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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce four hundred and forty-six (**446**) new COVID-19 confirmed cases from two thousand six hundred and ninety-seven (**2 697**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **16.5%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is two hundred and forty-eight (**248**) females and one hundred and ninety-eight (**198**) males. The age ranges between six (**6**) months and ninety-three (**93**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases &Reinfections, 08 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	Re-infections
Khomas	342	Windhoek	342	37
Otjozondjupa	50	Otjiwarongo	23	3
		Okahandja	22	
		Okakarara	5	
Erongo	15	Walvis Bay	10	0
		Swakopmund	5	
Kharas	10	Luderitz	6	4
		Karasburg	3	
		Keetmanshoop	1	
Hardap	9	Rehoboth	9	4
Oshana	7	Oshakati	7	2
Kunene	4	Outjo	2	0
		Opuwo	2	
Omusati	2	Oshikuku	2	0
Zambezi	2	Katima Mulilo	2	0
Omaheke	2	Gobabis	2	1
Kavango East	2	Rundu	2	2
Ohangwena	1	Engela	1	0
Total	446		446	53

2. We are reporting cases from twelve (12) out of fourteen (14) regions, with Khomas Region reporting the high number of new cases, amounting to three hundred and forty-two (342) and making up 76.7% of the total confirmed cases. Khomas region is followed by Otjozondjupa region that has recorded 50 new infections, constituting 11.2 %. The Otjozondjupa cases increased more than three-fold in 24 hours.
3. Of the confirmed cases there are, thirty-one (31) learners from different schools, twenty-one (21) students, seventeen (17) health care workers and four (4) teachers. Fifty-three (53) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and seventy-three (73) cases are fully vaccinated.

4. We are reporting one hundred and fifty-eight (**158**) new recoveries, one hundred and thirty-six (136) from Khomas region, ten (10) from Oshana region, seven (7) from Otjozondjupa region and five (5) from ||Kharas region.
5. As the pandemic is protracted, the number of persons who are re-infected is also growing. We therefore, find it prudent to include this number in the Daily Update Report, as indicated in the table above under the column “re-infection”. Re-infection is defined as a person who was previously infected with COVID-19, recovered, and becomes infected after 90 days from the date of latest previous COVID-19 test.
6. The number of active cases has increased to one thousand three hundred and twenty-two (**1 322**). The number of hospitalized cases is also gradually increasing as we are reporting fifty-one (**51**) hospitalized cases today versus 39 cases during the previous reporting cycle, of which three (3) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Three (3) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of COVID-19 vaccine and six (6) cases are fully vaccinated. The cases in ICU are not vaccinated.

Table 2: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 08 December 2021

Region	Hospitalized cases		Vaccinated		ICU		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Khomas	29	24	0	1	3	3	0	0
Erongo	6	6	0	3	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
Kharas	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Oshana	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	51	39	3	6	3	3	0	0

7. By 7 December 2021, a total of **383 929** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which **91 245** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, administered as one dose. Ninety-two (**92**) are children aged 12-17 years who received the Pfizer vaccine. In addition, two hundred and thirty-one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight (**231 798**) individuals had received two doses. Therefore, **323 043** have completed the vaccination. This represents **21.5%** of the total vaccine eligible population in Namibia.
8. With introduction of Sinopharm 3rd dose, so far three hundred and fifty-three (**353**) people are recorded to have received the third additional primary dose of this vaccine. Guidelines on boosters shots for other vaccines were publicized earlier today for immediate implementation. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 below:

