



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 644

Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time	22 December 2021 17h00	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (22/12/2021)

CUMULATIVE	TOTAL TODAY
Tested 855 203	Tested 3 358
Confirmed 143 576	Confirmed 1 306
Active 11 776	Active 11 776
Recovered 128 186	Recovered 157
Vaccinated 1 st doses 402 759 2 nd doses 236 810 3 rd doses 4 027	Vaccinated 1 st doses 1 171 2 nd doses 481 3 rd doses 382
Deaths 3 601	Death(s) 4

- A daily increase of confirmed cases continue to be observed with concern and among them, majority are still not vaccinated . In the same vein we continue to observe increased hospitalized cases including those in ICU.
- A total of **143 576** cases have been recorded to-date, representing **6%** of the total population (**2 550 226**).
- More female cases **76 338 (53%)** have been recorded.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **4 914 (3%)** are Health Workers, with **51** new confirmations today.
 - 4 114 (84%) State; 792 (16%) Private, 8 (0.2%) Non-Governmental Organizations.
 - 4 579 (93%) recoveries and 25 (0.5%) deaths.
- The recovery rate now stands at **89%**.
- Khomas and Erongo regions reported the highest number of cases with **48 439 (34%)** and **20 902 (15%)** respectively.
- Of the total fatalities, **3 291 (91%)** are COVID-19 deaths while **310 (9%)** are COVID-19 related deaths.
- The case fatality rate now stands at **2.5%**.

Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 22 December 2021

Region	Total cases daily	New reported re-infections	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recoveries	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative deaths with co-morbidities	Non-COVID deaths	Health Workers
Erongo	254	27	20 902	2247	18 237	413	342	5	477
Hardap	36	1	7 941	307	7 374	260	162	0	149
Kharas	131	7	8 809	796	7 861	152	130	0	268
Kavango East	30	1	5 770	209	5 350	209	122	2	255
Kavango West	5	0	656	9	628	19	16	0	43
Khomas	276	40	48 439	5277	42 288	873	681	1	1 738
Kunene	77	6	4 330	507	3 696	127	91	0	140
Ohangwena	65	1	5 361	217	4 986	156	97	2	187
Omaheke	4	0	4 390	196	3 937	257	177	0	133
Omusati	75	4	6 123	221	5 668	234	141	0	209
Oshana	69	3	9 523	253	8 938	331	196	1	550
Oshikoto	98	7	7 164	375	6 612	175	140	2	344
Otjozondjupa	152	8	11 021	1090	9 655	276	187	0	312
Zambezi	34	2	3 147	72	2 956	119	67	0	109
Total	1306	108	143 576	11 776	128 186	3 601	2 549	13	4 914

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Table 2: The current distribution for hospitalization of confirmed cases by region, 22 December 2021

Region	Hospitalized confirmed cases		Vaccinated		Intensive Care Unit		Vaccinated	
	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose	Current	Previous	1 st dose	2 nd dose
Erongo	21	25	0	3	0	0	0	0
Hardap	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Karas	9	9	1	3	0	0	0	0
Kavango East	17	10	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kavango West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khomas	109	109	3	12	22	21	0	2
Kunene	37	36	0	9	0	0	0	0
Ohangwena	15	13	0	4	0	0	0	0
Omaheke	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omusati	27	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oshana	35	31	3	2	0	0	0	0
Oshikoto	3	2	1	1	2	1	0	0
Otjozondjupa	7	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
Zambezi	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	309	291	8	38	24	22	0	2

➤ The highest peak of **12 787 (9%)** cases was recorded during week 25 of 2021 (Figure 1).

➤ The country has started seeing an increase in the daily number of confirmed cases from 13 in epi-week 47 to 918 in epi-week 49.

➤ The National Call Center continues operations for 24 hours daily.

➤ Today (22/12/2021), **598** calls were answered.

