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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**WINDHOEK**

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1. We announce two hundred and eighteen (218) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand five hundred and seventy-nine (1 579) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 14% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is one hundred and eleven (111) females and one hundred and seven (107) males. The age ranges from one (1) year to eighty-six (86) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 13 May 2021*

| REGIONS      | NEW CASES  | DISTRICTS    | NEW CASES  |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Khomas       | 73         | Windhoek     | 73         |
| Erongo       | 42         | Walvis Bay   | 28         |
|              |            | Swakopmund   | 9          |
|              |            | Omaruru      | 3          |
|              |            | Usakos       | 2          |
| Otjozondjupa | 17         | Otjiwarongo  | 10         |
|              |            | Okahandja    | 4          |
|              |            | Grootfontein | 3          |
| Oshana       | 16         | Oshakati     | 16         |
| Hardap       | 13         | Rehoboth     | 9          |
|              |            | Mariental    | 3          |
|              |            | Aranos       | 1          |
| Omusati      | 13         | Tsandi       | 8          |
|              |            | Outapi       | 3          |
|              |            | Oshikuku     | 2          |
| Omaheke      | 11         | Gobabis      | 11         |
| Oshikoto     | 9          | Onandjokwe   | 8          |
|              |            | Tsumeb       | 1          |
| Ohangwena    | 9          | Eenhana      | 9          |
| Kavango East | 6          | Rundu        | 6          |
| //Karas      | 5          | Keetmanshoop | 5          |
| Kunene       | 4          | Opuwo        | 3          |
|              |            | Outjo        | 1          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>218</b> |              | <b>218</b> |

2. Today we are reporting cases from 12 regions. Among the confirmed cases are twenty (20) learners and seven (7) students from different schools. Nine (09) Health care workers and seven teachers also tested positive for COVI-19.

3. We have recorded seventy-nine (79) new recoveries.

*Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 13 May 2021*

| Region       | Number    |
|--------------|-----------|
| Khomas       | 33        |
| Omaheke      | 32        |
| Hardap       | 13        |
| //Karas      | 1         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>79</b> |

4. We now have two thousand two hundred and forty-two (2 242) active cases. Two hundred and three (203) are hospitalized, of which sixty (60) are in ICU.

*Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 13 May 2021*

| Region       | Hospitalized confirmed cases | Intensive Care Unit |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Khomas       | 78                           | 35                  |
| Erongo       | 24                           | 6                   |
| Karas        | 25                           | 2                   |
| Oshana       | 24                           | 15                  |
| Oshikoto     | 12                           | 2                   |
| Ohangwena    | 7                            | 0                   |
| Omaheke      | 6                            | 0                   |
| Omusati      | 6                            | 0                   |
| Kunene       | 6                            | 0                   |
| Hardap       | 5                            | 0                   |
| Zambezi      | 5                            | 0                   |
| Otjozondjupa | 4                            | 0                   |
| Kavango East | 1                            | 0                   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>203</b>                   | <b>60</b>           |

5. We announce two (2) deaths from Otjiwarongo and Walvis Bay Districts.

*Table 4: Summary of deaths, 13 May 2021*

| District    | Sex  | Age | Comorbidities | Date of Death | Classification        |
|-------------|------|-----|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Otjiwarongo | Male | 61  | Yes           | 09.05-2021    | COVID-19 Death        |
| Walvis Bay  | Male | 77  | Yes           | 10.052021     | COVID-1 Related Death |

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated. All regions are continuing with the vaccination. Since today is a public holiday, some regions' vaccine data will be reported in the next update.

*Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 1<sup>st</sup> vaccines administered, as of 13 May 2021*

| Region       | #New persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of Sinopharm | Total persons who received 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of Sinopharm | #New persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of Astrazeneca (AZ) | Total persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of AZ | Total persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm and AZ |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Erongo       | 0                                                              | 1 819                                                        | 0                                                                     | 2 914                                                    | 4 733                                                                   |
| Hardap       | 84                                                             | 820                                                          | 89                                                                    | 1 400                                                    | 2 220                                                                   |
| Karas        | 0                                                              | 604                                                          | 0                                                                     | 1 010                                                    | 1 614                                                                   |
| Kavango East | 0                                                              | 1 595                                                        | 0                                                                     | 2 001                                                    | 3 596                                                                   |
| Kavango West | 0                                                              | 346                                                          | 0                                                                     | 752                                                      | 1 098                                                                   |
| Khomas       | 0                                                              | 4 289                                                        | 0                                                                     | 10 039                                                   | 14 328                                                                  |
| Kunene       | 0                                                              | 1 479                                                        | 0                                                                     | 274                                                      | 2 203                                                                   |
| Ohangwena    | 0                                                              | 1 157                                                        | 0                                                                     | 1 372                                                    | 2 529                                                                   |
| Omaheke      | 0                                                              | 1 286                                                        | 0                                                                     | 1 620                                                    | 2 906                                                                   |
| Omusati      | 50                                                             | 788                                                          | 126                                                                   | 1 523                                                    | 2 311                                                                   |
| Oshana       | 32                                                             | 1 033                                                        | 43                                                                    | 1 206                                                    | 2 239                                                                   |
| Oshikoto     | 0                                                              | 393                                                          | 0                                                                     | 599                                                      | 992                                                                     |
| Otjozondjupa | 0                                                              | 1 138                                                        | 0                                                                     | 2 420                                                    | 3 558                                                                   |
| Zambezi      | 0                                                              | 338                                                          | 0                                                                     | 338                                                      | 676                                                                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>166</b>                                                     | <b>1 785</b>                                                 | <b>258</b>                                                            | <b>27 468</b>                                            | <b>45 003</b>                                                           |

*Table 6: Number of 2nd doses administered as of 13 May 2021*

| Region       | # of new persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Sinopharm | # of New persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Astrazeneca | Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of Sinopharm and Astrazeneca |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Erongo       | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 473                                                      |
| Hardap       | 19                                                               | 0                                                                  | 60                                                       |
| Karas        | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 13                                                       |
| Kavango East | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 70                                                       |
| Kavango West | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 32                                                       |
| Khomas       | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 15 26                                                    |
| Kunene       | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 32                                                       |
| Ohangwena    | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 120                                                      |
| Omaheke      | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 8                                                        |
| Omusati      | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 44                                                       |
| Oshana       | 1                                                                | 0                                                                  | 50                                                       |
| Oshikoto     | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 67                                                       |
| Otjozondjupa | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 86                                                       |
| Zambezi      | 0                                                                | 0                                                                  | 42                                                       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>20</b>                                                        | <b>0</b>                                                           | <b>2 623</b>                                             |

7. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 13 May 2021*

|                                                                |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Cumulative confirmed cases                                     | 50 733  |
| Newly confirmed                                                | 218     |
| Recoveries                                                     | 47 776  |
| Recovery rate                                                  | 94%     |
| Active cases                                                   | 2 242   |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 <sup>st</sup> doses administered | 45 003  |
| COVID-19 Deaths                                                | 578     |
| COVID-19 Related Deaths                                        | 126     |
| Total Deaths                                                   | 704     |
| Total samples tested                                           | 406 093 |
| Active contacts                                                | 2 692   |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined                        | 46 719  |
| Number of quarantined people discharged                        | 45 284  |
| Number of people in quarantines                                | 1 435   |

8. **Key Message**

- Viruses constantly change through mutation, and new variants of a virus are expected to occur over time. Sometimes new variants emerge and disappear. Other times, new variants emerge and persist.
- Multiple variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 other than the original Wuhan strain have been documented globally during this pandemic. These variants seem to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19.
- An increase in the number of cases will put more strain on health care resources, lead to more hospitalizations, and potentially more deaths. Rigorous and increased compliance with public health mitigation strategies such as vaccination, physical distancing, use of face masks, hand hygiene, and isolation and quarantine, is essential to limit the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 and protect public health.

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