



COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

Ref No: C19/70
Confirmed Cases: 45,434
Death: 286
Recovered: 44,342



CURRENT SITUATION

The Ghana Health Service has reported 121 new cases in the past 72 hours raising the total number of C-19 cases to 45,434. Three fresh fatalities have increased cumulative death toll to 286(0.63%). Recoveries and discharges have reached 44,342 (97.5%). Active cases have reduced from 842 to 806 (1.77%) with four in critical condition. The Greater Accra region has the highest number of active cases—450 with the Central, Eastern, Ashanti regions recording 120, 65 and 66 cases respectively. The Northern, North East, Savannah, and Upper West regions have zero active cases.

COMMENTARY

Ghana's situation tends to be under control as daily infections and active cases have both reduced significantly in the last 4-6 weeks. However, the risk of infection remains high as positivity rate continues to be high—11.8% since September 1st. A significant number of active patients are treated from home following directives of self-isolation in their respective homes instead of isolating in designated isolation centre. Many of the treatment centres have very few people on admission. Airports continue to operate under strict health protocols. Reports suggest travellers are now required to pay for tests online before arriving in Ghana². Compliance to safety protocols has been poor particular in the informal sector, leaving a significant risk of more community transmissions.

INFECTIONS	DEATHS	RECOVERIES	TESTS
45434	286	44342	452184

CONCLUSION

Enforcement of the preventive protocols in public places remain lax with just a few big corporations like the banks and Telcos enforcing them. This, coupled with reduction in number of tests and efficient contact tracing raises concern of a silent pandemic in the country.

¹ General positivity rate i.e March-September is 10%.

² <https://thebusiness24online.net/2020/09/14/covid-19-test-on-arrival-no-payment-no-entry-comes-into-effect-tuesday/>

