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UPDATE BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.

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WINDHOEK

**Check against Delivery*

1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, one hundred and eighty-one (181) new COVID-19 confirmed cases were identified from one thousand five hundred and forty (1540) results received from the laboratories. This number represents a 12% positivity ratio. The gender distribution of the reported cases is ninety-eight (98) females and eighty-three (83) males. The age range is from one (1) year to seventy-five (75) years. The new COVID-19 cases are distributed as follows:

Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Khomas	117	Windhoek	117
Erongo	30	Omaruru	17
		Walvis Bay	7
		Swakopmund	5
		Usakos	1
Karas	12	Karasburg	6
		Lüderitz	5
		Keetmanshoop	1
Otjozondjupa	5	Otjiwarongo	5
Oshikoto	5	Omuthiya	4
		Tsumeb	1
Oshana	3	Oshakati	3
Hardap	3	Mariental	3
Kavango East	2	Nyangana	1
		Andara	1
Omusati	2	Outapi	2
Kunene	2	Opuwo	2
Total	181		181

2. Today we are reporting confirmed cases from 10 (71.4%) regions, with 117 (66.9%) coming from Khomas region alone. Among the 117 confirmed cases from Khomas region, nineteen (19) are from different educational institutions of whom fifteen (15) are contacts of known cases and two (2) are health care workers. Of these 117 cases, 60 are contacts and 60% are symptomatic. The cases from other regions include twenty-one (21) learners of which seventeen (17) are from SI !Gobs Senior Secondary School in Omaruru district, three (3) healthcare workers, 2 from Omuthiya & 1 Nyangana district and five (5) truck drivers. Of all the sixty-four (64) cases from other regions, thirty (30) are contacts and 39% are symptomatic.
3. The significant increase in the number of confirmed cases across country is worrisome especially coming at the time when The President announced on Monday further relaxation of public health measures to combat Covid19. We do not wish to return to a situation when it becomes imperative to re-introduce restrictive measures. We have seen the hardships restrictive measures cause to the individuals, the livelihoods and the economy. I therefore call on the to adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures.

4. Today we are reporting hundred (100) new recoveries, with Khomas region reporting the highest number of recoveries. This brings the total number of recoveries to 13 874.

Table 2: New recoveries per region

Region	Number
Khomas	97
Omaheke	2
Zambezi	1
Total	100

5. The total number of active cases currently stands at 775. Five (5) active cases are in severe to critical conditions of whom four (4) are in Khomas region and one (1) in Erongo region.

Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region

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

6. We do announce a COVID-19 related death of a 61-year old female from Windhoek with known multiple comorbidities. She passed away at home on 1 December 2020. We express sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

7. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	14 804
Newly confirmed	181
Recoveries	13 874
Active cases	775
COVID-19 Death	116
COVID-19 Related Death	36
Total Deaths	152
Active contacts	3 124
Total samples tested	161 479
Cumulative number of people quarantined	20 796
Number of quarantined people discharged	20 239
Number of people in quarantines	557

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