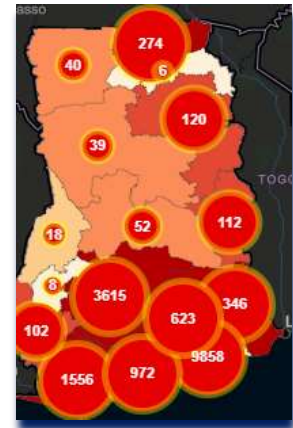




COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

Ref No: C19/41
Confirmed Cases: 17,741
Death: 112
Recovered: 13,268



CURRENT SITUATION

C-19 cases have reached 17,741 after 390 new cases were recorded in the last 48 hours. Ghana ranks 2nd in most cases in West Africa after Nigeria and 4th in Africa behind South Africa, Egypt and Nigeria. The death toll remains at 112 (0.63%) while recoveries increased to 13,268 (74.7%). 4361 (24.5%) cases are active with 6 being critical.

ANALYSIS

The increase in cases has prompted some reactions from professional bodies as health professionals and other stakeholders—Ghana Bar Association have also raised concerns on the existing management strategy. The Ghana Medical Association announced its displeasure with the National C-19 response citing lack of medications and PPEs; delay of test results, lack of specialist care, etc as challenges limiting the effective management of the pandemic¹. Risk of more infections is high as events i.e compilation of voter’s register that involve large social gathering is ongoing. According to reports over 20 people were identified with C-19 symptoms during the registration process in Accra. More of such incidents will be recorded in several centres as registration continues increasing the risk of community transmissions significantly.

Borders remain closed despite discussions among ECOWAS states to open borders for sub-regional travels. Government has also amended the dates scheduled for evacuating stranded Ghanaians. Flights are now scheduled to depart on 2nd and 9th July 2020. Returnees are expected to carry personal PPEs and prepare for a 14-day mandatory quarantine with a possible extension to 31 days.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS - GHANA			
01-07-2020, 12:00GMT			
INFECTIONS	DEATHS	RECOVERIES	TESTS
17741	112	13628	297591

¹ Delays in receiving test results according to the GMA has significantly slowed down response i.e isolation and treatment and also exposed health workers to high risks of infection..

