

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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1. We announce one hundred and sixty-nine (169) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand five hundred and sixty (1 560) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 11% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is ninety-two (92) females and seventy-seven (77) males. The age range is from three (3) days to eighty-three (83) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 26 March 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	33	Windhoek	33
Otjozondjupa	28	Grootfontein	16
		Okahandja	8
		Otjiwarongo	3
		Okakarara	1
Hardap	28	Rehoboth	18
		Mariental	10
Erongo	24	Walvis Bay	15
		Swakopmund	5
		Omaruru	3
		Usakos	1
Oshikoto	15	Omuthiya	9
		Tsumeb	6
Karas	9	Lüderitz	4
		Keetmanshoop	3
		Karasburg	2
Kavango East	8	Rundu	8
Ohangwena	7	Eenhana	7
Omusati	6	Outapi	4
		Tsandi	1
		Oshikuku	1
Kunene	4	Outjo	4
Zambezi	2	Katima Mulilo	2
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2
Kavango West	2	Nankudu	2
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
Total	169		169

2. Among the confirmed cases are twenty-five (25) learners and eleven (11) teachers from different schools, five (5) health care workers and two (2) students.

3. We have recorded two hundred and sixty-nine (269) new recoveries.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 26 March 2021

Region	Number
Kavango East	205
Otjozondjupa	33
Karas	11
Kunene	9
Kavango West	5
Omusati	3
Zambezi	3
Total	269

4. The total number of active cases stands at one thousand five hundred and twelve (1 512). One hundred and sixty-six (166) are hospitalized, of which thirty-five (35) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 26 March 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	71	25
Erongo	17	4
Karas	17	1
Oshana	11	4
Kavango East	8	1
Hardap	7	0
Zambezi	6	0
Oshikoto	6	0
Kunene	6	0
Ohangwena	6	0
Omusati	6	0
Otjozondjupa	3	0
Omaheke	2	0
Total	166	35

5. We announce two (2) deaths from Swakopmund and Engela districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 26 March 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Engela	Female	94	Yes	25.03.2021	COVID-19 Death
Swakopmund	Male	63	Yes	24.03.2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

6. In the last 24 hours, one hundred and ninety-three (193) COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered, of which one hundred and eighty-five (185) were in Khomas region and eight (8) in Erongo region. Cumulatively, a total of four hundred and eleven (411) vaccine doses have been administered since the roll-out.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccines administered, 26 March 2021

Region	Doses administered in last 24hrs	Total doses administered since the roll-out
Khomas	185	342
Erongo	8	69
Total	193	411

7. *Table 6: Summary of the national update, 26 March 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	43 179
Newly confirmed	169
Recoveries	41 153
Recoveries rate	95%
Active cases	1 512
COVID-19 Deaths	407
COVID-19 Related Deaths	97
Total Deaths	504
Total samples tested	339 579
Active contacts	4 239
Cumulative number of people quarantined	40 625
Number of quarantined people discharged	38 953
Number of people in quarantines	1 672

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