

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 twenty-five **(25)** new COVID-19 confirmed cases from one thousand six hundred and forty-nine **(1 649)** results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **1.5%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is thirteen **(13)** males and twelve **(12)** females. The age range is from eight **(8)** years to seventy-one **(71)** years. The new COVID-19 cases are geographically distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases, 17 October 2021

Region	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Omaheke	5	Gobabis	5
Kharas	5	Luderitz	4
		Karasburg	1
Kunene	4	Outjo	4
Omusati	3	Outapi	2
		Okahao	1
Khomas	3	Windhoek	3
Otjozondjupa	2	Grootfontein	2
Hardap	1	Mariental	1
Ohangwena	1	Eenhana	1
Oshana	1	Oshakati	1
Total	25		25

2. Of the confirmed cases, seven (7) are learners from different schools.
3. One (1) case is fully vaccinated.
4. We have recorded eighteen (18) new recoveries from four (4) regions:

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 17 October 2021

Region	Number
Kharas	8
Erongo	7
Zambezi	2
Khomas	1
Total	18

5. The number of active cases is nine hundred and three **(903)**. Fifty-two **(52)** of the active cases are hospitalized, of which five **(5)** are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). One **(1)** hospitalized case have received second dose of vaccine and none of the ICU cases is vaccinated.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 17 October 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Vaccinated (current hosp.)		Intensive Care Unit		Vaccinated (current ICU)	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Oshana	9	9	0	0	3	3	0	0
Khomas	8	8	0	0	1	1	0	0
Omusati	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	6	6	0	0	1	1	0	0
Kavango East	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kunene	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	52	52	2	1	5	5	0	0

6. We announce two (2) home deaths from two districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 17 October 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	Covid related death		
Gobabis	1*	0	1	1	0	1	0
Rundu	1*	0	1	1	0	1	1
Total	2	0	2	1	0	2	2

*Home death

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 17 October 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status	
		1st dose	2nd dose
Under 1	0		
1-4	1		
5-9	0		
10-19	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0
30-39	0	0	0
40-49	0	0	0
50-59	0	0	0
60-69	0	0	0
70-79	0	0	0
80-89	1	0	0
90+	0	0	0
Total	2	0	0

7. Both died at home on the 2nd October 2021 and on the 13 October 2021 respectively. One is a baby and not eligible for vaccination. The other deceased person who is an adult was not vaccinated.

8. By 16 October 2021, a total of **296 974** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, of which **32 640** have received the Janssen & Johnson vaccine, which is only administered as one dose, while **192 650** had received two doses. Therefore, **225 290** have completed the vaccination, as depicted on tables 5 and 6 below.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 17 October 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik		Pfizer		J&J		Grant total 1 st dose
Region	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	31	14 930	36	12 716	1	2	22	22	125	3 473	31 143
Hardap	0	11 645	0	5 147	0	0	0	0	0	2 005	18 797
Kharas	36	8 320	2	3 536	0	0	0	0	87	1 454	13 310
Kavango East	0	8 201	0	5 420	0	0	0	0	0	1 335	14 956
Kavango West	0	3 435	0	2 935	0	0	0	0	0	869	7 239
Khomas	14	39 515	10	28 713	0	87	0	797	51	8 901	78 013
Kunene	0	10 144	0	5 006	0	0	0	0	0	2 467	17 617
Ohangwena	0	13 684	0	4 800	0	0	0	0	0	1 805	20 289
Omaheke	0	7 771	0	4 629	0	0	0	0	0	1 691	14 091
Omusati	0	11 661	0	6 753	0	0	0	0	0	1 388	19 802
Oshana	0	11 394	0	4 608	0	14	0	0	0	1 515	17 531
Oshikoto	36	11 094	0	3 574	0	0	0	0	58	1 860	16 528
Otjozondjupa	0	11 674	0	7 877	0	0	0	0	0	3 442	22 993
Zambezi	10	3 332	0	898	0	0	0	0	46	435	4 665
Total	127	166 800	48	96 612	1	103	22	819	367	32 640	296 974

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 17 October 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand Total 2 nd 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	82	12 303	130	9 208	0	0	0	0	21 511
Hardap	0	9 113	0	3 294	0	0	0	0	12 407
Kharas	71	6 652	28	2 569	0	0	0	0	9 221
Kavango East	0	5 158	0	2 900	0	0	0	0	8 058
Kavango West	0	2 891	0	2 378	0	0	0	0	5 269
Khomas	39	31 266	13	20 155	0	7	0	10	51 438
Kunene	0	6 557	0	2 942	0	0	0	0	9 499
Ohangwena	0	9 402	0	3 339	0	0	0	0	12 741
Omaheke	0	5 084	0	2 401	0	0	0	0	7 485
Omusati	0	8 902	0	4 546	0	0	0	0	13 448
Oshana	0	9 117	0	3 159	0	0	0	0	12 276
Oshikoto	123	8 574	6	2 415	0	0	0	0	10 989
Otjozondjupa	0	9 529	0	5 434	0	0	0	0	14 963
Zambezi	33	2 676	0	669	0	0	0	0	3 345
Total	348	127 224	177	65 409	0	7	0	10	192 650

9. *Table 7: Summary of the national update, 17 October 2021*

Cumulative confirmed cases	128 353
Newly confirmed	25
Recoveries	123 898
Recovery rate	97%
Active cases	903
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	296 974
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	192 650
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	225 290
COVID-19 Deaths	3 252
COVID-19 Related Deaths	288
Total Deaths	3 540
Total samples tested	732 414
Active contacts	1 095
Cumulative number of people quarantined	79 594
Number of quarantined people discharged	79 039
Number of people in quarantines	555

10. **Key message**

- On the 15 October 2021, HE The President announced amendments to the regulations to combat Covid-19 in Namibia for the period 16 October to 15 November 2021. The most significant ones are the increase in the number of public gatherings attendees to 200 persons per event and the lifting of the curfew. There have been subsequent enquiries in respect of regulations related to sale of alcohol.
- The public will recall that several meetings were held between the government and bars and shebeens operators at the beginning of September this year. These meetings resulted in the amendments of Regulation 7 of the Public Health Covid-19 General Regulations made under the Public and Environmental Health Act of 2015. This regulations remained unchanged during the latest amendments and remain as is.
- Bars and shebeen operators are hereby informed that the trading hours remain the same as per Government Notice No 189 of the 6 Septemeber 2021. Bars and shebeen operators are directed to comply with the said regulations.

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