

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 seventy-nine (179) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand six hundred and fifty-nine (1 659) 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 ninety-one (91) males and eighty-eight (88) females. The age range is from five (5) months to ninety (90) years. They distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 12 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Omusati	47	Tsandi	46
		Outapi	1
Khomas	31	Windhoek	31
Otjozondjupa	20	Grootfontein	9
		Okahandja	7
		Otjiwarongo	4
Omaheke	19	Gobabis	19
Erongo	15	Walvis Bay	9
		Omaruru	3
		Swakopmund	2
		Usakos	1
Karas	15	Lüderitz	8
		Keetmanshoop	6
		Karasburg	1
Oshikoto	12	Tsumeb	12
Oshana	9	Oshakati	9
Hardap	5	Mariental	4
		Rehoboth	1
Kunene	3	Khorixas	3
Kavango West	2	Nankudu	2
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Total	179		179

2. Among the confirmed cases are seventy-seven (77) learners. Forty-two (42) are from Onesi Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Tsandi district and the rest are from different schools. Six (6) healthcare workers and six (6) teachers also tested positive.

3. We have recorded one hundred and thirteen (113) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 12 March 2021

Region	Number
Otjozondjupa	57
Oshana	25
Karas	11
Hardap	11
Kunene	9

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand one hundred and twenty-nine (2129). One hundred and fifty (150) are hospitalized, of which twenty-nine (29) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 12 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	65	21
Erongo	19	3
Omusati	12	0
Oshikoto	9	1
Zambezi	8	0
Karas	8	1
Oshana	8	3
Ohangwena	6	0
Kavango East	5	0
Otjozondjupa	5	0
Kunene	3	0
Hardap	2	0
Total	150	29

5. We announce six (6) deaths from Rundu, Oshakati, Tsandi, Keetmanshoop and Otjiwarongo districts

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 12 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Otjiwarongo	Male	60	Yes	23.02.2021	COVID-19 Related Death
	Female	54	No	02.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Rundu	Female	38	Yes	11.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Oshakati	Male	84	No	08.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Tsandi	Male	90	Yes	02.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Keetmanshoop	Male	94	Yes	06.03.2021	COVID-19 Related Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 12 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	40 810
Newly confirmed	179
Recoveries	38 217
Active cases	2 129
COVID-19 Deaths	362
COVID-19 Related Deaths	94
Total Deaths	456
Total samples tested	319 666
Active contacts	3 816
Cumulative number of people quarantined	37 935
Number of quarantined people discharged	36 232
Number of people in quarantines	1 703

7. We have noted increase in the demand for cremation of the bodies in the mistaken belief that if then body is cremated, more people can attend the funeral. I reiterate that the number of people allowed at a funeral shall not exceed 50 people, irrespective of the cause of death and whether the body is cremated or not.

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