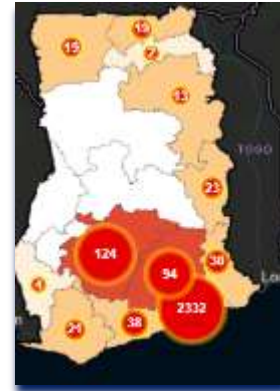




COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

Ref No: C19/18
Confirmed Cases: 2719
Death: 18
Recovered: 294



CURRENT SITUATION

Confirmed C-19 cases in Ghana currently 2719 after 550 new cases were reported by the Ghana Health Service. The two major areas that have been affected by the virus are the Greater Accra and Ashanti regions recording 2332 and 124 respectively. Death toll and recoveries have increased to 18 and 294 respectively leaving the number of active cases at 2407.

RESPONSE

The Deputy Minister of Health suggests testing capacity has increased as more laboratories have been set up. New cases are from backlogged test samples. FDA evaluations for Rapid Diagnostic Tests(RDT) is ongoing as the public awaits the approval. Recovery is slow as Korle Bu Teaching hospital discharged all of its 7 C-19 patients.

Social distancing remains difficult for local authorities to enforce. Testing has also begun in market centres as the government tries to contain the escalation of the pandemic in a post lockdown environment.

Increased number of cases is expected. Closure of borders has been extended for another month i.e until 31st May.

