

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, we have received a total number of 707 results. Forty-one (41) samples tested positive for COVID-19. The gender ratio is thirty-two (32) males to nine (9) females. The ages ranges from thirteen (13) years to seventy-five (75) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Oshana	27	Oshakati	27
Khomas	13	Windhoek	13
Kharas	1	Karasburg	1
Total	41		41

2. The Oshakati cases include 25 learners from Oshakati Senior Secondary School where we had previously reported a number of positive cases. The Windhoek cases includes one tourist from South Africa who came in the country with a PCR negative results. We urge the public to continue taking precautionary measures especially those who are in enclosed settings.
3. Today we are reporting 102 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 10 528.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Oshana	56
Khomas	33
Erongo	9
Ohangwena	3
Omaheke	1
Total	102

4. The total number of active cases now stands at 1 707. Of the active cases, three (3) are in severe to critical condition.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

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

5. Sadly, we are reporting a Windhoek COVID-19 death of a 49 years old male who is known to have multiple comorbidities. He presented at a local health facility on the 17th of September 2020 with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The patient was admitted in a severe state on the day of presentation and was swabbed. His results came out positive. The patient passed away on the 17th of October 2020. We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.
6. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	12 367
Newly confirmed	41
Recoveries	10 528
Active cases	1 707
COVID-19 deaths	103
COVID-19 related deaths	29
Total deaths	132
Active contacts	7 501
Total samples tested	117 759
Cumulative number of people quarantined	17 556
Number of quarantined people discharged	16 483
Number of people in quarantines	1 073

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