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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Today, we announce one thousand six hundred and sixty- one (1 661) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from three thousand six hundred and twenty-six (3 626) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 46% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is eight hundred and ninety (890) females and seven hundred and seventy-one (771) males. The age range is from twenty-six (26) days to one hundred (100) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

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

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	566	Windhoek	566
Hardap	206	Mariental	132
		Rehoboth	73
		Aranos	1
Erongo	185	Walvis Bay	88
		Swakopmund	76
		Usakos	14
		Omaruru	7
Otjozondjupa	145	Otjiwarongo	59
		Okakarara	42
		Okahandja	39
		Grootfontein	5
Kavango East	138	Rundu	127
		Andara	11
Oshana	99	Oshakati	99
Oshikoto	96	Onandjokwe	52
		Tsumeb	42
		Omuthiya	2
Zambezi	65	Katima Mulilo	65
Kharas	64	Lüderitz	43
		Karasburg	16
		Keetmanshoop	5
Kunene	51	Khorixas	23
		Outjo	18
		Opuwo	10
Omusati	41	Okahao	17
		Tsandi	13
		Outapi	7
		Oshikuku	4
Ohangwena	3	Eenhana	3
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Total	1661		1661

2. We are reporting cases from thirteen (13) regions, with Khomas region reporting the highest and accounting for 34% followed by Hardap region with 12% of the total number of confirmed cases. Among the confirmed cases are one hundred and ninety-three (193) learners, thirty-eight (38) teachers and seventeen (17) students from different schools. We are also reporting thirty-eight (38) health care workers from different health care facilities.
3. Of all the confirmed cases, sixteen (16), which represent one percent (1%) reported to have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while only one (1) of these has been fully vaccinated.
4. We have recorded nine hundred and thirty (930) new recoveries.

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

Region	Number
Kharas	368
Oshana	227
Otjozondjupa	138
Khomas	111
Kavango East	86
Total	930

5. We now have twenty-two thousand five hundred and sixty-two (22 562) active cases. Five hundred and thirty-one (531) are hospitalized, of which eighty-eight (88) are in Intensive Care Units (ICUs).

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

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	253	51
Erongo	71	10
Oshana	59	20
Otjozondjupa	42	0
Kharas	27	0
Omaheke	12	4
Oshikoto	12	3
Kunene	11	0
Ohangwena	10	0
Zambezi	9	0
Omusati	9	0
Kavango East	8	0
Hardap	8	0
Total	531	88

6. We announce thirty (30) deaths in eight (8) districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 01 July 2021

District	Age	Sex	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification	Vaccination
Windhoek	59	M	Yes	01.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	69	F	Yes	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	82	F	No	30.06.2021	COVID-19 Related Death	Unknown
	59	M	Yes	01.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	77	Fe	Yes	30.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	77	F	Yes	26.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	80	M	Yes	26.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	75	M	Yes	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	30	M	Yes	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
Swakopmund	47	F	No	01.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	33	M	No	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	48	M	Yes	30.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	58	M	Yes	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	71	M	Yes	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	71	M	Yes	28.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	79	M	Yes	23.06.2021	COVID-19 Related Death	Not vaccinated
	70	M	Yes	22.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	67	M	Yes	01.07.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
Okahandja	66	M	Yes	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	54	F	No	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	42	M	No	29.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
Tsumeb	67	M	Yes	30.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	19	M	Yes	25.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	57	F	Yes	22.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
Rundu	45	M	No	28.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	72	F	No	25.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
Opuwo	83	F	No	26.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	36	F	Yes	28.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
Onandjokwe	72	M	No	30.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
Walvis Bay	69	M	Yes	30.06.2021	COVID-19 Death	Unknown

Windhoek and Swakopmund districts recorded the highest number of deaths, nine (9) each. Okahandja and Tsumeb, reported three (3) deaths each. Rundu and Opuwo reported two (2) deaths each, while Onandjokwe and Walvis Bay reported one (1) death each. All deaths reported have died at health facilities and none of the deaths were vaccinated.

7. Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated with Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines 1st doses administered, 01 July 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st doses of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	117	4 053	203	8 478	12 531
Hardap	52	1 995	0	3 408	5 403
Kharas	32	2 579	20	2 325	4 904
Kavango East	24	2 441	6	4 239	6 680
Kavango West	14	853	7	2 173	3 026
Khomas	0	16 998	64	23 483	40 481
Kunene	25	2 300	16	3 403	5 703
Ohangwena	53	3 135	64	3 206	6 341
Omaheke	0	2 345	0	2 882	5 227
Omusati	59	3 032	36	4 202	7 234
Oshana	66	3 843	48	3 057	6 900
Oshikoto	74	2 551	30	2 361	49 12
Otjozondjupa	160	5 242	75	5 573	10 815
Zambezi	34	1 401	7	823	2 224
Total	710	52 768	576	69 613	122 381

Table 6: Number of 2nd doses administered, 01 July 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of New persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total persons who received 2 nd doses of AZ	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	30	2 206	26	104	2 310
Hardap	17	1 123	0	2	1 125
Kharas	33	1 129	0	5	1 134
Kavango East	16	1 418	52	545	1 963
Kavango West	3	635	1	96	731
Khomas	2	6147	8	765	6 912
Kunene	13	1 387	1	3	1 390
Ohangwena	53	1 339	1	11	1 350
Omaheke	0	972	0	13	985
Omusati	54	1 019	4	42	1 061
Oshana	7	1 528	17	726	2 254
Oshikoto	40	718	1	42	760
Otjozondjupa	65	2 190	82	567	2 757
Zambezi	16	604	18	86	690
Total	349	22 415	211	3 007	25 422

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

Cumulative confirmed cases	92 869
Newly confirmed	1 661
Recoveries	68 710
Recovery rate	74%
Active cases	22 562
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	122 381
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses administered	25 422
COVID-19 Deaths	1 396
COVID-19 Related Deaths	190
Total Deaths	1 586
Total samples tested	536 145
Active contacts	7 729
Cumulative number of people quarantined	61 043
Number of quarantined people discharged	56 503
Number of people in quarantines	4 540

8. **Key message**

- Of late, we are receiving complaints from the public concerning the COVID-19 results using SARS-CoV-2 Antigen RDT. Patients are being tested using the PCR then due to the lengthy turnaround time they opt to go for private practices for RDT, eventually testing negative despite being symptomatic and later on receiving positive results on PCR test.
- We would like to re-emphasize that, all authorized health practitioners are required to follow the SARS-CoV-2 Antigen RDT national guidelines. Only Antigen RDT kits which are validated and approved for use in Namibia should be used.
- SARS-CoV-2 Antigen RDT should be conducted by trained practitioners in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions early in the disease (just prior to or in the first 5–7 days after symptom onset) when viral loads are highest.
- The SARS-CoV-2 Antigen RDT test is being conducted on symptomatic patients and if the patient tested negative, he/she is required to be retested using the PCR. This is due to the high specificity and sensitivity of the PCR test. PCR remains the gold standard when it comes to SARS-CoV-2 testing.

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