

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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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. We have received a total number of 592 results from the laboratories. Eleven (11) samples tested positive for COVID-19. The gender ratio is five (5) males to six (6) females. Ages range from thirteen (13) years to seventy-two (72) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	7	Windhoek	7
//Kharas	2	Luderitz	2
Hardap	1	Mariental	1
Erongo	1	Walvis Bay	1
Total	11		11

2. Cumulatively, we are having 12, 000 confirmed cases, It took Namibia 74 days to reach 12, 000 cases from 2224 cases as of 1 August to 13 October 2020, recording 9776 cases which represents 81% of the total confirmed cases.
3. The number of days to reach a thousand cases varied. The minimum days were 3 days recorded from 22 August to 24 August 2020 with a positivity rate of 18% and maximum days were 16 days with 6% positivity rate.
4. We have recorded a total number of 73 096 tests, and we have detected **9776** confirmed cases. This give us a positivity rate of 13% within 74 days, from 01 August to 13 October 2020. During the past 16 days we have recorded a total number of 15 123 tests which yielded 879 confirmed cases which translates into a 6% positivity ratio. We have noted a reduction in the positivity ratio for the past 16 days despite the increase in number of tests performed. This is encouraging in terms of interrupting the transmission. We urge, the public to continue adhering to the universal prevention measures at all times to combat this pandemic.
5. Today we are reporting **207** new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 10 120.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Hardap	84
Khomas	76
Otjozondjupa	38
Erongo	7
Oshana	1
Omaheke	1
Total	207

6. The total number of active cases now stands at 1 751. Of the active cases, five (5) are in severe to critically sick conditions.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	2	2
Khomas	1	2	3
Total	1	4	5

7. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	12 000
Newly confirmed	11
Recoveries	10 120
Active cases	1 751
COVID-19 deaths	100
COVID-19 related deaths	29
Total deaths	129
Active contacts	7 866
Total samples tested	111 315
Cumulative number of people quarantined	15 939
Number of quarantined people discharged	14 917
Number of people in quarantines	1 022

8. I wish to remind the public that the ground borders of Namibia remain closed in accordance with Proclamation No 233. However, government is seized with this matter in terms of reciprocity, as provided for under Section 8(3) (b) of the Proclamation and will pronounce itself soon on the matter. The public is urged to remain calm and cooperate with government.

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