

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 hundred and twenty-five (225) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand two hundred and forty-two (1 242) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 18% positivity ratio. The gender distribution is one hundred and twenty (120) females and one hundred and five (105) males. The age range is from four (4) months to ninety-three (93) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 25 May 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	142	Windhoek	142
Karas	33	Lüderitz p	26
		Keetmanshoo	4
		Karasburg	3
Hardap	15	Rehoboth	14
		Aranos	1
Omaheke	15	Gobabis	15
Kavango East	9	Rundu	9
Erongo	3	Swakopmund	2
		Walvis Bay	1
Omusati	2	Okahao	1
		Outapi	1
Ohangwena	2	Eenhana	2
Oshikoto	2	Onandjokwe	2
Otjozondjupa	1	Okakarara	1
Kunene	1	Opuwo	1
	225		225

2. We are reporting cases from eleven (11) regions. We had been tracking infections among learners during school holiday. We report twenty-four (24) positive learners, twelve (12) students, ten (10) health care workers and five teachers. Of note are five confirmed from mining industry and four from fishing sector. These are special groups as they are likely to cause clusters of cases if containment measures are not instituted.
3. We have recorded one hundred and ninety (190) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 25 May 2021

Region	Number
Khomas	61
Erongo	49
Kunene	20
Hardap	19
Otjozondjupa	16
Omaheke	15
Kharas	10
Total	190

4. We now have three thousand and ninety-two (3 092) active cases. Two hundred and thirty-two (232) are hospitalized, of which fifty-one (51) are in ICU/ High Care facilities.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 25 May 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit/ High Care
Khomas	87	35
Oshana	32	10
Erongo	28	4
Karas	21	1
Hardap	11	0
Ohangwena	10	0
Kunene	9	0
Omaheke	9	0
Oshikoto	6	0
Otjozondjupa	6	0
Omusati	5	0
Kavango East	5	1
Zambezi	3	0
Total	232	51

5. We announce five (5) deaths, from Windhoek, Swakopmund, Okongo and Rundu districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 25 May 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Windhoek	Male	64	Yes	09.04.2021	COVID-19 Related Death
	Male	49	Yes	24.04.2021	COVID-19 Related Death
Swakopmund	Female	61	Yes	23.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
Okongo	Female	64	Yes	20.05.2021	COVID-19 Death
Rundu	Male	59	Yes	24.05.2021	COVID-19 Death

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 25 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	98	2 591	14	4 078	6 669
Hardap	26	1 259	18	1 660	2 919
Karas	29	1 213	8	1 314	2 527
Kavango East	0	2 065	0	2 386	4 451
Kavango West	0	826	0	1 142	1 968
Khomas	384	7 231	31	14 081	21 312
Kunene	0	1 796	0	1 152	2 948
Ohangwena	0	1 604	0	1 690	3 294
Omaheke	0	1 409	0	1 670	3 079
Omusati	32	1 092	46	2 170	3 262
Oshana	0	1 425	0	1 632	3 057
Oshikoto	20	604	23	877	1 481
Otjozondjupa	104	2 019	30	3 038	5 057
Zambezi	0	523	0	490	1 013
Total	693	25 657	139	37 380	63 037

Table 6: Number of 2nd doses administered as of 25 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	19	0	781
Hardap	38	0	258
Karas	37	0	194
Kavango East	0	0	338
Kavango West	0	0	88
Khomas	110	0	2 415
Kunene	0	0	226
Ohangwena	0	0	301
Omaheke	41	0	184
Omusati	50	0	169
Oshana	0	0	474
Oshikoto	22	0	257
Otjozondjupa	95	0	439
Zambezi	0	0	98
Total	317	0	6 222

7. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 25 May 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	53 432
Newly confirmed	225
Recoveries	49 550
Recovery rate	93%
Active cases	3 092
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses administered	63 037
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses administered	6 222
COVID-19 Deaths	645
COVID-19 Related Deaths	134
Total Deaths	779
Total samples tested	424 020
Active contacts	2 956
Cumulative number of people quarantined	48 797
Number of quarantined people discharged	47 080
Number of people in quarantines	1 717

8. **Key messages**

- As we are commemorating the formation of the entity which aspire for the Unity in Africa, we should strive for Africa free of COVID-19. Only then we can dream of a world free of COVID-19.
- To do this, we need to continue doing the right things in terms of adhering to COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Let's not relax when it comes to washing our hands regularly with soap and running water or sanitize with alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Let us avoid the gatherings as much as possible, keep wearing face masks correctly and keep the distance of at least one meter.
- Importantly, let's get vaccinated. All persons from age 18 years and above are eligible.
- By this doing, we will be able to contribute to the realization of **Africa Agenda 2063, "The Africa we Want"**.
- As the schools are re-opening, parents and guardians are cautioned, not to send learners with active infections and those who are contacts to confirmed case to school before they are cleared by health officials.

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