

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

**20 July 2021**

**WINDHOEK**

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1. We announce four hundred and sixty-seven (467) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand nine hundred and forty-four (1 944) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 24% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is two hundred and forty-nine (249) females and two hundred and eighteen (218) males. The age range is from six (6) days to one hundred and four (104) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 20 July 2021*

| REGIONS      | NEW CASES  | DISTRICTS     | NEW CASES  |
|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Khomas       | 125        | Windhoek      | 125        |
| Otjozondjupa | 96         | Otjiwarongo   | 36         |
|              |            | Okakarara     | 36         |
|              |            | Okahandja     | 20         |
|              |            | Grootfontein  | 4          |
| Kunene       | 51         | Outjo         | 23         |
|              |            | Khorixas      | 19         |
|              |            | Opuwo         | 9          |
| Omusati      | 44         | Outapi        | 40         |
|              |            | Okahao        | 2          |
|              |            | Tsandi        | 2          |
| Zambezi      | 36         | Katima Mulilo | 36         |
| Kharas       | 28         | Luderitz      | 24         |
|              |            | Keetmanshoop  | 3          |
|              |            | Karasburg     | 1          |
| Oshikoto     | 26         | Tsumeb        | 16         |
|              |            | Onandjokwe    | 10         |
| Erongo       | 19         | Walvis Bay    | 11         |
|              |            | Swakopmund    | 6          |
|              |            | Usakos        | 2          |
| Ohangwena    | 14         | Eenhana       | 14         |
| Omaheke      | 11         | Gobabis       | 11         |
| Kavango East | 9          | Rundu         | 9          |
| Hardap       | 8          | Rehoboth      | 8          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>467</b> |               | <b>467</b> |

2. We are reporting cases from twelve (12) regions, with Khomas region reporting the highest number of cases, accounting for about 28% of the confirmed cases followed by Omusati region with approximately 21%. Among the confirmed cases are sixty- seven (67) learners, four (4) teachers and seven (7) students from different institutions. We are also reporting thirteen (13) health care workers.
3. Of all the confirmed cases, twenty-three (23), representing 5% are reported to have received a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which two (2) are fully vaccinated.
4. We have recorded one thousand one hundred and eighty- nine (1 189) new recoveries.

*Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 20 July 2021*

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Number</b> |
|---------------|---------------|
| Erongo        | 302           |
| Ohangwena     | 295           |
| Hardap        | 184           |
| Kavango East  | 126           |
| Otjozondjupa  | 122           |
| Khomas        | 83            |
| Kharas        | 61            |
| Omusati       | 16            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1 189</b>  |

5. We now have twenty-one thousand and seventy-five (21 075) active cases. Five hundred and sixty-five (565) are hospitalized, of which one hundred and fifteen (115) are in Intensive Care Units (ICUs).

*Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 20 July 2021*

| <b>Region</b> | <b>Hospitalized confirmed cases</b> | <b>Intensive Care Unit</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Khomas        | 213                                 | 61                         |
| Erongo        | 67                                  | 17                         |
| Oshana        | 64                                  | 15                         |
| Otjozondjupa  | 39                                  | 0                          |
| Kharas        | 33                                  | 4                          |
| Kavango East  | 28                                  | 7                          |
| Kunene        | 25                                  | 0                          |
| Oshikoto      | 20                                  | 5                          |
| Omusati       | 19                                  | 0                          |
| Ohangwena     | 17                                  | 2                          |
| Hardap        | 15                                  | 0                          |
| Omaheke       | 14                                  | 4                          |
| Zambezi       | 11                                  | 0                          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>565</b>                          | <b>115</b>                 |

