

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

STATEMENT BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE FURTHER RECOVERY FROM
COVID-19.

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1. Today is Day 3 since the end of the country-wide lockdown and the beginning of Stage 2. This process required tremendous adjustments in our way of life, from being confined to our houses to be allowed to be in public; from being required to carry a permit when travelling to being free to travel to any part of the country. In addition, whereas under lockdown, the public was encouraged to wear face masks, now it is mandatory to do so. The wearing of masks comes with its own challenges, especially getting used to wearing one.
2. I take this opportunity to thank the public for the cooperation in acquiring and wearing masks. The wearing of masks is not a substitute for other measures aimed at preventing the transmission of Covid-19. We must continue to wear masks and observe other measures like, washing of hands, sanitizing, social distancing and others. I condemn in the strongest term a social media audio made by a woman who called herself a nurse, that discourage the public from wearing masks, ostensibly because such practice is dangerous. I draw the attention of the public that such pronouncements are outlawed and attract criminal prosecution.
3. Stage 2 is the most critical stage as we migrated from lockdown to free movement within the country. We continue to be vigilant to avoid new cases and to manage cases we have under our care. I am pleased to announce that we have one more recovery. According to the laboratory results received last night, Case No 4 has fully recovered. This brings the total number of those who have recovered to nine. We are pleased that the Namibia Institute of Pathology has acquired additional capacity to do more tests. This will help us to upscale our targeted testing agenda.
4. I now proceed to give you an update on Covid-19 in the country.
 - Confirmed Cases: 16
 - Recoveries: 9
 - Active Cases: 7
 - Deaths: 0
 - Total tested: 1283
 - Total tested yesterday: 102
 - Results: Negative
 - Total contacts: 241
 - Total quarantine: 864
 - Total number discharged : 543
 - Total in quarantine: 313

Thank you