

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. We announce two thousand five hundred and forty-seven (2 547) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from five thousand three hundred and forty-nine (5 349) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 48% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is one thousand three hundred and fifty-six (1 356) females and one thousand one hundred and ninety-one (1 191) males. The age range is from three (3) days to ninety-one (91) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 24 June 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	1 493	Windhoek	1 493
Erongo	209	Swakopmund	97
		Walvis Bay	81
		Usakos	30
		Omaruru	1
Otjozondjupa	174	Okahandja	73
		Grootfontein	50
		Otjiwarongo	26
		Okakarara	25
Kharas	167	Keetmanshoop	100
		Karasburg	44
		Luderitz	23
Oshana	154	Oshakati	154
Omaheke	100	Gobabis	100
Omusati	67	Outapi	46
		Tsandi	21
Kavango East	66	Rundu	66
Hardap	54	Rehoboth	27
		Mariental	15
		Aranos	12
Oshikoto	28	Tsumeb	22
		Onandjokwe	4
		Omuthiya	2
Zambezi	17	Katima Mulilo	17
Kunene	12	Outjo	11
		Khorixas	1
Ohangwena	4	Eenhana	4
Kavango West	2	Nankudu	2
Total	2 547		2 547

2. We report cases from all fourteen regions. Khomas region alone account for 59% of the total number of confirmed cases. Among the confirmed cases, three hundred and five (305) are learners of which twenty-two (22) learners are from St. Boniface School in Rundu district and the rest are from different schools. Thirty-two (32) students from different institutions of high learning, twenty-eight (28) health care workers and twenty-four (24) teachers have tested positive for COVID-19.

3. Of all confirmed cases, only twenty-five (25), which represent one percent (1%) are recorded to have been vaccinated mostly with first dose. Only one case is fully vaccinated with Sinopharm.
4. We have recorded two hundred and thirty- four (234) new recoveries. The number of recoveries is ten times less than the number of new infections.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 24 June 2021

Region	Number
Ohangwena	63
Hardap	55
Oshana	50
Khomas	42
Kunene	15
Otjozondjupa	4
Kavango East	3
Kavango West	2
Total	234

5. We now have seventeen thousand six hundred and ninety-four (17 694) active cases. Five hundred and thirty- seven (537) Covid-19 persons are hospitalized, of which ninety-one (91) are in Intensive Care Units (ICU).

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 24 June 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	257	58
Erongo	70	12
Oshana	56	17
Otjozondjupa	55	1
Kharas	24	1
Hardap	16	0
Omaheke	15	0
Oshikoto	10	2
Zambezi	9	0
Ohangwena	8	0
Kunene	6	0
Omusati	6	0
Kavango east	5	0
Total	537	91

6. We announce twenty-six (26) deaths from nine districts: Windhoek-10, Mariental-3; Tsumeb-3; Okahandja-3; Grootfontein-2; Swakopmund-1; Keetmanshoop-1; and Omaruru-1.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 24 June 2021

District	Age	Sex	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification	Vaccination status
Windhoek	41	Male	Yes	22.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	60	Male	Yes	22.06.2021	*COVID-19 Related Death	Not Vaccinated
	62	Male	Yes	22.06.2021	*COVID-19 Related Death	Not Vaccinated
	50	Male	Yes	23.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	52	Female	Yes	18.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	53	Male	Yes	23.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Unknown
	70	Female	Yes	23.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	49	Female	Yes	16.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	86	Female	Yes	16.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	56	Female	No	17.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Mariental	62	Male	No	18.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	79	Male	Yes	18.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	55	Male	No	18.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Unknown
Tsumeb	70	Male	Yes	19.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
	38	Male	No	21.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	61	Female	No	21.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated
Okahandja	64	Male	Yes	22.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	46	Male	Yes	22.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	39	Female	No	23.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Grootfontein	73	Male	Yes	23.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	72	Female	Yes	19.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Okakarara	74	Male	Yes	19.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
	69	Female	Yes	20.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Swakopmund	82	Male	Yes	22.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Keetmanshoop	42	Female	No	20.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not Vaccinated
Omaruru	81	Female	Yes	20.06.2021	*COVID-19 Death	Not vaccinated

NB: *Died at a health facility, # Died at home

As can be seen from Table 4 above, none of the deceased persons has been vaccinated. It follows therefore that the deaths are not caused by vaccination as is being claimed by anti-vaccination lobbyists.

7. 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 24 June 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	135	3 764	49	8 123	11 887
Hardap	34	1 833	105	3 008	4 841
Kharas	95	2 256	53	2 150	4 406
Kavango East	15	2 301	71	4 164	6 465
Kavango West	0	830	10	2 156	2 986
Khomas	413	16 620	245	21 959	38 579
Kunene	0	2 063	0	3 148	5 211
Ohangwena	36	2 797	71	2 844	5 641
Omaheke	145	2 305	73	2 350	4 655
Omusati	0	2 701	0	3 632	6 333
Oshana	98	3 436	51	2 703	6 139
Oshikoto	0	1 942	0	1 991	3 933
Otjozondjupa	280	4 646	160	5 454	9 800
Zambezi	37	1 139	0	758	1 897
Total	1 288	48 633	888	64 440	112 773

Table 6: Number of 2nd doses administered as of 24 June 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	60	4	1 927
Hardap	20	0	1 039
Kharas	23	0	999
Kavango East	25	34	1 737
Kavango West	5	20	679
Khomas	151	16	6 396
Kunene	0	0	1 297
Ohangwena	24	2	1 165
Omaheke	57	0	944
Omusati	0	0	881
Oshana	31	44	1 875
Oshikoto	0	0	613
Otjozondjupa	188	86	2 204
Zambezi	27	5	529
Total	611	211	22 285

8. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 24 June 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	81 270
Newly confirmed	2 547
Recoveries	62 260
Recovery rate	77%
Active cases	17 694
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	112 773
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses administered	22 285
COVID-19 Deaths	1 123
COVID-19 Related Deaths	182
Total Deaths	1 305
Total samples tested	509 633
Active contacts	6 571
Cumulative number of people quarantined	57 708
Number of quarantined people discharged	53 792
Number of people in quarantines	3 916

9. **Key message**

- We have recorded the highest number ever of the new Covid-19 positive cases. This is a matter of grave concern. There is active transmission taking place in the community on a massive scale when half of the sample tested turns out positive. It is even worse in Khomas where six out of ten people tested are positive. The result of this situation is the overwhelming of health facilities.
- The number of deaths has been increasing since end of May 2021. The number of hospitalisation and those who need ICU management has also been increasing. The whole health system has been placed under severe strain. This is an indictment on us for the laxity we have shown by not adhering to public health measures and our hesitancy to get vaccinated. The solution to this pandemic lies in our hands to a large extend.

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