sixteen (16) from Alpha Combined School in Opuwo district and ten (10) from Linus Shashipapo Secondary School in Nyangana district. Thirteen (13) teachers and five (5) health care workers also tested positive to COVID-19 infection.

3. We have recorded sixty-two (62) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 01 April 2021

Region	Number
Karas	25
Otjozondjupa	13
Omaheke	13
Khomas	11
Total	62

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six (1 926). One hundred and fifty-two (152) are hospitalized, of which thirty-three (33) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 01 April 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	60	23
Erongo	19	5
Oshana	13	5
Zambezi	13	0
Karas	9	0
Oshikoto	9	0
Omusati	8	0
Hardap	7	0
Otjozondjupa	5	0
Kavango East	3	0
Kunene	2	0
Omaheke	2	0
Ohangwena	2	0
Total	152	33

5. We announce five (5) deaths, from Windhoek and Keetmanshoop districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 01 April 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Male	65	No	29.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	66	No	31.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	35	Yes	01.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Keetmanshoop	Male	80	Yes	30.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	42	No	31.03.2021	COVID-19 Related Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. In the last 24 hours, three hundred and fifty-six (356) COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered, of which two hundred and thirteen (213) were in Khomas and one hundred and forty-three (143) in Erongo region. Cumulatively, a total of one thousand five hundred and one (1501) vaccine doses have been administered since the roll-out.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 01 April 2021

Region	New doses administered	Total doses administered since the roll-out
Khomas	213	1370
Erongo	143	487
Total	356	1857

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 01 April 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	44 374
Newly confirmed	235
Recoveries	41 910
Recovery rate	94%
Active cases	1 926
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	1857
COVID-19 Deaths	427
COVID-19 Related Deaths	101
Total Deaths	528
Total samples tested	349 054
Active contacts	4 227
Cumulative number of people quarantined	41 435
Number of quarantined people discharged	39 985
Number of people in quarantines	1 450

8. Key Messages

- As we are approaching the Easter holidays, we urge all citizens to exercise extreme caution to prevent infection and further spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in our communities.
- We strongly encourage the public to avoid unnecessary travel and gatherings, practice social distancing of at least 1m, wear masks correctly and consistently and wash hands frequently with soap and clean water or sanitize your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub.

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