Table 3: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 08 December 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
Region	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	24	15 687	4	13 124	0	3	45	676	152	8 063	37 553
Hardap	20	12 247	0	5 562	0	0	5	11	114	5 100	22 920
Kharas	878	10 061	829	4 580	0	0	0	78	0	4 700	19 419
Kavango East	18	9 990	0	7 011	0	0	4	303	55	7 687	24 991
Kavango West	0	5 151	0	4 508	0	0	0	260	0	7 434	17 353
Khomas	73	41 391	37	29 400	0	94	221	3 065	480	17 781	91 731
Kunene	25	11 503	4	5 422	0	0	1	2	223	7 048	23 975
Ohangwena	46	15 534	3	5 261	0	2	7	12	160	5 080	25 889
Omaheke	1	8 222	0	5 004	0	0	2	81	90	4 460	17 767
Omusati	20	13 098	2	7 195	0	0	0	97	59	4 591	24 981
Oshana	0	12 143	0	4 773	0	29	0	42	0	3 719	20 706
Oshikoto	12	11 926	3	3 705	0	0	0	0	55	4 887	20 518
Otjozondjupa	0	12 253	0	8 442	0	0	0	64	0	8 084	28 843
Zambezi	8	3 598	0	933	0	0	0	49	20	2 611	7 191
Total	1 125	182 804	882	104 920	0	128	285	4 740	1 408	91 245	383 837

Table 4: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 08 December 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	10	13 439	6	11 222	0	5	8	128	24 794
Hardap	15	10 350	0	3 995	0	0	0	1	14 346
Kharas	204	8 054	19	3 127	0	0	0	31	11 212
Kavango East	13	6 657	0	3 536	0	0	0	12	10 205
Kavango West	0	4 036	0	2 944	0	0	0	19	6 999
Khomas	87	35 009	75	24 259	0	61	60	1 524	60 853
Kunene	83	8 430	8	3 935	0	0	0	0	12 365
Ohangwena	62	12 586	7	4 065	0	0	0	0	16 651
Omaheke	12	5 837	0	3 031	0	0	1	31	8 899
Omusati	15	11 222	11	5 784	0	0	0	2	17 008
Oshana	0	10 620	0	3 820	0	8	0	13	14 461
Oshikoto	25	10 187	1	3 022	0	0	0	0	13 209
Otjozondjupa	0	10 567	0	6 394	0	0	0	14	16 975
Zambezi	0	3 093	7	719	0	0	0	9	3 821
Total	526	150 087	134	79 853	0	74	69	1 784	231 798

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 08 December 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand
Region	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd doses	New 3 rd dose	All 3 rd dose	total 3 rd dose
Erongo	40	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	81
Hardap	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Kharas	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	92	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Omusati	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Oshana	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Oshikoto	6	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Otjozondjupa	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	152	353	0	0	0	0	0	0	353

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 08 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1 st DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 1 st dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 1 st dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 1 st DOSES (12-17 yrs)
Erongo	2	37	18	39	76
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	0	3	0	4	7
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	0	5	0	4	9
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	45	18	47	92

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 08 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2nd DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 2nd dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 2nd Dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 2nd DOSE (12-17) Years
Erongo	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

9. Table 8: Summary of the national update, 08 December 2021

Cumulative confirmed cases	130 676
Newly confirmed	446
Recoveries	125 767
Recovery rate	96.2%
Active cases	1 322
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	383 929
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	231 798
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	323 043
COVID-19 Deaths	3 277
COVID-19 Related Deaths	298
Total Deaths	3 575
Total samples tested	807 729
Active contacts	770
Cumulative number of people quarantined	83 089
Number of quarantined people discharged	82 850
Number of people in quarantines	239

10. **Key messages:**

- We have noted with concern that persons swabbed for COVID-19 embark on journeys, and travel, before they receive their results. Some people also embark on journeys and travel after receiving positive COVID-19 results. This is a violation of the Public Health Regulations which require that persons suspected of COVID-19 infection must self-isolate. The aim is to suppress the spread on new infections among the population and prevent putting more people at risk. We should refrain from doing so.

- The numbers of new cases being reported today has increased by 60% compared to the figure reported during the last reporting cycle. This exponential increase calls for action by all of us to suppress transmission.
- The low level of compliance with public health measures at present is a source of serious concern. I wish to once again encourage and urge our people to wear face masks correctly, to practice physical distancing, and to practice hand hygiene. Our reinforcement system to ensure adherence to the preventive measures will be enhanced.

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