

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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1. We announce five hundred and five (**505**) new positive cases from two thousand three hundred and nine (**2 309**) results in the last twenty-four (24) hours reporting cycle, which represents **21.9%** positivity ratio. The sex distribution is two hundred and fifty-five (**255**) males and two hundred and fifty (**250**) females. The age ranges from two (**2**) days to one hundred and one (**101**) years.

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases & Reinfections, 30 December 2021

Regions	New cases	Districts	New cases	New re-infections	Total
Kharas	105	Luderitz	59	6	65
		Keetmashoop	26	0	26
		Karasburg	20	0	20
Khomas	83	Windhoek	83	14	97
Otjozondjupa	50	Otjiwarongo	21	1	22
		Okahandja	13	2	15
		Grootfontein	11	2	13
		Okakarara	5	0	5
Erongo	49	Walvis Bay	39	1	40
		Swakopmund	10	3	13
Zambezi	43	Katima Mulilo	43	1	44
Ohangwena	41	Engela	17	0	17
		Eenhana	14	1	15
		Okongo	10	1	11
Kavango East	30	Rundu	29	6	35
		Andara	1	0	1
Omusati	22	Okahao	14	1	15
		Tsandi	4	0	4
		Outapi	3	0	3
		Oshikuku	1	0	1
Omaheke	22	Gobabis	22	3	25
Oshikoto	21	Omuthiya	20	2	22
		Tsumeb	1	0	1
Kunene	20	Opuwo	11	1	12
		Khorixas	9	0	9
Hardap	14	Rehoboth	14	1	15
Kavango West	3	Nkurenkuru	3	0	3
Oshana	2	Oshakati	2	0	2
Total	505		505	46	551

2. All fourteen regions reported new Covid-19 cases. ||Kharas region records the highest number of one hundred and five (105), making up 20.7%, followed by Khomas region with eighty-three (83), constituting 16.4%. We are also reporting forty-six (46) new reinfections with Khomas region recording the highest number of fourteen (14), making up 30.4% of all new reinfections.
3. Among the confirmed cases are forty-five (45) learners, eight (8) teachers, eight (8) students and twenty-one (21) health care workers from different institutions. Nine (9) cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, seventy-six (76) cases are fully vaccinated, two (2) received a booster dose and twelve (12) vaccinated cases did not specify the number of doses received. Four hundred and six (406), accounting for 80.3% of the new cases are unvaccinated.

4. We are reporting two hundred and fifty-five **(255)** new recoveries from five (5) regions.

Table 2: Distribution of new recoveries by region, 30 December 2021

Region	Number
Omusati	106
Ohangwena	93
Kunene	30
Otjozondjupa	19
Oshana	7
Total	255

5. The number of active cases are now fourteen thousand nine hundred and three **(14 903)**. Hospitalized cases are at three hundred and twelve **(312)** across all regions, of which twenty-five **(25)** are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Eight **(8)** of the hospitalized cases have received one (1) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine while thirty-two **(32)** are fully vaccinated. Three **(3)** cases in ICU are fully vaccinated. The remainder 22 (88%) are not vaccinated.

Table 3: Distribution of hospitalization of confirmed cases per region, 30 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	93	3	11	22	17	0	2
Oshana	52	50	1	0	3	4	0	1
Kunene	32	42	0	10	0	0	0	0
Erongo	29	29	0	3	0	0	0	0
Omusati	28	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otjozondjupa	12	12	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	11	20	3	3	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	10	14	0	2	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	9	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hardap	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharas	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	312	336	8	32	25	21	0	3

6. We are reporting ten (10) deaths from seven (7) districts:

Table 4a. Summary of deaths, 30 December 2021

District	Sex		Total	Classification		Home death	Comorbidity
	M	F		Covid death	C-R death		
Swakopmund	0	3	3	2	1	0	3
Tsumeb	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Keetmanshoop	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Gobabis	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Outapi	2	0	2	2	0	0	1
Tsandi	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Oshikuku	*1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Total	4	6	10	9	1	1	9

*Home death

Table 4b. Age group and vaccination status of the deceased, 30 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	0	0	0
30-39	1	0	0
40-49	2	0	0
50-59	1	0	0
60-69	3	0	0
70-79	1	0	0
80-89	2	0	0
90+	0	0	0
Total	10	0	0

7. Among the reported deaths are nine (9) COVID-19 deaths and one (1) COVID-19 related death. Three (3) deaths occurred on 24.12.2021, six (6) occurred between 26-28 December and one (1) occurred on 29.12.2021 which is within the 24 hours reporting cycle. One death occurred at home from Oshikuku. None of the deceased was vaccinated.
8. By 29 December 2021, a total of **404 676** people have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, representing **26.9%** of the target population including one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight (**1 838**) children aged 12-17 years. A total of **105 118** have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is administered as one dose, while **238 229** adults had received two doses of other vaccines. Therefore, **343 347** have completed the vaccination, translating to **22.8%** of the target population. Five thousand five hundred and eight (**5 508**) people have received a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccines. Details of vaccinations are presented in tables 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 below:

