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Covid cases declining in Africa - WHO



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The World Health Organization (WHO) says sub-Saharan Africa has witnessed a significant decrease in Covid-19 cases and deaths over the past two weeks.

Omicron - the highly infectious coronavirus variant first detected in November - has led to more cases worldwide.

Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Egypt, which are all in northern Africa, are still witnessing a surge.

Countries in southern Africa have seen a decline in new virus cases by 41%, according to the WHO's Covid-19 Incident Manager in South Sudan Sacha Bootsma.

East Africa has seen a reduction by 47%, central Africa by 68% and West Africa by 60%.

Ms Bootsma said around 336 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine had been administered in Africa - representing about 65% of the available doses.

Some 143 million people are fully vaccinated which is around 10.6% of the continent's population.

Africa accounts for 3.4% of the 9.9 billion Covid-19 vaccines doses that have been administered globally.



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