

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

17 April 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and eighty-five (185) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand and seventy-four (1 074) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 17% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and ten (110) females and seventy-five (75) males. The age ranges from one (1) month to eighty-six (86) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

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

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	45	Windhoek	45
Erongo	36	Omaruru	16
		Swakopmund	15
		Walvis Bay	4
		Usakos	1
Otjozondjupa	36	Grootfontein	18
		Otjiwarongo	10
		Okahandja	7
		Okakarara	1
Hardap	25	Mariental	19
		Rehoboth	4
		Aranos	2
Omusati	11	Tsandi	8
		Okahao	3
Karas	9	Lüderitz	5
		Karasburg	3
		Keetmashoop	1
Kunene	7	Outjo	7
Oshikoto	7	Tsumeb	6
		Omuthiya	1
Ohangwena	4	Engela	2
		Eenhana	1
		Okongo	1
Kavango East	3	Nyangana	2
		Rundu	1
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1
Total	185		185

2. We continue to report COVID-19 cases from all corners of the country. Today only one region did not record a case. Among the confirmed cases are thirty (30) learners from different schools, six (6) health care workers and eight (8) teachers who also tested positive for COVID.

3. Two regions recorded forty-seven (47) recoveries.

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

Region	Number
Khomas	32
Karas	13
Total	45

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand four hundred and sixty-five (1 465). One hundred and thirty-three (133) are hospitalized, of which twenty-nine (29) are in ICUs.

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

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	73	21
Erongo	20	5
Hardap	10	0
Oshana	7	2
Zambezi	5	0
Karas	4	0
Ohangwena	3	0
Kunene	3	1
Omaheke	2	0
Oshikoto	2	0
Otjozondjupa	2	0
Omusati	1	0
Kavango East	1	0
Total	133	29

5. We announce three COVID-19 deaths from Otjiwarongo, Walvis Bay and Windhoek.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 17 April 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Otjiwarongo	Female	43	Yes	15.04.2021	COVID-19 Death
Walvis Bay	Female	43	Yes	12.04.2021	COVID-19 Related Death
Windhoek	Female	59	Yes	15.05.2021	COVID-19 Death

6. We started expanding the vaccination campaign. Yesterday, Karas region launched its vaccine campaign. We increased the vaccination sites in Windhoek by adding Rhino Park Private Hospital. Most if not all the regions, will start with the vaccination campaign on Monday the 19 April 2021. The table below shows the number of people received the first doses.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 17 April 2021

Region	New persons vaccinated	Cumulative number received 1st doses
Erongo	108	1 093
Karas	47	47
Khomas	345	3 353
Total	406	4 493

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 17 April 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	46 515
Newly confirmed	185
Recoveries	44 437
Recovery rate	96%
Active cases	1 465
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccines doses administered	4 493
COVID-19 Deaths	488
COVID-19 Related Deaths	114
Total Deaths	602
Total samples tested	370 004
Active contacts	3 919
Cumulative number of people quarantined	43 578
Number of quarantined people discharged	42 001
Number of people in quarantines	1 577

8. **Key Message**

- We have noted with consternation that more people are getting severe COVID-19 infection and more lives are being lost, these days.
- Therefore, we should continue adhering to the prevention measures, to avoid getting infected.
- We again encourage all eligible people to go get vaccinated.

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