

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce sixty-nine **(69)** new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand four hundred and seventy-six **(1 476)** results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents **4.7%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is forty-five **(45)** females and twenty-four **(24)** males. The age range is from six **(6)** months to ninety-seven **(97)** years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

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

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Oshana	11	Oshakati	11
Ohangwena	10	Eenhana	8
		Engela	2
Oshikoto	10	Onandjokwe	7
		Omuthiya	3
Otjozondjupa	7	Otjiwarongo	7
Zambezi	7	Katima Mulilo	7
Kharas	6	Luderitz	5
		Karasburg	1
Kunene	6	Opuwo	4
		Outjo	2
Omusati	4	Oshikuku	2
		Tsandi	2
Khomas	3	Windhoek	3
Erongo	3	Omaruru	3
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Total	69		69

2. We have been observing a progressive decline in number of new cases as demonstrated by today's new confirmed cases and positivity rate of less than 5%. This gives us confidence that the strategies we have put in place to contain the pandemic are bearing fruits.
3. Of the confirmed cases, nine (9) are learners and seven (7) are teachers from different schools.
4. Four (4) of the confirmed cases have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, three (3) have received two doses.
5. We have recorded one hundred and fifty-three (153) new recoveries from the following regions:

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

Region	Number
Ohangwena	72
Erongo	34
Otjozondjupa	22
Hardap	14
Khomas	5
Omusati	4
Kavango East	1
Kunene	1
Total	153

6. The number of active cases are now one thousand four hundred and ninety (**1 490**). One hundred and sixty-two (**162**) are hospitalized, of which nineteen (**19**) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

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

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Intensive Care Unit	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Omusati	21	20	0	0
Ohangwena	21	19	0	0
Oshana	20	20	4	4
Erongo	19	19	7	8
Khomas	19	19	6	7
Kunene	17	9	0	0
Kavango East	13	13	0	0
Kharas	8	8	0	0
Oshikoto	7	8	2	3
Omaheke	5	5	0	0
Zambezi	4	4	0	0
Hardap	3	3	0	0
Otjozondjupa	3	2	0	0
Kavango West	2	2	0	0
Total	162	151	19	22

7. We are reporting (5) deaths from three (3) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 08 September 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Opuwo	1*	1*	2	2	0	2	1
Oshakati	0	2	2	1	1	0	2
Engela	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	2	3	5	4	1	2	4

*Home death

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 08 September 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status	
		1st dose	2nd dose
Under 1	0		
1-4	0		
5-9	0		
10-19	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0
30-39	1	0	0
40-49	0	0	0
50-59	0	0	0
60-69	1	0	0
70-79	3	0	0
80-89	0	0	0
90+	0	0	0
Total	5	0	0

8. Both two deaths from Opuwo districts are home deaths.
9. Two (2) deaths occurred between 28-31 August 2021 and three (3) deaths occurred between 01-04 September 2021. None of the deceased cases was vaccinated. No deaths occurred between the 5-9 September 2021.
10. By the 7 September 2021, a total of **225 359** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **133 237** had received two doses, as depicted on tables 5 and 6 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 08 September 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 SP and AZ
Erongo	132	12 803	83	11 551	24 354
Hardap	62	10 270	83	4 265	14 535
Kharas	106	6 707	43	3 178	9 885
Kavango East	99	6 620	0	5 123	11 743
Kavango West	21	2 688	18	2 653	5 341
Khomas	137	34 579	102	26 357	60 936
Kunene	111	7 938	111	4 205	12 143
Ohangwena	239	10 348	52	4 109	14 457
Omaheke	238	6 254	45	4 013	10 267
Omusati	190	9 203	63	5 842	15 045
Oshana	107	9 526	41	4 338	13 864
Oshikoto	75	8 521	11	3 166	11 687
Otjozondjupa	67	10 333	37	6 991	17 324
Zambezi	14	2 919	1	8 59	3 778
Total	1 598	138 709	690	86 650	225 359

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 08 September 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 AstraZeneca	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	245	7 782	181	6 754	14 536
Hardap	129	4 675	71	2 163	6 838
Kharas	105	4 460	53	1 756	6 216
Kavango East	98	3 362	9	2 179	5 541
Kavango West	37	1 589	88	1 739	3 328
Khomas	297	23 045	185	16 443	39 488
Kunene	115	3 864	105	1 914	5 778
Ohangwena	405	5 899	144	2 068	7 967
Omaheke	36	3 561	127	1 506	5 067
Omusati	257	6 002	159	2 986	8 988
Oshana	130	6 423	23	2 689	9 112
Oshikoto	98	5 280	68	1 439	6 719
Otjozondjupa	68	7 312	73	3 719	11 031
Zambezi	30	2 101	10	527	2628
Total	2 050	85 355	1 296	47 882	133 237

Table 7: Summary of the national update, 08 September 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	125 966
Newly confirmed	69
Recoveries	121 073
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 459
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	225 359
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	133 237
COVID-19 Deaths	3 138
COVID-19 Related Deaths	284
Total Deaths	3 422
Total samples tested	672 778
Active contacts	1 490
Cumulative number of people quarantined	75 724
Number of quarantined people discharged	74 678
Number of people in quarantines	1 046

11. **Key Message:**

- It is quite encouraging that the number of cases has really dropped in the last weeks. It is proven that high coverage of vaccine give high protection, and cause the situation to go back to normalcy. This should encourage the public to go for vaccination.
- The current trend of the vaccine coverage will push us in the undesirable circumstance. The ball is in our hands really to change the whole game!

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