

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.**

20 December 2021

WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce nine hundred and thirty-one (**931**) new positive cases from three thousand one hundred and eighteen (**3 118**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **29.9%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is four hundred and seventy-nine (**479**) males and four hundred and fifty-two (**452**) females. The age ranges from one (**1**) month to ninety-one (**91**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 20 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Khomas	275	Windhoek	275	36	311
Erongo	164	Swakopmund	93	11	104
		Walvis Bay	48	1	49
		Usakos	16	2	18
		Omaruru	7	2	9
Omaheke	144	Gobabis	144	13	157
Otjozondjupa	120	Okahandja	60	7	67
		Otjiwarongo	38	2	40
		Grootfontein	18	0	18
		Okakarara	4	0	4
Oshana	66	Oshakati	66	8	74
Kunene	41	Opuwo	34	2	36
		Khorixas	7	0	7
Kharas	35	Luderitz	23	0	23
		Karasburg	6	0	6
		Keetmanshoop	6	0	6
Oshikoto	29	Tsumeb	16	0	16
		Onandjokwe	10	0	10
		Omuthiya	3	1	4
Hardap	22	Mariental	18	5	23
		Rehoboth	2	0	2
		Aranos	2	0	2
Omusati	15	Tsandi	11	1	12
		Okahao	4	0	4
Kavango East	10	Rundu	10	0	10
Ohangwena	9	Eenhana	8	0	8
		Okongo	1	0	1
Zambezi	1	Katima Mulilo	1	0	1
Total	931		931	91	1022

2. Khomas recorded the highest number of two hundred and seventy-five (275), making up 30%, followed by Erongo region with one hundred and sixty-four (164) constituting 18% of all newly confirmed cases. We are also reporting ninety-one (91) new reinfections with Khomas region reporting the highest of thirty-six (36), making up 40% of all reinfections.
3. Among the confirmed cases are eighty-nine (89) learners, eleven (11) teachers, twelve (12) students and twenty-nine (29) health care workers from different institutions. Twenty-six (26) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, ninety-seven (97) cases are fully vaccinated, four (4) received three (3) doses, while forty-three (43) vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. Seven hundred and sixty-one (761) accounting for 82% of the new cases are unvaccinated.
4. We record two hundred and twenty-six (**226**) new recoveries from seven (7) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 20 December 2021

Region	Number
Otjozondjupa	112
Omaheke	82
Ohangwena	15
Omusati	8
Kunene	5
Khomas	3
Zambezi	1
Total	226

5. The number of active cases are now at ten thousand two hundred and twenty-seven (**10 227**). Hospitalized cases are currently at two hundred and fifty-six (**256**) across thirteen (13) regions, of which sixteen (16) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Five (5) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and twenty (20) are fully vaccinated. All cases in ICU are not vaccinated.

6. Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 20 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	90	75	0	5	14	13	0	0
Kunene	37	22	0	9	0	0	0	0
Oshana	26	20	1	1	0	1	0	0
Erongo	21	19	1	1	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	21	18	0	1	0	0	0	0
Omusati	17	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	9	9	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	3	3	1	1	2	2	0	0
Hardap	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	256	198	5	20	16	16	0	0

7. We are reporting one (1) Covid-19 death and five (5) Covid-19 related deaths from three (3) districts. One (1) death occurred on 8 December 2021 while five (5) occurred between 14-19 December 2021. One of the deceased was vaccinated.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 20 December 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Windhoek	2	1	3	0	3	0	3
Gobabis	1	1	2	0	2	0	1
Swakopmund	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total	4	2	6	1	5	0	5

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 20 December 2021

Age group	No. of Deaths	Vaccination Status	
		1st dose	2nd dose
Under 1	1		
1-4	0		
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	1	0	0
60-69	2	1	0
70-79	1	0	0
80-89	0	0	0
90+	1	0	0
Total	6	1	0

8. By 19 December 2021, a total of **399 636** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.6%** of the target population including one thousand three hundred and twenty-two (**1 322**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **101 045** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **235 452** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **336 497** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.4%** of the target population. Two thousand two hundred and one (**2 201**) people have received a 3rd dose of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 20 December 2021

