

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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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce two hundred and eighteen (218) new COVID-19 confirmed cases identified from one thousand four hundred and fifty-five (1 455) results received from the laboratories in the last twenty-four (24) hours, which represents 15% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is one hundred and twenty-nine (129) females and eighty-nine (89) males. The age range is from ten (10) months to eighty-three (83) years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 27 February 2021

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Karas	69	Keetmanshoop	68
		Luderitz	1
Khomas	47	Windhoek	47
Otjozondjupa	22	Grootfontein	9
		Okahandja	5
		Okakarara	7
		Otjiwarongo	1
Erongo	16	Walvis Bay	10
		Swakopmund	3
		Omaruru	3
Oshikoto	13	Onandjokwe	6
		Tsumeb	5
		Omuthiya	2
Kavango East	9	Rundu	9
Hardap	9	Rehoboth	7
		Mariental	2
Ohangwena	8	Okongo	8
Omusati	7	Outapi	7
Zambezi	7	Katima Mulilo	7
Kunene	5	Outjo	4
		Khorixas	1
Omaheke	4	Gobabis	4
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
Kavango west	1	Nankudu	1
Total	218		218

2. Among the confirmed cases are ninety-eight (98) learners. Sixty-two (62) are from J.A Nel Senior Secondary School in Keetmanshoop district followed by Ruacana High School in Outapi district with five (5) and the rest are from different schools. Four (4) students, fourteen (14) teachers and one (1) health care worker are also among the confirmed cases.
3. We have recorded two hundred and twenty-six (226) new recoveries. The recovery rate for Namibia stands at 94%.

4. *Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 27 February 2021*

Region	Number
Omusati	128
Khomas	42
Kavango East	25
Hardap	16
Erongo	8
Otjozondjupa	7
Total	226

5. The total number of active cases currently stands at one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four (1 994). One hundred and sixty-three (163) are hospitalized, of which twenty-one (21) are in ICUs.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases, 27 February 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases	Intensive Care Unit
Khomas	64	17
Erongo	28	2
Karas	12	0
Ohangwena	10	0
Zambezi	10	0
Kavango East	10	0
Hardap	7	0
Omusati	7	0
Oshana	4	2
Omaheke	4	0
Oshikoto	3	0
Kunene	3	0
Otjozondjupa	1	0
Total	163	21

6. We announce two (2) deaths from Gobabis and Keetmanshoop districts.

Table 4: Summary of deaths, 27 February 2021

District	Sex	Age	Comorbidities	Date of Death	Classification
Gobabis	Female	65	Yes	26/02/2021	COVID-19 Death
Keetmanshoop	Female	62	Yes	25/02/2021	COVID-19 Death

We extend sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

7. *Table 5: Summary of the national update, 27 February 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	38 642
Newly confirmed	218
Recoveries	36 220
Active cases	1 994
COVID-19 Deaths	332
COVID-19 Related Deaths	88
Total Deaths	420
Active contacts	4 011
Total samples tested	301 479
Cumulative number of people quarantined	35 909
Number of quarantined people discharged	33 788
Number of people in quarantines	2 121

8. **Key Messages**

As we continue observing a rising trend in COVID-19 cases especially in closed setting such as boarding schools and police holding cells, we urge the institutions authorities to continue enforcing infection prevention and control measures to reduce further spread of the disease.

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