

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



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SERVICES ON COVID-19 IN NAMIBIA.**

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1. Good afternoon fellow Namibians. Today, we have received 458 results. Of these, 19 samples tested positive for COVID-19 which constitute 4.1%. Fourteen (14) are males and five (5) females. The ages range from eight (8) years to sixty-five (65) years. The confirmed cases are distributed as follows:

*Table 1: New COVID-19 positive cases*

REGIONS	NEW CASES	DISTRICTS	NEW CASES
Oshana	8	Oshakati	8
Khomas	6	Windhoek	6
Oshikoto	5	Onandjokwe	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>19</b>

2. Today we are reporting 160 new recoveries. This brings the total recoveries to 9 611. The recoveries are distributed as follow:

*Table 2: New recoveries per region*

Region	Number
Khomas	63
Ohangwena	40
Hardap	33
Erongo	19
Karas	4
Omaheke	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>

3. The total number of active cases now stands at 1 937. Of the active cases, seven (7) are either in severe or in critical conditions.

*Table 3: Distribution of severity of cases per region*

Region	Severe	Critical	Total
Erongo	0	1	1
Khomas	0	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

4. *Table 4: Summary of the update*

Cumulative confirmed cases	11 673
Newly confirmed	19
Recoveries	9 611
Active cases	1 937
COVID-19 deaths	98
COVID-19 related deaths	27
<b>Total deaths</b>	<b>125</b>
Active contacts	9 895
Total samples tested	104 309
Cumulative number of people quarantined	14 911
Number of quarantined people discharged	13 739
Number of people in quarantines	1 172

5. I wish to clarify some measures related to travel. Entry into Namibia is open for Namibian citizens, permanent residence permit holders and people domiciled in Namibia. In addition, foreign nationals may enter Namibia for business, educational, health and tourism purposes, subject to public health measures. Non Namibians are required to present on entry a negative SARS-COV-2 PCR test result that is not older than seven (7) days. All persons entering Namibia, with the exception of tourists, are subject to a 7 days quarantine at own cost unless exempted.
6. It is said that repetition is the mother of learning. I would like to remind ourselves of some of the measures that are applicable in the post State of Emergency period. We are expected to practice social distance, and to wash hands and or sanitizing at all time. The wearing of masks in public places remains mandatory. The number of people present at any public gathering remains 50. I commend some churches who, despite the fact that the number of people at a public gathering was revised from 10 to 50, they voluntarily elected to remain at 10. This is commendable and demonstrates a high degree of responsibility.

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