Region	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		J&J		Grand total 1st dose
	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	New	All	
Erongo	0	15773	0	13157	0	3	0	864	0	8708	38505
Hardap	0	12404	0	5586	0	0	0	162	0	5864	24016
Kharas	33	10200	0	4588	0	0	10	135	180	5349	20495
Kavango East	112	10359	7	7049	0	0	137	849	346	8910	27769
Kavango West	48	5585	15	4523	0	0	33	487	135	8993	19819
Khomas	2	41647	2	29483	0	94	29	3635	17	18872	93781
Kunene	0	11546	0	5427	0	0	0	30	0	7207	24210
Ohangwena	0	15686	0	5286	0	2	0	93	0	5636	26703
Omaheke	0	8266	0	5004	0	0	0	108	0	4986	18364
Omusati	15	13308	1	7216	0	0	5	204	39	5152	25940
Oshana	0	12313	0	4780	0	29	0	143	0	4199	21464
Oshikoto	1	12042	0	3714	0	0	4	38	19	5444	21262
Otjozondjupa	1	12319	0	8452	0	0	3	155	22	8952	29904
Zambezi	7	3614	0	937	0	0	2	53	18	2773	7404
Total	219	185062	25	105202	0	128	223	6956	776	101045	399636

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 20 December 2021

	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Sputnik V	Pfizer	
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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	Grand total 2nd dose
Erongo	0	13539	0	11321	0	5	0	200	25065
Hardap	0	10447	0	4229	0	0	0	16	14692
Kharas	36	8170	2	3164	0	0	12	57	11441
Kavango East	47	6945	30	3599	0	0	11	104	10736
Kavango West	15	4274	0	2965	0	0	8	32	7294
Khomas	1	35262	10	24472	0	63	13	1807	61628
Kunene	0	8477	0	3974	0	0	0	0	12451
Ohangwena	0	12781	0	4097	0	0	0	0	16878
Omaheke	0	5889	0	3031	0	0	0	35	8955
Omusati	19	11392	4	5834	0	0	0	4	17253
Oshana	0	10790	0	3846	0	8	0	21	14665
Oshikoto	5	10335	0	3057	0	0	0	0	13397
Otjozondjupa	0	10666	0	6444	0	0	2	36	17148
Zambezi	0	3105	1	733	0	0	0	10	3849
Total	123	152072	47	80766	0	76	46	2322	235452

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 20 December 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand total 3rd dose
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	
Erongo	0	216	0	16	0	0	0	25	257
Hardap	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	10	95
Kharas	25	105	16	16	0	0	5	5	172
Kavango East	9	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Kavango West	1	24	0	0	0	0	1	1	27
Khomas	16	460	16	83	0	0	56	304	935
Kunene	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Ohangwena	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Omaheke	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Omusati	7	64	1	1	0	0	3	3	79
Oshana	0	153	0	10	0	0	0	0	163
Oshikoto	13	141	0	5	0	0	0	2	161
Otjozondjupa	5	124	0	8	0	0	0	15	152
Zambezi	0	11	1	1	0	0	1	1	15
Total	76	1519	34	140	0	0	66	366	2201

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 20 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	0	62	0	116	178
Hardap	0	36	0	80	116
Kharas	1	7	0	9	17
Kavango East	38	103	58	185	384
Kavango West	4	48	13	125	190
Khomas	3	26	7	60	96
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	0	43	0	37	80
Omaheke	0	12	0	6	18
Omusati	0	64	0	33	97
Oshana	0	21	0	41	62
Oshikoto	0	3	1	11	15
Otjozondjupa	1	31	0	36	68
Zambezi	0	0	0	1	1
Total	47	456	79	740	1322

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 20 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 2 nd DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 2 nd dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 2 nd Dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 2 nd 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 10: Summary of the national update, 20 December 2021*

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	140 449
Newly confirmed individuals	931
New Re-infections	91
Cumulative cases including re-infections	141 494
Recoveries	127 665
Recovery rate	91%
Active cases	10 227
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	399636
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	235452
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	336 497
COVID-19 Deaths	3 282
COVID-19 Related Deaths	307
Total Deaths	3 589
Total samples tested	846 015
Active contacts	2 570
Cumulative number of people quarantined	83 990
Number of quarantined people discharged	83 325
Number of people in quarantines	665

10. **Key message**

- We have seen that within a short period of time the new cases are being reported in all the regions. This is facilitated by movements within and between regions. I urge the public to minimise or suspend travel as far as possible in order to limit transmission of infections. The circulating omicron variant is highly transmissible.

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