

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

**18 March 2021**

**WINDHOEK**

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1. We announce one hundred and thirty-eight (138) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand eight hundred and ten (1 810) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 8% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is seventy-three (73) females and sixty-five (65) males. The age range is from (5) months to eighty-nine (89) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 18 March 2021*

| REGIONS      | NEW CASES  | DISTRICTS    | NEW CASES  |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Hardap       | 28         | Rehoboth     | 19         |
|              |            | Mariental    | 9          |
| Otjozondjupa | 27         | Grootfontein | 20         |
|              |            | Okakarara    | 4          |
|              |            | Okahandja    | 2          |
|              |            | Otjiwarongo  | 1          |
| Omaheke      | 21         | Gobabis      | 21         |
| Khomas       | 15         | Windhoek     | 15         |
| Kavango East | 15         | Nyangana     | 8          |
|              |            | Rundu        | 7          |
| Erongo       | 14         | Walvis bay   | 10         |
|              |            | Swakopmund   | 4          |
| Kunene       | 7          | Outjo        | 5          |
|              |            | Khorixas     | 2          |
| Karas        | 6          | Keetmashoop  | 5          |
|              |            | Karasburg    | 1          |
| Oshana       | 4          | Oshakati     | 4          |
| Ohangwena    | 1          | Eenhana      | 1          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>138</b> |              | <b>138</b> |

2. Among the confirmed cases are twenty-nine (29) learners. Fourteen (14) are from Wennie Du Plessis Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Gobabis District and eight (8) from Linus Shashipapo SSS in Nyangana district and the rest are from different schools. Four (4) Health Care Workers and 3 students also tested positive for COVID-19 infection.
3. We have recorded one hundred and sixty-three (163) new recoveries.

4. *Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 18 March 2021*

| Region       | Number     |
|--------------|------------|
| Otjozondjupa | 142        |
| Khomas       | 12         |
| Karas        | 8          |
| Kunene       | 1          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>163</b> |

5. The number of active cases stands at two thousand and eighty-seven (2 087). One hundred and seventy-three (173) are hospitalized, of which twenty-three (23) are in ICUs.

*Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 18 March 2021*

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Hospitalized confirmed cases</b> | <b>Intensive Care Unit</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Khomas        | 54                                  | 14                         |
| Zambezi       | 23                                  | 0                          |
| Erongo        | 20                                  | 3                          |
| Karas         | 19                                  | 1                          |
| Omusati       | 12                                  | 0                          |
| Oshana        | 11                                  | 3                          |
| Hardap        | 7                                   | 0                          |
| Kavango East  | 6                                   | 1                          |
| Oshikoto      | 6                                   | 1                          |
| Ohangwena     | 6                                   | 0                          |
| Kunene        | 6                                   | 0                          |
| Omaheke       | 2                                   | 0                          |
| Otjozondjupa  | 1                                   | 0                          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>173</b>                          | <b>23</b>                  |

6. We announce six (6) deaths from Rundu, Windhoek and Keetmanshoop, districts.

*Table 4: Summary of deaths, 18 March 2021*

| <b>District</b> | <b>Sex</b> | <b>Age</b> | <b>Comorbidities</b> | <b>Date of Death</b> | <b>Classification</b> |
|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Rundu           | Female     | 52         | Yes                  | 11.03.2021           | COVID-19 Death        |
|                 | Male       | 43         | No                   | 10.03.2021           | COVID-19 Death        |
| Windhoek        | Female     | 60         | Yes                  | 17.03.2021           | COVID-19 Death        |
|                 | Male       | 58         | Yes                  | 17.03.2021           | COVID-19 Death        |
|                 | Male       | 82         | Yes                  | 11.03.2021           | COVID-19 Death        |
| Keetmanshoop    | Male       | 64         | Yes                  | 17.03.2021           | COVID-19 Death        |

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

7. National update summary

*Table 5: Summary of the national update, 18 March 2021*

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Cumulative confirmed cases              | 41 684  |
| Newly confirmed                         | 138     |
| Recoveries                              | 39 105  |
| Active cases                            | 2 087   |
| COVID-19 Deaths                         | 388     |
| COVID-19 Related Deaths                 | 95      |
| Total Deaths                            | 483     |
| Recovery rate                           | 94%     |
| Total samples tested                    | 327 300 |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined | 39 058  |
| Number of quarantined people discharged | 37 328  |
| Number of people in quarantines         | 1 730   |

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