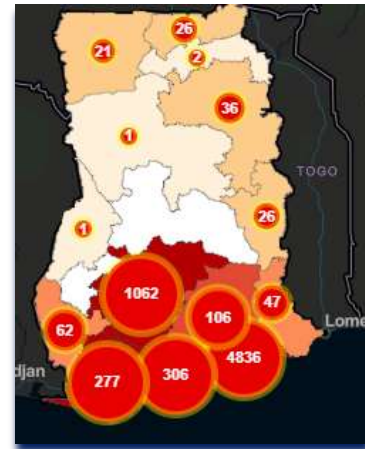




## COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

**Ref No:** C19/25  
**Confirmed Cases:** 6964  
**Death:** 32  
**Recovered:** 2097



### CURRENT SITUATION

Confirmed cases stand at 6964 as 322 new cases have been recorded in the last 3 days. Fatalities and recoveries have increased to 32(0.45%) and 2097(30.1%) respectively leaving the number of active cases at 4835(69.4%). 14 out of the 15 regions have been infected after the Savannah region recorded its first cases over the weekend. The Greater Accra and Ashanti region remain the hotspots of the crisis having recorded 5973cases—85.7% of the total number of cases.

### ANALYSIS

Tracing, testing and isolation remain the government’s strategy to manage the crisis as the number of tests completed is currently 197,194<sup>1</sup>. The contagion is widening as new areas have recorded cases. Little has changed in hotspot communities as more infections are recorded daily. Recoveries have however improved over the last 14 weeks as the regional hospital in Bolgatanga reported it has discharged all its 20 C-19 patients.

The Takoradi –Sekondi metropolis and Tarkwa have been identified as a new hotspot of the pandemic<sup>2</sup>. Mining activities could be affected as Tarkwa is a major mining hub of Ghana. 241 persons have also been repatriated from Kuwait over the weekend and are awaiting testing results as the government continues to arrange to repatriate other Ghanaians abroad back home. More security forces are being comprised as some personnel of the Ghana Navy based in the Western region tested have tested positive for C-19. The situation is going for force naval officers to go into isolation a situation that could affect threat response in a volatile region—Gulf of Guinea.

Risk of a surge in infection in the next few weeks is high as the electoral commission plans to compile a new voter’s register for the upcoming 2020 election in 2020. The next 5 days are important as reports indicate the government’s plans to ease up restrictions—border closure, ban on school activities and social gatherings in the country.



<sup>1</sup> 800 people are currently under isolation nationwide with 50% of them located in Accra.

<sup>2</sup> A COVID-19 response team has being deployed into the community to aid with managing the spike in the area.

