

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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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce one hundred and ninety-seven (**197**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one (**1 731**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **11.4%** positivity ratio. The gender distribution is one hundred and eighteen (**118**) females and seventy-nine (**79**) males. The youngest case is three (**3**) days old and the oldest is ninety-nine (**99**) years old. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

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

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Ohangwena	41	Eenhana	28
		Engela	13
Oshana	30	Oshakati	30
Kharas	30	Keetmanshoop	12
		Luderitz	10
		Karasburg	8
Khomas	21	Windhoek	21
Oshikoto	14	Tsumeb	13
		Omuthiya	1
Omusati	12	Tsandi	6
		Oshikuku	3
		Outapi	3
Zambezi	10	Katima Mulilo	10
Erongo	10	Walvis Bay	8
		Omaruru	2
Hardap	10	Mariental	10
Kunene	9	Outjo	6
		Khorixas	2
		Opuwo	1
Otjozondjupa	6	Otjiwarongo	2
		Grootfontein	2
		Okahandja	2
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Kavango West	1	Nkurenkuru	1
Kavango East	1	Rundu	1
Total	197		197

2. More cases, representing 21% are reported from Ohangwena region, followed by Oshana and ||Kharas regions with 15% each. Among the confirmed cases are thirty-three (33) learners, seven (7) teachers, nine (9) students and two (2) healthcare workers.
3. Of the confirmed cases, 14 (7%) have been vaccinated with first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines while 8 (4%) have received two doses.
4. We have recorded two hundred and nine (209) new recoveries as per Table 2 below:

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 18 August 2021

Region	Number
Oshana	84
Oshikoto	66
Ohangwena	30
Hardap	15
Khomas	9
Otjozondjupa	4
Zambezi	1
Total	209

5. We now have two thousand eight hundred and forty-three (2 843) active cases. Two hundred and thirty-two (232) are hospitalized, of which forty-two (42) are in ICU.

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

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Intensive Care Unit	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Khomas	46	45	18	19
Oshana	38	40	9	9
Kunene	35	35	0	0
Erongo	24	22	11	11
Ohangwena	21	22	0	0
Omusati	17	15	0	0
Kharas	15	15	0	0
Otjozondjupa	10	13	0	0
Oshikoto	9	11	4	4
Kavango East	7	7	0	0
Omaheke	4	4	0	0
Zambezi	4	3	0	0
Kavango West	2	2	0	0
Total	232	235	42	43

6. We announce sixteen (16) deaths from four (4) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 18 August 2021

District	Gender		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid-death	C-R death		
Opuwo	6	5+1*	12	12	0	0	9
Outapi	2 ⁺	0	2	2	0	2	0
Oshakati	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Windhoek	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	8	8	16	16	0	2	11

*Opuwo recorded one death on arrival at health facility

⁺Home death

7. *Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 18 August 2021*

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status		
		1st dose	2nd dose	UIndetermined
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	2	0	0	0
60-69	2	0	0	0
70-79	7	0	0	0
80-89	3	0	0	1
90+	2	0	0	0
Total	16	0	0	1

8. Two (2) deaths from Outapi district occurred at home. None of the deceased have been vaccinated.
9. Of the reported deaths, one (1) occurred on 21 July 2021, two (2) occurred between 03-06 August 2021, seven (7) occurred between 08-13 August 2021, three (3) occurred between 15-16 August 2021 and three (3) occurred within twenty-four hours reporting cycle.
10. As of 18 August 2021, a total of **193 246** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while **86 993** had received two doses, as depicted on tables 5 and 6 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 18 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 vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	378	10 246	112	9 835	20 081
Hardap	284	7 704	0	3 681	11 385
Kharas	276	5 461	0	2 839	8 300
Kavango East	81	5 526	53	4 757	10 283
Kavango West	147	2 025	52	2 307	4 332
Khomas	473	30 386	10	23 960	54 346
Kunene	164	6 145	1	3 568	9 713
Ohangwena	173	8 182	0	3 805	11 987
Omaheke	32	5 231	87	3 372	8 603
Omusati	100	7 713	20	5 309	13 022
Oshana	105	8 324	40	3 878	12 202
Oshikoto	157	7 138	9	2 904	10 042
Otjozondjupa	98	9 245	42	6 317	15 562
Zambezi	46	2 557	0	831	3 388
Total	2 514	115 883	426	77 363	193 246

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2nd dose, 18 August 2021

Region	new persons received 2 doses of Sinopharm	Total 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	160	4 812	194	4 784	9 596
Hardap	101	2 629	111	1 357	3 986
Kharas	162	3 128	103	1 131	4 259
Kavango East	42	2 219	80	1 852	4 071
Kavango West	34	960	98	1 127	2 087
Khomas	640	15 238	370	12 182	27 420
Kunene	80	2 316	71	873	3 189
Ohangwena	70	3 111	124	1 132	4 243
Omaheke	48	1 990	19	657	2 647
Omusati	112	3 527	72	1 687	5 214
Oshana	160	4 119	88	1 953	6 072
Oshikoto	107	3 434	25	883	4 317
Otjozondjupa	135	5 373	78	2 486	7 859
Zambezi	56	1 655	24	378	2 033
Total	1 907	54 511	1 457	32 482	86 993

11. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 18 August 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	123 082
Newly confirmed	197
Recoveries	116 912
Recovery rate	95%
Active cases	2 843
Cumulative Covid-19 vaccine 1st dose	193 246
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	86 993
COVID-19 Deaths	3 037
COVID-19 Related Deaths	279
Total Deaths	3 316
Total samples tested	641 771
Active contacts	2 076
Cumulative number of people quarantined	71 736
Number of quarantined people discharged	69 809
Number of people in quarantines	1 927

12. **Key message**

- 12.1. We are increasing the range of vaccines on offer. Tomorrow we will receive one more type of vaccines, the Sputnik V which is manufactured in Russia. In addition, we expect more doses of the vaccines we already have. We do not rationalise administration of AstraZeneca vaccines. Those who need 1st or 2nd dose of AstraZeneca vaccine are urged to come to the vaccination sites to be inoculated.
- 12.2. We have been observing the constantly and persistently decline in the incidence of new infections, hospitalisation and deaths. All the wards that were repurposed to accommodate the increasing number of Covid-19 admissions have been freed up and returned to normal operation. Those services that were suspended during the third wave have resumed. I thank the health workers for their dedication and commitment during the difficult period we have just emerged from.
- 12.3. In view of the improved Covid-19 situation in the country, the Ministry has decided to allow visitation to Covid-19 patients by a family member. The patient is entitled to one visit per week. The family member concerned will be provided with full protective equipment during such visit. The visit will last for thirty (30) minutes. The visits to different patients will be staggered and spread over in terms of dates and times so that there is no congestion of visitors in any Covid-19 ward at any time. This decision was taken in order to allay apprehension of family members and to enhance recovery of the patients.

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