

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We are announcing two hundred and fifty-nine (259) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand two hundred and forty-eight (1 248) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 21 % positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and fifty-nine (159) males and one hundred (100) females. The age range is from nine (9) months to eighty-two (82) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 22 February 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Omusati	72	Tsandi	57
		Outapi	12
		Oshikuku	3
Oshikoto	48	Onandjokwe	45
		Omuthiya	2
		Tsumeb	1
Khomas	27	Windhoek	27
Erongo	24	Walvis Bay	14
		Swakopmund	8
		Omaruru	2
Ohangwena	24	Eenhana	11
		Okongo	10
		Engela	3
Otjozondjupa	21	Okahandja	11
		Otjiwarongo	7
		Grootfontein	3
Oshana	18	Oshakati	18
Kavango East	6	Rundu	6
Hardap	6	Rehoboth	6
Kharas	4	Keetmanshoop	4
Kunene	4	Khorixas	3
		Outjo	1
Zambezi	3	Katima Mulilo	3
Omaheke	1	Gobabis	1
Kavango West	1	Nankudu	1
Total	259		259

2. Among the confirmed cases are one hundred and forty-one (141) learners. Fifty-seven (57) are from Onesi Senior Secondary School (SSS) in Tsandi district, thirty (30) from Uukule SSS in Onandjokwe district, ten (10) from Ruacana High School in Outapi district and the rest are from different schools. Eleven (11) teachers from different schools and three (3) healthcare workers, each from Katima Mulilo, Otjiwarongo and Windhoek districts are among the positive cases.

3. We have recorded one hundred and eighty-three (183) new recoveries. The recovery rate stands at 93%.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 22 February 2021

Region	Number
Kavango West	74
Omusati	42
Kavango East	33
Hardap	13
Khomas	10
Omaheke	9
Kharas	2
Total	183

4. The total number of active cases currently stands at two thousand and fifty-five (2 055). One hundred and thirty-nine (139) are hospitalized and fifteen (15) are in ICUs

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases 22 February 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	50	14
Erongo	24	0
Omusati	11	0
Karas	8	0
Oshana	8	0
Ohangwena	8	0
Kavango East	8	0
Hardap	7	0
Zambezi	5	0
Oshikoto	4	1
Omaheke	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Total	139	15

5. We announce four (4) deaths, from Windhoek, Onandjokwe, Mariental and Oshakati.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 22 February 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Female	66	No	19.02.2021	COVID-19 Death
Onandjokwe	Male	68	Yes	19.02.2021	COVID-19 related Death
Mariental	Male	49	No	21.02.2021	COVID-19 Death
Oshakati	Male	97	Yes	19.02.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

Table 5: Summary of the national update, 22 February 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	37 742
Newly confirmed	259
Recoveries	35 273
Active cases	2 055
COVID-19 Deaths	322
COVID-19 Related Deaths	84
Total Deaths	406
Active contacts	4 203
Total samples tested	294 196
Cumulative number of people quarantined	34 730
Number of quarantined people discharged	32 672
Number of people in quarantines	2 058

6. Key messages

- The Ministry of Health and Social Services is currently conducting Targeted COVID-19 testing in schools for students and staff in regions that currently have a high number of active COVID-19 cases.
- Regions with clustered cases in schools have started with this initiative. The Ministry of Education, along with the Ministry of Health and Social Services, is working with schools management in those regions and Health Care Workers to support this initiative.
- This targeted testing will enhance the testing already widely available across the regions for students , education workers and for those who are close contacts of confirmed cases.
- The method for testing will vary between regions, and the Ministry is working with school Management to determine the best approach to meet local needs.

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