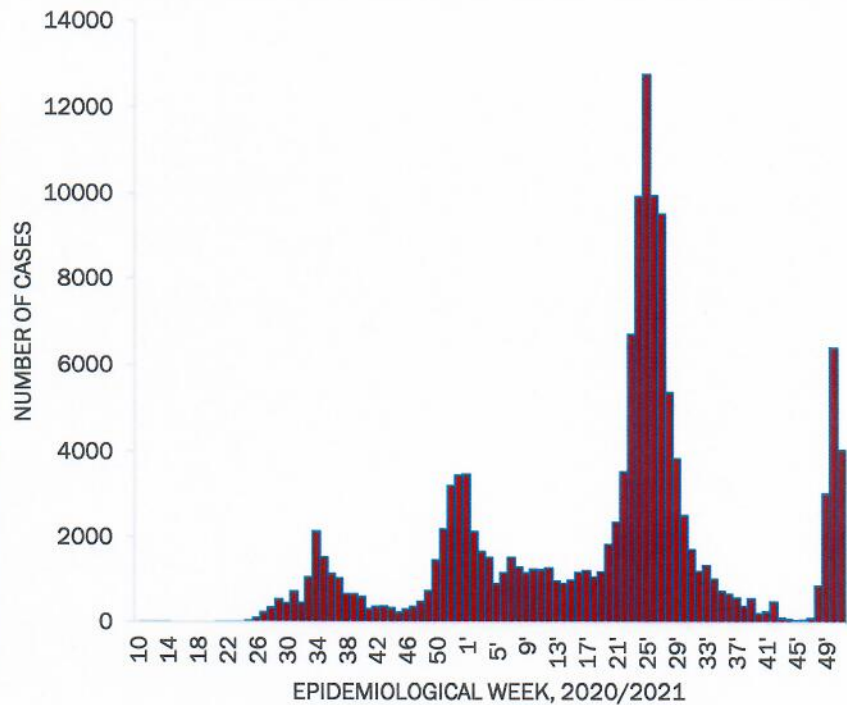


Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 22 December 2021

— No of cases — Moving Average = 7-day total/7

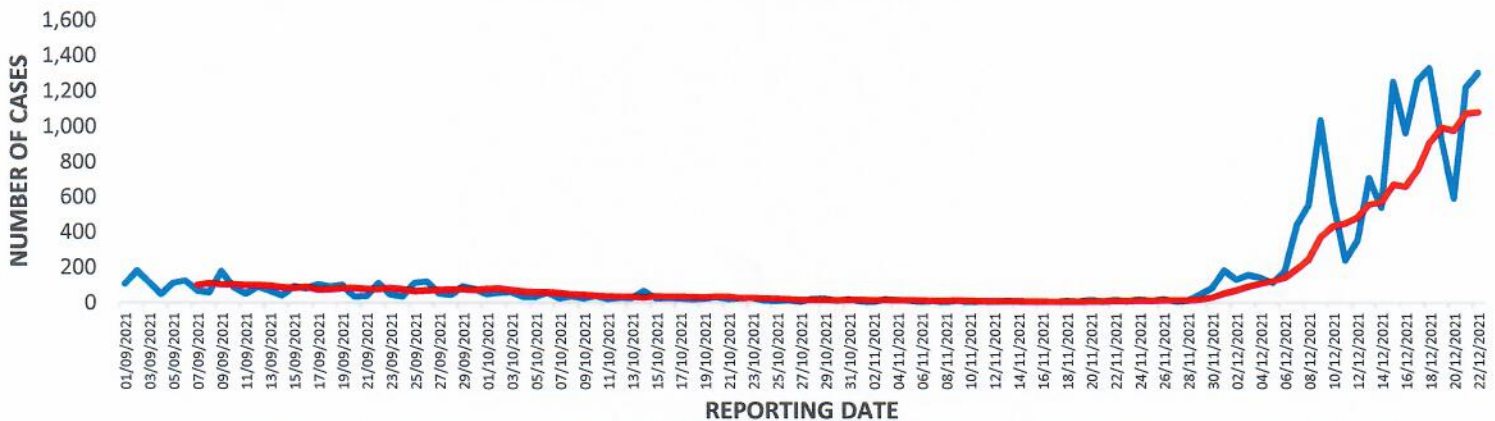


Figure 2: The 7 days moving average line chart for confirmed COVID-19 cases, 22 December 2021

**Table 3: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories
22 December 2021**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total samples received by the Laboratory	854 264
Total samples tested	837 835
Total samples re-tested	16 312
Total positive results	143 576
Total negative results	694 237
Total samples discarded	117
Invalid results	0
Total pending results	0
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	22
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excluding re-tests)	3 099

- The laboratory testing capacity has been enhanced; with a total of nineteen (19) laboratories carrying out the testing of samples: NIP, Path-Care, UNAM Molecular, Central Veterinary Laboratory, Namib Poultry, NAMDEB, NamPath, Namibia Central Pathology, DiagnoLab, High Care, Alpha Medical Laboratory, Des-Jo Medical Test Centre, ProQuest Diagnostic Laboratory, MAXI, Medlink Laboratory Services, Biotech Medical, Covisure, Star Care, Soweto Medical Center .
- To date, **855 203** tests (including **16 312** re-tests) have been conducted by authorized laboratories.
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **155 186** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **827** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from **12** regions.
- Cumulatively, **150 251** contacts have completed their monitoring period, while **290** contacts are lost to follow-up and a total of **26 463 (19%)** contacts of confirmed cases have tested positive.
- Today, **1 457 (45%)** out of **3 273** active contacts were monitored.

- Of the total confirmed cases, **87 152 (61%)** are in the 20-49 years age-brackets which constitutes the majority of the recorded cases.
- A total of **22 887 (16%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 5-19 years category.
- A total of **16 547 (12%)** of the confirmed cases are among the 50 - 59 years group.
- The under 5 years age group make up **3 114 (2%)** of the total cases whereas, **13 876 (10%)** are above 60 years of age.

