

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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1. We announce one hundred and fifty-seven (157) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand seven hundred and eleven (1 711) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 9% positivity rate. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and one (101) females and fifty-six (56) males. The age range is from one (1) year to ninety (90) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 08 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	32	Eenhana	30
		Engela	2
Kavango East	31	Rundu	27
		Nyangana	4
Otjozondjupa	17	Otjiwarongo	10
		Okakarara	3
		Grootfontein	3
		Okahandja	1
Oshikoto	17	Tsumeb	11
		Onandjokwe	5
		Omuthiya	1
Khomas	14	Windhoek	14
Karas	11	Keetmanshoop	10
		Karasburg	1
Erongo	10	Walvis bay	5
		Usakos	3
		Omaruru	1
		Swakopmund	1
Hardap	9	Mariental	5
		Rehoboth	4
Omusati	5	Tsandi	3
		Outapi	2
Oshana	4	Oshakati	4
Kunene	3	Outjo	3
Zambezi	3	Katima Mulilo	3
Kavango West	1	Nankudu	1
Total	157		157

2. Sixty-two (62) of the confirmed cases are learners. Twenty-nine (29) are from Haimbili Haufiku senior secondary school in Eenhana district, and the rest are from different schools. Twelve (12) health care workers are among confirmed cases.

3. We have recorded fifty-eight (58) new recoveries. The recovery rate stands at 94%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 08 March 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	19
Omaheke	13
Otjozondjupa	12
Kharas	7
Hardap	7
Total	58

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand one hundred and sixty-two (2162). One hundred and fifty-two (152) are hospitalized, of which twenty-four (24) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 08 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	60	19
Erongo	18	2
Ohangwena	17	0
Zambezi	10	0
Kavango East	10	0
Kharas	9	1
Omusati	7	0
Oshana	6	2
Otjozondjupa	4	0
Omaheke	4	0
Kunene	3	0
Oshikoto	2	0
Hardap	2	0
Total	152	24

5. We announce a COVID-19 death. A 56-year-old male from Walvis Bay district passed on the 02 March 2021. We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 08 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	40 187
Newly confirmed	157
Recoveries	37 578
Active cases	2 162
COVID-19 Deaths	349
COVID-19 Related Deaths	90
Total Deaths	439
Active contacts	4 345
Total samples tested	313 949
Cumulative number of people quarantined	37 054
Number of quarantined people discharged	34 853
Number of people in quarantines	2 201

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