

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.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and sixty-nine (169) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand five hundred and ten (1 510) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 11% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and seven (107) females and sixty-two (62) males. The age range is from three (3) months to sixty-seven (67) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 04 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Otjozondjupa	60	Okahandja	49
		Grootfontein	11
Khomas	24	Windhoek	24
Kavango East	22	Rundu	22
Ohangwena	14	Eenhana	5
		Engela	5
		Okongo	4
Erongo	13	Omaruru	7
		Walvis Bay	5
		Usakos	1
Oshikoto	9	Tsumeb	9
Omusati	6	Outapi	3
		Oshikuku	2
		Tsandi	1
Kunene	6	Opuwo	4
		Outjo	2
Hardap	5	Mariental	5
Oshana	4	Oshakati	4
Karas	4	Lüderitz	4
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Total	169		169

2. Ninety-one (91) of the confirmed cases are learners. Forty-five (45) are from Okahandja Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Okahandja district, twenty (20) from Dr. Romanus Kampungu SSS in Rundu district and the rest are from different schools. Nine (9) students, six (6) teachers and five (5) healthcare workers also tested positive to coronavirus infection.
3. We have recorded sixty-three (63) new recoveries. The recovery rate for Namibia stands at 94%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 04 March 2021

Region	Number
Omusati	40
Otjozondjupa	14
Kavango East	5
Erongo	4
Total	63

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine (1 979). One hundred and fifty-three (153) are hospitalized, of which twenty-one (21) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 04 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	63	15
Ohangwena	17	0
Erongo	15	2
Karas	13	1
Zambezi	10	0
Omusati	8	0
Kavango East	6	0
Oshana	5	3
Omaheke	5	0
Oshikoto	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Otjozondjupa	3	0
Hardap	2	0
Total	153	21

5. We announce two (2) Covid-19 deaths from Tsumeb and Keetmanshoop districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 04 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Tsumeb	Male	55	Yes	23.02.2021	COVID-19 Death
Keetmanshoop	Male	46	No	02.03.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 04 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	39 466
Newly confirmed	169
Recoveries	37 043
Active cases	1 979
COVID-19 Deaths	346
COVID-19 Related Deaths	90
Total Deaths	436
Active contacts	3 637
Total samples tested	307 936
Cumulative number of people quarantined	36 357
Number of quarantined people discharged	34 509
Number of people in quarantines	1 848

7. **Key message**

- The life-saving COVID-19 vaccine is typically delivered by a simple injection on shoulder and does not contain any harmful material.
- After having both doses of the vaccine most people will be protected against coronavirus.
- It takes a few weeks after getting the 2nd dose for it to work. Therefore, adherence to general Infection Prevention Measures is encouraged after vaccination.

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