6. We announce sixty-three (63) deaths from fifteen (15) districts.

*Table 4: Summary of deaths, 20 July 2021*

| District | Age | Sex | Comorbidities | DOD        | Classification  | Vaccination    |
|----------|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Rehoboth | 72  | M   | No            | 08.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 92  | F   | Yes           | 09.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 79  | F   | No            | 11.07.2021 | +COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 57  | M   | No            | 02.07.2021 | +COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 74  | F   | No            | 07.07.2021 | +COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 42  | F   | No            | 08.07.2021 | +COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 60  | F   | No            | 08.07.2021 | +COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 65  | M   | No            | 02.07.2021 | +COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 88  | F   | Yes           | 12.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 78  | F   | Yes           | 10.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 53  | F   | Yes           | 08.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 53  | F   | Yes           | 08.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 51  | F   | No            | 06.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 39  | F   | Yes           | 10.07.2021 | COVID R-Death   | Not Vaccinated |
| Oshakati | 58  | F   | No            | 08.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 89  | M   | No            | 09.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 43  | F   | No            | 15.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 70  | M   | No            | 15.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 66  | M   | No            | 13.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 66  | F   | No            | 15.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 82  | F   | No            | 15.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 80  | F   | No            | 15.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 76  | F   | No            | 16.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 76  | F   | No            | 08.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 57  | F   | No            | 08.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 85  | F   | No            | 12.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|          | 95  | F   | No            | 12.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
| Engela   | 89  | M   | No            | 17.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 36  | M   | No            | 13.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 68  | F   | Yes           | 18.07.2021 | COVID R-Death   | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 82  | M   | Yes           | 18.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 47  | F   | No            | 16.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 71  | M   | Yes           | 13.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 60  | M   | Yes           | 17.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 90  | M   | Yes           | 16.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 54  | F   | Yes           | 18.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|          | 52  | F   | Yes           | 13.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |

|             |    |   |     |            |                 |                |
|-------------|----|---|-----|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Outapi      | 28 | F | Yes | 16.07.2021 | *COVID-19 Death | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 72 | F | No  | 15.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 91 | M | Yes | 15.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 52 | F | No  | 13.07.2021 | +COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|             | 49 | F | No  | 17.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Unknown        |
| Tsandi      | 51 | M | Yes | 14.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | 1st dose       |
|             | 90 | M | Yes | 15.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 41 | M | No  | 19.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
| Swakopmund  | 66 | F | No  | 14.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|             | 79 | M | Yes | 14.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 39 | F | Yes | 19.07.2021 | *COVID-19 Death | Not Vaccinated |
| Windhoek    | 66 | M | Yes | 20.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 53 | M | Yes | 19.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 68 | F | Yes | 19.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Unknown        |
| Rundu       | 65 | F | No  | 12.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
|             | 79 | F | Yes | 12.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |
| Tsumeb      | 53 | F | Yes | 17.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 74 | M | Yes | 14.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
| Otjiwarongo | 78 | F | Yes | 18.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 83 | M | Yes | 19.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | 1st dose       |
| Okakarara   | 78 | F | Yes | 17.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
|             | 62 | F | Yes | 17.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
| Outjo       | 57 | F | Yes | 17.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
| Mariental   | 63 | M | Yes | 18.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
| K/ Mulilo   | 43 | M | Yes | 16.07.2021 | COVID-19 Death  | Not Vaccinated |
| Nyangana    | 78 | F | No  | 13.07.2021 | #COVID-19 Death | Unknown        |

#Home death

+Dead on arrival at the health facility (DOA)

\*Maternal death

- Rehoboth district recorded the highest number of deaths with fourteen (14) deaths in total, followed by Oshakati district with thirteen (13) deaths, Engela district with eight (8) deaths, Outapi district with seven (7) deaths, Tsandi, Windhoek and Swakopmund districts three (3) deaths each, Rundu, Tsumeb, Otjiwarongo, and Okakarara districts with two (2) deaths each, and Outjo, Mariental, Katima Mulilo and Nyangana districts with one (1) death reported.
- Among the deaths, eighteen (18) were reported as home deaths. All thirteen deaths from Oshakati are home deaths. Seven (7) persons were declared dead on arrival at the health facility, where six are from Rehoboth. We have recorded two (2) Maternal deaths who are all not vaccinated. Two (2) of the reported cases had only received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Tables 5 and 6 below show the number of people vaccinated with Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 20 July 2021