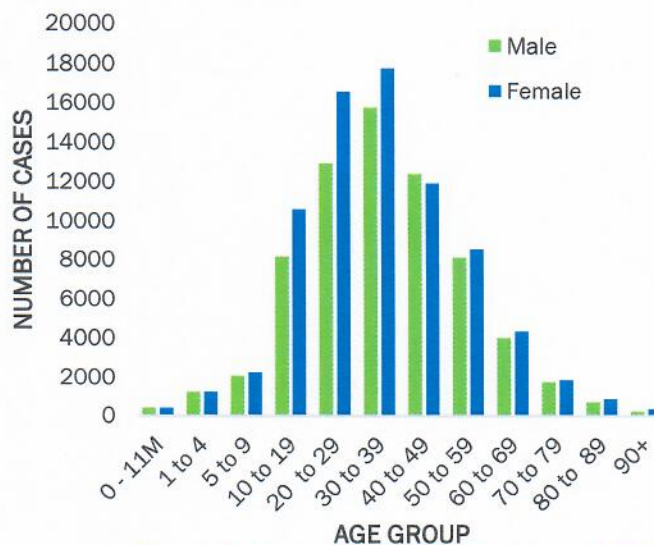


Figure 3: Age and Sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases, 22 December 2021

Table 4: Number of people in quarantine 22 December 2021

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now
Erongo	0	6 949	6 936	13
Hardap	0	3 263	3 252	11
Kavango (East and West)	0	1 673	1 673	0
Khomas	0	3 733	3 705	28
Kharas	0	10 000	9 970	30
Kunene	0	6 493	6 493	0
Ohangwena	0	911	880	31
Omaheke	0	18 148	17 915	233
Omusati	65	3 669	3 485	184
Oshana	0	400	400	0
Oshikoto	87	25 268	25 097	171
Otjozondjupa	0	1 932	1 886	46
Zambezi	0	2 077	2 039	38
Total	152	84 516	83 731	785

- Since March 2020, **84 516** people have been placed into quarantine around the country.
- A total of **785** people are currently in quarantine, with **152** new admissions.

Table 5: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 22 December 2021

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Jassen & Johnson		Targeted Population	Vaccination Coverage (%)	Cumulative no. of Healthcare Workers vaccinated with doses of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Pfizer and Jassen & Johnson	
	1 st doses	Fully vaccinated			1 st doses	Fully vaccinated
Erongo	38 795	34 064	121 682	28%	1 408	1 071
Hardap	24 450	20 942	56 741	37%	524	431
Kharas	20 416	16 877	55 489	30%	803	474
Kavango East	28 733	21 141	117 665	18%	1 208	954
Kavango West	20 076	16 647	29 228	57%	417	377
Khomas	93 989	80 781	286 641	28%	3 978	2 937
Kunene	24 384	19 884	66 499	30%	649	505
Ohangwena	26 887	22 755	164 102	14%	819	642
Omaheke	18 611	14 197	51 765	27%	374	270
Omusati	26 004	22 562	139 451	16%	979	771
Oshana	21 589	19 007	126 374	15%	1 565	1 284
Oshikoto	21 340	18 961	124 395	15%	863	740
Otjozondjupa	30 038	26 288	97 903	27%	870	630
Zambezi	7 447	6 696	63 106	11%	633	590
Total	402 759	340 802	1 501 041	23%	15 090	11 676

Table 6: Summary of COVID-19 vaccine 3rd doses administered, 22 December 2021

Region	Cumulative no. of persons vaccinated		
	Sinopharm	AstraZeneca	Pfizer
Erongo	323	74	389
Hardap	145	0	110
Kharas	127	19	11
Kavango East	103	0	25
Kavango West	50	0	14
Khomas	550	206	767
Kunene	42	8	0
Ohangwena	42	0	1
Omaheke	19	0	4
Omusati	97	16	35
Oshana	231	40	67
Oshikoto	165	15	12
Otjozondjupa	163	37	94
Zambezi	20	2	4
Total	2 077	417	1 533

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION (S)

- The COVID-19 vaccination programme is ongoing throughout the country.
- Public Health measures continue to be enforced as the situation is closely monitored.
- The government and development partners continue to prioritize the continuation of essential health services.

CHALLENGES

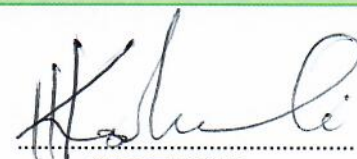
- Slow vaccine uptake among members of the public, and circulation of anti-vaccination information.




RECOMMENDATIONS

- Encourage the public to get vaccinated and strengthen community health awareness to counteract anti-vaccination information in circulation.

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