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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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**Check against Delivery*

1. We announce five hundred and ninety-six (**596**) new positive cases from two thousand two hundred and twenty-four (**2224**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **26.8%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is three hundred and two (**302**) females and two hundred and ninety-four (**294**) males. The age ranges from one (**1**) year to eighty-three (**83**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 21 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Khomas	205	Windhoek	205	10	215
Kunene	83	Opuwo	60	2	62
		Khorixas	23	0	23
Kharas	80	Karasburg	41	4	45
		Lüderitz	32	3	35
		Keetmanshoop	7	0	7
Otjozondjupa	41	Okahandja	26	2	28
		Grootfontein	12	1	13
		Otjiwarongo	3	0	3
Oshikoto	40	Tsumeb	39	1	40
		Onandjokwe	1	0	1
Omusati	34	Outapi	21	2	23
		Okahao	9	0	9
		Oshikuku	4	0	4
Ohangwena	31	Engela	31	0	31
Omaheke	30	Gobabis	30	3	33
Erongo	24	Swakopmund	21	1	22
		Walvis Bay	3	0	3
Oshana	23	Oshakati	23	2	25
Zambezi	5	Katima Mulilo	5	0	5
Total	596		596	31	627

2. We are reporting cases from eleven (11) regions with Khomas region reporting the highest number of two hundred and five (205), making up 34%, followed by Kunene region with eighty-three (83) constituting 14% of all newly confirmed cases. We are also reporting thirty-one (31) new reinfections with Khomas region reporting the highest of ten (10), making up 32% of all reinfections.
3. Among the confirmed cases are thirty-one (31) learners, seven (7) teachers, twelve (12) students and twenty-five (25) health care workers from different institutions. Twenty-four (24) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, one hundred (100) cases are fully vaccinated, four (4) received three (3) doses, while twenty (20) vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. Four hundred and forty-eight (448) accounting for 75% of the new cases are unvaccinated.
4. We are reporting two hundred and seven (**207**) new recoveries from ten (10) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 21 December 2021

Region	Number
Omaheke	103
Kunene	43
Kharas	21
Oshikoto	16
Khomas	8
Zambezi	6
Omusati	5
Oshana	2
Otjozondjupa	2
Kavango East	1
Total	207

5. The number of active cases is now ten thousand six hundred and forty-three (**10 643**). Hospitalized cases are currently at two hundred and fifty-two (**252**) across thirteen (13) regions, of which sixteen (16) are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Six (6) of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and twenty-six (26) are fully vaccinated. Two (2) cases in ICU are fully vaccinated.

6. Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 21 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	92	90	0	8	15	14	0	2
Kunene	36	37	0	9	0	0	0	0
Oshana	30	26	2	1	0	0	0	0
Omusati	21	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	19	21	0	2	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	14	21	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kharas	14	9	1	3	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hardap	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	1	3	1	1	1	2	0	0
Kavango West	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	252	256	6	26	16	16	0	2

7. We are reporting four (4) deaths from two (2) districts.

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 21 December 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Opuwo	3	0	3	3	0	1	2
Okahao	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Total	3	1	4	4	0	1	3

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 21 December 2021

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

8. All the deceased reported today are COVID-19 deaths. Three (3) of deaths occurred between 12-16 December 2021 and one (1) death occurred on 20 December 2021. None of the deceased was vaccinated.
9. By 20 December 2021, a total of **399 935** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.6%** of the target population including one thousand three hundred and seven-five (**1 375**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **102 087** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **235 698** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **337 785** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.5%** of the target population. Two thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (**2 866**) people have received a 3rd dose of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 21 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	13	15786	4	13161	0	3	11	875	61	8769	38594
Hardap	19	12423	0	5586	0	0	39	201	93	5957	24167
Kharas	17	10217	5	4593	0	0	6	141	57	5406	20357
Kavango East	45	10404	3	7052	0	0	72	921	285	9195	27572
Kavango West	15	5600	0	4523	0	0	81	568	128	9121	19812
Khomas	14	41661	5	29488	0	94	42	3677	68	18940	93860
Kunene	0	11546	0	5427	0	0	0	30	0	7207	24210
Ohangwena	13	15699	2	5288	0	2	8	101	92	5728	26818
Omaheke	12	8278	1	5005	0	0	0	108	104	5090	18481
Omusati	9	13317	0	7216	0	0	6	210	16	5168	25911
Oshana	8	12321	0	4780	0	29	13	156	23	4222	21508
Oshikoto	14	12056	2	3716	0	0	2	40	30	5474	21286
Otjozondjupa	8	12327	0	8452	0	0	7	162	56	9008	29949