| Region       | #New persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm | Total persons who received 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm | #New persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of AZ | Total persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of AZ | Total persons vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm and AZ |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Erongo       | 151                                                             | 5 499                                                         | 0                                                       | 9 291                                                     | 14 790                                                                  |
| Hardap       | 63                                                              | 2 810                                                         | 11                                                      | 3 674                                                     | 6 484                                                                   |
| Kharas       | 169                                                             | 3 441                                                         | 41                                                      | 2 702                                                     | 6 143                                                                   |
| Kavango East | 32                                                              | 3 080                                                         | 3                                                       | 4 399                                                     | 7 479                                                                   |
| Kavango West | 0                                                               | 1 076                                                         | 0                                                       | 2 173                                                     | 3 249                                                                   |
| Khomas       | 370                                                             | 17 977                                                        | 11                                                      | 23 810                                                    | 41 787                                                                  |
| Kunene       | 70                                                              | 2 835                                                         | 5                                                       | 3 526                                                     | 6 361                                                                   |
| Ohangwena    | 107                                                             | 4 017                                                         | 11                                                      | 3 785                                                     | 7 802                                                                   |
| Omaheke      | 31                                                              | 2 808                                                         | 0                                                       | 3 060                                                     | 5 868                                                                   |
| Omusati      | 110                                                             | 3 914                                                         | 12                                                      | 5 054                                                     | 8 968                                                                   |
| Oshana       | 256                                                             | 4 821                                                         | 0                                                       | 3 474                                                     | 8 295                                                                   |
| Oshikoto     | 157                                                             | 3 764                                                         | 6                                                       | 2 794                                                     | 6 558                                                                   |
| Otjozondjupa | 117                                                             | 6 136                                                         | 0                                                       | 5 926                                                     | 12 062                                                                  |
| Zambezi      | 64                                                              | 1 844                                                         | 0                                                       | 831                                                       | 2 675                                                                   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1 697</b>                                                    | <b>64 022</b>                                                 | <b>100</b>                                              | <b>74 499</b>                                             | <b>138 521</b>                                                          |

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 20 July 2021

| Region       | # of new persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of SinoPharm | Total persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of SinoPharm | # of new persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of AZ | Total persons who received 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of AstraZeneca | Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses of SinoPharm and AZ |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Erongo       | 82                                                               | 2 726                                                         | 0                                                         | 358                                                             | 3 084                                           |
| Hardap       | 58                                                               | 1 590                                                         | 0                                                         | 30                                                              | 1 620                                           |
| Kharas       | 74                                                               | 1 669                                                         | 50                                                        | 112                                                             | 1 781                                           |
| Kavango East | 10                                                               | 1 586                                                         | 18                                                        | 888                                                             | 2 474                                           |
| Kavango West | 0                                                                | 676                                                           | 0                                                         | 96                                                              | 772                                             |
| Khomas       | 1 101                                                            | 8 598                                                         | 54                                                        | 1 250                                                           | 9 848                                           |
| Kunene       | 37                                                               | 1 578                                                         | 4                                                         | 86                                                              | 1 664                                           |
| Ohangwena    | 45                                                               | 1 952                                                         | 69                                                        | 279                                                             | 2 231                                           |
| Omaheke      | 9                                                                | 1 335                                                         | 10                                                        | 161                                                             | 1 496                                           |
| Omusati      | 79                                                               | 1 864                                                         | 78                                                        | 471                                                             | 2 335                                           |
| Oshana       | 193                                                              | 2 110                                                         | 0                                                         | 966                                                             | 3 076                                           |
| Oshikoto     | 81                                                               | 1 719                                                         | 25                                                        | 240                                                             | 1 959                                           |
| Otjozondjupa | 183                                                              | 3 225                                                         | 0                                                         | 914                                                             | 4 139                                           |
| Zambezi      | 47                                                               | 924                                                           | 0                                                         | 113                                                             | 1 037                                           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1 999</b>                                                     | <b>31 552</b>                                                 | <b>308</b>                                                | <b>5 964</b>                                                    | <b>37 516</b>                                   |

10. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 20 July 2021*

|                                                                |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Cumulative confirmed cases                                     | 113 905 |
| Newly confirmed                                                | 467     |
| Recoveries                                                     | 90 199  |
| Recovery rate                                                  | 79%     |
| Active cases                                                   | 21 075  |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 <sup>st</sup> doses administered | 138 521 |
| Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses administered | 37 516  |
| COVID-19 Deaths                                                | 2 383   |
| COVID-19 Related Deaths                                        | 237     |
| Total Deaths                                                   | 2 620   |
| Total samples tested                                           | 593 091 |
| Active contacts                                                | 5 560   |
| Cumulative number of people quarantined                        | 66 970  |
| Number of quarantined people discharged                        | 63 080  |
| Number of people in quarantines                                | 3 890   |

11. **Key messages**

Today we recorded an alarming high number of deaths who either died at home or dead-on-arrival at the health facility from a single district. Hence, we urge the public to play their part by visiting their nearest health facilities when feeling sick to receive treatment on time and reduce avoidable deaths.

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