Table 5: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccine 1st dose, 30 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	3	15847	0	13177	0	3	16	954	13	8946	38927
Hardap	26	12506	0	5587	0	0	25	289	58	6290	24672
Kharas	9	10251	1	4594	0	0	6	155	20	5506	20506
Kavango East	5	10603	0	7075	0	0	7	1174	81	10222	29074
Kavango West	0	5671	0	4525	0	0	0	692	0	9333	20221
Khomas	10	41717	3	29505	0	94	8	3822	46	19203	94341
Kunene	0	11581	0	5431	0	0	0	38	0	7373	24423
Ohangwena	5	15734	0	5293	0	2	2	113	18	5878	27020
Omaheke	2	8311	0	5008	0	0	0	134	0	5219	18672
Omusati	1	13377	0	7216	0	0	9	246	11	5282	26121
Oshana	0	12357	0	4782	0	29	0	178	0	4310	21656
Oshikoto	1	12079	0	3718	0	0	2	56	3	5539	21392
Otjozondjupa	3	12356	0	8456	0	0	9	204	32	9167	30183
Zambezi	0	3620	0	939	0	0	0	59	0	2850	7468
Total	65	186010	4	105306	0	128	84	8114	282	105118	404676

Table 6: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 2nd dose, 30 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	22	13636	0	11349	0	5	29	341	25331
Hardap	12	10527	0	4239	0	0	20	84	14850
Kharas	8	8228	1	3166	0	0	13	87	11481
Kavango East	23	7304	0	3789	0	0	47	303	11396
Kavango West	0	4382	0	2970	0	0	0	100	7452
Khomas	34	35446	10	24571	0	63	50	2057	62137
Kunene	0	8533	0	4017	0	0	0	2	12552
Ohangwena	24	12940	8	4139	0	0	4	14	17093
Omaheke	2	5943	7	3041	0	0	2	47	9031
Omusati	13	11532	0	5853	0	0	0	85	17470
Oshana	0	10879	0	3848	0	8	0	46	14781
Oshikoto	5	10397	1	3077	0	0	0	4	13478
Otjozondjupa	14	10727	1	6476	0	0	14	91	17294
Zambezi	0	3133	0	734	0	0	0	16	3883
Total	157	153607	28	81269	0	76	179	3277	238229

Table 7: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines 3rd dose, 30 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	20	387	0	74	0	0	72	684	1145
Hardap	10	171	0	0	0	0	28	178	349
Kharas	7	143	0	24	0	0	3	35	202
Kavango East	4	111	0	2	0	0	1	44	157
Kavango West	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	15	67
Khomas	33	685	27	322	0	0	52	1127	2134
Kunene	0	53	0	11	0	0	0	0	64
Ohangwena	0	48	0	2	0	0	0	1	51
Omaheke	2	21	3	3	0	0	0	4	28
Omusati	4	141	0	20	0	0	0	61	222
Oshana	0	285	0	57	0	0	0	98	440
Oshikoto	2	180	5	26	0	0	0	13	219
Otjozondjupa	14	205	7	58	0	0	9	126	389
Zambezi	0	25	0	3	0	0	0	13	41
Total	96	2507	42	602	0	0	165	2399	5508

Table 8: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 1st dose, 30 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	4	78	7	145	223
Hardap	7	65	9	131	196
Kharas	2	9	1	11	20
Kavango East	0	201	5	316	517
Kavango West	0	100	0	179	279
Khomas	2	52	2	105	157
Kunene	0	5	0	3	8
Ohangwena	0	45	0	43	88
Omaheke	0	13	0	11	24
Omusati	6	76	2	41	117
Oshana	0	27	0	56	83
Oshikoto	0	6	0	17	23
Otjozondjupa	3	39	6	62	101
Zambezi	0	0	0	2	2
Total	24	716	32	1122	1838

Table 9: Summary of administered COVID-19 vaccines(12-17) Years, 2nd dose, 30 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, 30 December 2021*

Cumulative newly confirmed individuals	147 974
Newly confirmed individuals	505
New Re-infections	46
Cumulative cases including re-infections	149 589
Recoveries	131 040
Recovery rate	89%
Active cases	14 903
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 1 st doses	404 676
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine 2 nd doses	238 229
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccine completed	343 347
COVID-19 Deaths	3 319
COVID-19 Related Deaths	314
Total Deaths	3 633
Total samples tested	869 265
Active contacts	2 788
Cumulative number of people quarantined	84 909
Number of quarantined people discharged	84 048
Number of people in quarantines	861

10. **Key message**

- As we bid goodbye to the year 2021 and welcome the New Year 2022, the Ministry of Health and Social Services thanks individuals, families, communities, organisations and institutions for the support and cooperation it received during the course of the year. It was the most challenging year due to the effect and impact of Covid-19 pandemic during which many precious Namibian lives were lost and the economy battered. The leadership provided by HE the President and the support of Cabinet has been a critical element in the response efforts and which is highly appreciated..
- The enhanced collaboration between the public and private sectors and non governmental organisation demonstrated that Namibians can come together to face common challenges. The print and electronic media played a decisive role in debunking the fake news in respect of Covid-19 and Covid-19 vaccines. The Namibians can tap on this resource in confronting future challenges.
- We wish the Namibian people a Prosperous and a rewarding New Year 2022. Let us vaccinate, mask up, sanitise and maintain a safe physical distance in order to break the transmission chain of Covid-19 and return Namibia to a normal life we used to know. This will give the healthcare workers and frontline workers a breathing space in order to spend quality time with their loved ones - such luxury they never knew since the beginning of pandemic!

HAPPY NEW YEAR NAMIBIA!!

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