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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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1. We announce nine **(9)** new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand five hundred and seventy-six **(1 576)** results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **0.6%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is eight **(8)** males and one **(1)** female. The age range is from twenty-one **(21)** years to seventy **(70)** years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

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

Region	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Erongo	5	Walvis Bay	5
Khomas	1	Windhoek	1
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
Kharas	1	Luderitz	1
Otjozondjupa	1	Okahandja	1
Total	9		9

2. Among the confirmed cases is one (1) teacher. None of the cases is vaccinated.
3. We have recorded fifty (50) new recoveries from six (6) regions:

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

Region	Number
Omusati	21
Ohangwena	15
Khomas	10
Oshikoto	2
Oshana	1
Hardap	1
Total	50

4. The number of active cases is seven hundred and eighty-eight **(788)**. Thity-one **(31)** are hospitalized, and one (1) is in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Two (2) of the hospitalized cases received the COVID-19 vaccine, one have received the first dose and the other has received the two doses. However, the case in ICU is not vaccinated.

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

Region	Hospitalized cases		Vaccinated		ICU		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Kunene	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	3	8	1	1	0	0	0	0
Omusati	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oshikoto	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	41	1	1	1	0	0	0

5. No death has been recorded.

6. By 25 October 2021, a total of **320 985** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which **49 522** have received the Janssen & Johnson vaccine, which is only administered as one dose, while **203 710** had received two doses. Therefore, **253 232** have completed the vaccination, as depicted on tables 4 and 5 below:

Table 4: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 26 October 2021

	Sinopharm		AsraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
Region	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	69	15 134	35	12 824	0	3	40	146	268	4 457	32 564
Hardap	29	11 860	27	5 282	0	0	0	5	78	2 538	19 685
Kharas	27	8 569	17	3 618	0	0	9	9	128	2 276	14 472
Kavango East	50	8 753	137	5 805	0	0	0	0	242	4 010	18 568
Kavango West	29	3 959	42	3 371	0	0	47	67	259	3 630	11 027
Khomas	81	40 058	13	28 963	0	89+5*	40	1 212	234	12 009	82 336
Kunene	0	10 497	0	5 148	0	0	0	0	0	3 728	19 373
Ohangwena	61	14 073	52	4 878	0	2*	0	0	70	2 504	21 457
Omaheke	26	7 827	17	4 669	0	0	0	5	177	2 156	14 657
Omusati	143	12 116	78	6 954	0	0	0	0	164	2 121	21 191
Oshana	23	11 593	5	4 654	0	18+11*	0	5	63	2 026	18 307
Oshikoto	54	11 359	8	3 611	0	0	0	0	264	2 868	17 838
Otjozondjupa	20	11 913	18	8 069	0	0	5	5	145	4 606	24 593
Zambezi	7	3 403	0	900	0	0	0	21	31	593	4 917
Total	619	171 114	449	98 746	0	128*	141	1 475	2 123	49 522	320 985

**Data harmonization yielded that 18 first doses of Sputnik were not recorded, 5 from Khomas, 2 from Ohangwena and 11 from Oshana region.*

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 26 October 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 2nd dose
Region	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd doses	New 2 nd dose	All 2 nd dose	
Erongo	123	12 716	185	9 820	0	0	0	0	22 536
Hardap	44	9 519	25	3 394	0	0	0	0	12 913
Kharas	42	7 006	8	2 643	0	0	0	0	9 649
Kavango East	34	5 674	26	3 158	0	0	0	0	8 832
Kavango West	42	3 226	23	2 607	0	0	0	0	5 833
Khomas	153	32 636	535	21 404	0	7 +47 [#]	3	28	54 122
Kunene	0	7 124	0	3 087	0	0	0	0	10 211
Ohangwena	250	10 426	20	3 470	0	0	0	0	13 896
Omaheke	37	5 231	43	2 550	0	0	0	0	7 781
Omusati	121	9 613	52	4 874	0	0	0	0	14 487
Oshana	65	9 563	18	3 336	0	0	0	0	12 899
Oshikoto	75	9 061	25	2 563	0	0	0	0	11 624
Otjozondjupa	30	9 831	36	5 645	0	0	0	0	15 476
Zambezi	7	2 779	0	672	0	0	0	0	3 451
Total	1 023	134 405	996	69 223	0	54[#]	3	28	203 710

Data harmonization yielded that 47 second doses of Sputnik from Khomas region were not recorded.

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

Cumulative confirmed cases	128 868
Newly confirmed	9
Recoveries	124 518
Recovery rate	97%
Active cases	788
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	320 985
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	203 710
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	253 232
COVID-19 Deaths	3 260
COVID-19 Related Deaths	290
Total Deaths	3 550
Total samples tested	745 068
Active contacts	407
Cumulative number of people quarantined	80 976
Number of quarantined people discharged	80 430
Number of people in quarantines	546

8. **Key message**

- We are celebrating yet another important milestone in our fight against Covid-19 pandemic. It is the first time in 447 days that we record a number of new infections in 24 hours which is less than ten. The last time we recorded new Covid-19 infections of less than ten was on the 17 June 2020 when we recorded one case. During the last twenty-four hours reporting cycle we recorded nine new Covid-19 infections and zero death.
- This new development gives us the confidence that we are on the path of recovery. This should reinforce our resolve to forge ahead with observation of public health measures and to increase vaccination uptake in order to return Namibia to full normal life we used to know before the Covid-19 pandemic.

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