

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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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce seventy-six (**76**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from eight hundred and fifty-four (**854**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents **9%** positivity ratio. The gender distribution is forty-one (**41**) females and thirty-five (**35**) males. The age ranges from four (**4**) months to ninety-five (**95**) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 15 August 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Erongo	24	Swakopmund	10
		Walvis bay	9
		Omaruru	3
		Usakos	2
Kharas	15	Keetmashoop	8
		Luderitz	6
		Karasburg	1
Khomas	9	Windhoek	9
Otjozondjupa	9	Grootfontein	5
		Otjiwarongo	4
Omusati	5	Okahao	4
		Tsandi	1
Oshikoto	3	Tsumeb	3
Kunene	3	Opuwo	2
		Outjo	1
Oshana	2	Oshakati	2
Hardap	2	Mariental	2
Kavangi West	2	Nankudu	2
Ohangwena	1	Okongo	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Total	76		76

2. More cases, accounting for 32% are reported from Erongo region, followed by ||Kharas region with 20%. Among the confirmed cases are eighteen (18) learners, two (2) teachers and two (2) health care workers. None of the confirmed cases is vaccinated.
3. We have recorded twenty-two (22) new recoveries from Hardap and Otjozondjupa regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 15 August 2021

Region	Number
Hardap	15
Otjozondjupa	7
Total	22

4. We now have three thousand eight hundred and forty (3 840) active cases. Two hundred and fifty-nine (259) are hospitalized, of which fifty-two (52) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 15 August 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Intensive Care Unit	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Khomas	65	65	26	26
Oshana	39	39	8	8
Kunene	30	30	0	0
Erongo	23	23	12	12
Ohangwena	18	18	1	1
Omusati	17	17	0	0
Otjozondjupa	17	16	0	0
Karas	16	16	1	1
Oshikoto	14	14	4	4
Kavango East	7	7	0	0
Omaheke	6	6	0	0
Zambezi	5	5	0	0
Kavango West	2	2	0	0
Total	259	258	52	52

5. We announce eight (8) deaths from four (4) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 15 August 2021

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Oshakati	4	1	5	5	0	5	1
Windhoek	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Onandjokwe	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Rundu	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	6	2	8	8	0	6	4

6. Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 15 August 2021

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

7. Five (5) deaths from Oshakati and one (1) deaths from Onandjokwe districts were reported as home deaths. None of the deceased was vaccinated.
8. Of the reported deaths, one (1) occurred on 27 July 2021, five (5) occurred between 02-10 August 2021, one on the 11 August 2021 and one on the 14 August 2021, which falls with the reporting cycle.
9. By the 14 August 2021, a total of **185 873** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **78 846** had received two doses, as depicted on tables 5 and 6 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 15 August 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 Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	0	9 547	0	9 557	19 104
Hardap	0	6 927	0	3 679	10 606
Kharas	0	5 145	0	2 839	7 984
Kavango East	0	5 324	0	4 558	9 882
Kavango West	0	1 631	0	2 203	3 834
Khomas	222	29 505	26	23 900	53 405
Kunene	242	5 601	13	3 543	9 144
Ohangwena	0	7 542	0	3 791	11 333
Omaheke	3	5 182	2	3 265	8 447
Omusati	0	7 169	0	5 246	12 415
Oshana	0	7 962	0	3 664	11 626
Oshikoto	0	6 637	0	2 870	9 507
Otjozondjupa	34	9 051	23	6 230	15 281
Zambezi	4	2 474	0	831	3 305
Total	505	109 697	64	76 176	185 873

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 15 August 2021

Region	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 AZ
Erongo	0	4 508	0	4 263	8 771
Hardap	0	2 397	0	1 014	3 411
Kharas	0	2 941	0	942	3 883
Kavango East	0	2 130	0	1 610	3 740
Kavango West	0	883	0	515	1 398
Khomas	41	14 388	205	11 294	25 682
Kunene	77	2 145	169	502	2 647
Ohangwena	0	2 848	0	746	3 594
Omaheke	6	1 890	5	619	2 509
Omusati	0	3 211	0	1 237	4 448
Oshana	0	3 822	0	1 622	5 444
Oshikoto	0	3 213	0	808	4 021
Otjozondjupa	2	5 154	11	2 283	7 437
Zambezi	8	1 522	9	339	1 861
Total	134	51 052	399	27 794	78 846

10. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 15 August 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	122 545
Newly confirmed	76
Recoveries	115 409
Recovery rate	94%
Active cases	3 840
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	185 873
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	78 846
COVID-19 Deaths	3 006
COVID-19 Related Deaths	279
Total Deaths	3 285
Total samples tested	637 798
Active contacts	2 027
Cumulative number of people quarantined	70 764
Number of quarantined people discharged	69 144
Number of people in quarantines	1 620

11. **Key message**

- For those who follow the international soccer, you have noted that the English Premier League season had commenced. Stadiums are full with spectators and most of them are not wearing masks. This is possible as most people are vaccinated. It does not however follow that when you are vaccinated you do not need to keep wearing a mask. But when majority of people in the community are vaccinated, what we call herd immunity, that is when protection level increase.
- We aspire to reach that level. It is really up to us to get there. Let us do the right thing. Get vaccinated. When we reach herd immunity, life will return to normalcy. Let us aim there!

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