

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and fifteen (115) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand one hundred and nine (1 109) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 10% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is seventy-three (73) males and forty-two (42) females. The age range is from five (5) months to ninety-six (96) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 03 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	52	Windhoek	52
Ohangwena	31	Okongo	20
		Engela	7
		Eenhana	4
Oshana	5	Oshakati	5
Karas	5	Lüderitz	4
		Keetmanshoop	1
Kavango East	4	Rundu	4
Erongo	4	Walvis Bay	3
		Swakopmund	1
Oshikoto	4	Omuthiya	3
		Onandjokwe	1
Omaheke	3	Gobabis	3
Otjozondjupa	3	Otjiwarongo	2
		Grootfontein	1
Hardap	3	Rehoboth	3
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Total	115		115

2. Twenty-one (21) of the confirmed cases are learners. Ten (10) are from Haimbili Haufiku Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Eenhana district, three (3) each from Rundu SSS in Rundu district and Wennie du Plessis SSS in Gobabis district while the rest are from different schools. Eighteen (18) inmates of whom seventeen (17) are from Okongo police holding cells and one (1) Oluno correctional facilities are among confirmed cases. Three (3) teachers, two (2) healthcare workers, three (3) students and seven (7) employees from mining industry also tested positive to coronavirus infection.
3. We have recorded four hundred and eight-two (482) new recoveries. The recovery rate for Namibia stands at 94%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 03 March 2021

Region	Number
Oshikoto	425
Erongo	43
Karas	11
Hardap	3
Total	482

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (1 875). One hundred and sixty-one (161) are hospitalized, of which nineteen (19) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 03 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	67	13
Erongo	19	2
Ohangwena	17	0
Karas	13	1
Zambezi	9	0
Kavango East	8	0
Omusati	8	0
Oshana	5	3
Omaheke	5	0
Oshikoto	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Hardap	2	0
Otjozondjupa	2	0
Total	161	19

5. We announce four (4) deaths, from Windhoek and Lüderitz districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 03 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Female	57	No	02.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	45	Yes	02.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	50	Yes	02.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Lüderitz	Female	22	Yes	28.02.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 03 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	39 297
Newly confirmed	115
Recoveries	36 980
Active cases	1 875
COVID-19 Deaths	344
COVID-19 Related Deaths	90
Total Deaths	434
Active contacts	3 764
Total samples tested	306 463
Cumulative number of people quarantined	36 190
Number of quarantined people discharged	34 435
Number of people in quarantines	1 755

7. **Key message**

- As experts learn more about how COVID-19 vaccination may help reduce spread of the disease, we will continue to use the latest science to update the recommendations for protecting our communities. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed (also called "immunity").
- It is critical to prioritize protection of the vulnerable populations (elderly, individuals with comorbidities and pregnant women) who are at high risk of developing severe COVID-19 outcomes such as hospitalization and death.

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