

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-one (191) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand five hundred and ninety-two (1 592) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 12% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is one hundred and ten (110) females and eighty-one (81) males. The age ranges from one (1) year to eighty-eight (88) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 19 May 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	141	Windhoek	141
Karas	24	Lüderitz	15
		Karasburg	8
		Keetmanshoop	1
Erongo	10	Swakopmund	5
		Walvis Bay	3
		Usakos	2
Otjozondjupa	5	Otjiwarongo	3
		Grootfontein	1
		Okakarara	1
Hardap	3	Rehoboth	3
Omaheke	3	Gobabis	3
Kavango East	2	Rundu	2
Kunene	1	Outjo	1
Oshikoto	1	Tsumeb	1
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
	191		191

2. Today we are reporting cases from 10 regions. Among the confirmed cases are eleven (11) health care workers, four (4) learners and three (3) teachers.
3. We have recorded eighty-six (86) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 19 May 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	30
Hardap	21
Ohangwena	17
Omaheke	11
Kunene	4
Karas	2
Zambezi	1
Total	86

4. We now have two thousand five hundred and forty-six (2 546) active cases. Two hundred and twenty-eight (228) are hospitalized, of which forty-nine (49) are in ICU/ High Care.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 19 May 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit/ High Care
Khomas	71	35
Karas	27	2
Oshana	24	6
Kunene	22	0
Erongo	21	6
Hardap	13	0
Omaheke	9	0
Ohangwena	9	0
Oshikoto	9	0
Otjozondjupa	7	0
Omusati	6	0
Zambezi	6	0
Kavango East	4	0
Total	228	49

5. We announce six (6) deaths, from Oshakati, Lüderitz, Usakos and Onandjokwe districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 19 May 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Oshakati	Male	70	Yes	13.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Male	66	Yes	14.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
	Female	79	Yes	16.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
Lüderitz	Male	54	Yes	14.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
Usakos	Female	81	Yes	15.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
Onandjokwe	Male	34	Yes	17/05.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated with Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 1st vaccines administered, as of 19 May 2021

Region	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of Sinopharm	Total persons who received 1 st dose of Sinopharm	#New persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AstraZeneca (AZ)	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st dose of AZ	Total persons vaccinated with 1 st doses of Sinopharm and AZ
Erongo	134	2 208	201	3 681	5 889
Hardap	59	1 100	40	1 598	2 698
Karas	88	1 035	24	1 300	2 335
Kavango East	236	1 969	78	2 237	4 206
Kavango West	352	808	71	962	1 770
Khomas	495	6 017	683	13 060	19 077
Kunene	55	1 757	95	1 007	2 764
Ohangwena	0	1 270	0	1 470	2 740
Omaheke	0	1 409	0	1 620	3 029
Omusati	52	946	128	1 928	2 874
Oshana	0	1 189	0	1 374	2 563
Oshikoto	32	533	53	807	1 340
Otjozondjupa	180	1 685	74	2 912	4 597
Zambezi	28	451	23	426	877
Total	1 711	22 377	1 470	34 382	56 759

Table 6: Number of 2nd doses administered as of 19 May 2021

Region	# of new persons who received 2 nd doses of Sinopharm	# of New persons who received 2 nd doses of AstraZeneca	Total 2 nd doses of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca
Erongo	31	0	609
Hardap	31	0	118
Karas	38	0	106
Kavango East	21	0	99
Kavango West	7	0	39
Khomas	123	2	1989
Kunene	7	0	48
Ohangwena	0	0	121
Omaheke	21	0	66
Omusati	3	0	49
Oshana	0	0	121
Oshikoto	56	0	176
Otjozondjupa	17	0	186
Zambezi	7	0	53
Total	362	2	3 780

7. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 19 May 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	51 827
Newly confirmed	191
Recoveries	48 531
Recovery rate	94%
Active cases	2 546
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	56 759
COVID-19 Deaths	612
COVID-19 Related Deaths	127
Total Deaths	739
Total samples tested	414 769
Active contacts	2 938
Cumulative number of people quarantined	47 479
Number of quarantined people discharged	46 430
Number of people in quarantines	1 049

8. **Key Messages**

- It is very encouraging to the nation to see so many people coming through to get their vaccine shots in the various districts across the country.
- We continue urging all eligible populations to get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccination is a very important tool to help Namibia stop the pandemic. Wearing masks and staying at least 1m apart from others help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures alone are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.

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