

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

17 March 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce eighty (80) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from five hundred and forty-four (544) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 15% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is forty-three (43) females and thirty-seven (37) males. The age range is from (3) months to eighty-four (84) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 17 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	39	Windhoek	39
Karas	12	Luderitz	9
		Keetmanshoop	3
Ohangwena	9	Eenhana	6
		Okongo	3
Oshana	6	Oshakati	6
Erongo	5	Walvis Bay	4
		Swakopmund	1
Otjozondjupa	5	Otjiwarongo	4
		Okahandja	1
Omusati	1	Tsandi	1
Oshikoto	1	Onandjokwe	1
Kunene	1	Opuwo	1
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Total	80		80

2. Among the confirmed cases are eight (8) learners from different schools and four (4) Health Care Workers.
3. We have recorded one hundred and forty-nine (149) new recoveries. The recovery rate stands at 94%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 17 March 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	99
Ohangwena	46
Kunene	4
Total	149

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand one hundred and eighteen (2 118). One hundred and seventy-nine (179) are hospitalized, of which twenty-six (26) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 17 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	72	18
Karas	19	1
Erongo	18	3
Omusati	14	0
Oshana	11	3
Zambezi	8	0
Oshikoto	8	1
Hardap	7	0
Kavango East	6	0
Ohangwena	6	0
Kunene	6	0
Omaheke	3	0
Otjozondjupa	1	0
Total	179	26

5. We announce three (3) Covid-19 deaths from, Walvis Bay, Windhoek and Rundu districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 17 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Walvis Bay	Male	95	Yes	09.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Windhoek	Female	59	Yes	16.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Rundu	Male	57	Yes	14.03.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families

6. National update summary

Table 5: Summary of the national update, 17 March 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	41 546
Newly confirmed	80
Recoveries	38 942
Active cases	2 118
COVID-19 Deaths	382
COVID-19 Related Deaths	95
Total Deaths	477
Total samples tested	325 490
Active contacts	4232
Cumulative number of people quarantined	38 893
Number of quarantined people discharged	37 146
Number of people in quarantines	1 747

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