

## PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has received the latest sequencing results for 100 positive samples registered between the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The sequencing was carried out by the Kwazulu-Natal Research Innovation and Sequencing Platform, South Africa.

The 100 positive samples include: **86 samples originating from the local community** and **14 from incoming passengers**.

The sequencing results are as follows:

- **Delta Variant:** 90 cases (78 local samples and 12 incoming passengers)
- **Omicron Variant:** 10 cases (8 local samples and 2 incoming passengers)

### Additional Information on the cases of Omicron Variant

- The **8 local samples** sequenced as Omicron variant cases were **collected between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.
- These **8 local patients were all fully vaccinated, none of them required hospitalisation** and all of them have since fully recovered.

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