Zambezi	0	3614	2	939	0	0	2	55	29	2802	7410
Total	187	185249	24	105226	0	128	289	7245	1042	102087	399935

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 21 December 2021

	Sinopharm		AstraZeneca		Sputnik V		Pfizer		Grand
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	total 2 nd dose
Erongo	13	13552	12	11333	0	5	17	217	25107
Hardap	13	10460	0	4229	0	0	7	23	14712
Kharas	4	8174	1	3165	0	0	0	57	11396
Kavango East	35	6980	39	3638	0	0	20	124	10742
Kavango West	21	4295	0	2965	0	0	5	37	7297
Khomas	20	35282	19	24491	0	63	36	1843	61679
Kunene	0	8477	0	3974	0	0	0	0	12451
Ohangwena	52	12833	4	4101	0	0	0	0	16934
Omaheke	15	5904	1	3032	0	0	4	39	8975
Omusati	28	11420	7	5841	0	0	8	12	17273
Oshana	17	10807	2	3848	0	8	5	26	14689
Oshikoto	13	10348	10	3067	0	0	0	0	13415
Otjozondjupa	8	10674	8	6452	0	0	13	49	17175
Zambezi	3	3108	0	733	0	0	2	12	3853
Total	242	152314	103	80869	0	76	117	2439	235698

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 21 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	48	264	30	46	0	0	141	166	476
Hardap	8	93	0	0	0	0	25	35	128
Kharas	8	113	3	19	0	0	0	5	137
Kavango East	5	81	0	0	0	0	2	2	83
Kavango West	3	27	0	0	0	0	0	1	28
Khomas	44	504	75	158	0	0	240	544	1206
Kunene	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Ohangwena	4	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Omaheke	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Omusati	16	80	13	14	0	0	16	19	113
Oshana	23	176	16	26	0	0	30	30	232
Oshikoto	3	144	5	10	0	0	8	10	164
Otjozondjupa	5	129	26	34	0	0	32	47	210
Zambezi	8	19	1	2	0	0	1	2	23
Total	177	1696	169	309	0	0	495	861	2866

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 21 December 2021

PFIZER FOR CHILDREN 1st DOSE (12-17) Years					
Region	New (12-13 yrs)	All 1st dose (12-13 yrs)	New (14-17 yrs)	All 1st dose (14-17 yrs)	GRAND TOTAL 1st DOSES (12-17 yrs)
Erongo	3	65	4	120	185
Hardap	7	43	13	93	136
Kharas	0	7	0	9	16
Kavango East	20	123	35	220	343
Kavango West	28	76	29	154	230
Khomas	5	31	15	75	106
Kunene	0	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	1	44	3	40	84
Omaheke	0	12	0	6	18
Omusati	0	64	0	33	97
Oshana	3	24	5	46	70
Oshikoto	0	3	2	13	16
Otjozondjupa	0	31	5	41	72
Zambezi	0	0	1	2	2
Total	67	523	112	852	1375

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 21 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

10. *Table 10: Summary of the national update, 21 December 2021*

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	141 045
Newly confirmed individuals	596
New Re-infections	31
Cumulative cases including re-infections	142 121
Recoveries	127 872
Recovery rate	91%
Active cases	10 643
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	399 935
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	235 698
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	337 785
COVID-19 Deaths	3 286
COVID-19 Related Deaths	307
Total Deaths	3 593
Total samples tested	848 239
Active contacts	2 852
Cumulative number of people quarantined	84 169
Number of quarantined people discharged	83 461
Number of people in quarantines	708

11. **Key message**

- We continue to observe an increase in the number of confirmed cases in all other regions apart from Khomas where it was concentrated. This is indicating that the transmission is becoming widespread. Therefore it remains the responsibility of every individual to protect themselves as well as the next person.
- Public health measures works against all COVID-19 variants. Lets get vaccinated so that more people can be protected against COVID-19. As we travel for the holidays and celebrate with loved ones, washing hands, keeping a physical distance, and wearing masks should be a priority to keep all safe. Above all, get every eligible person vaccinated and get the country back to a normal life.

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