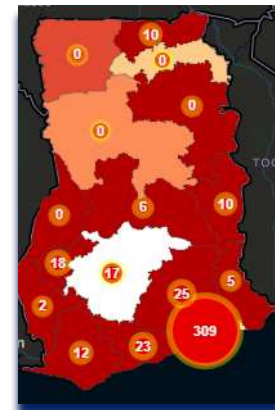




COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

Ref No: C19/75
Confirmed Cases: 46,387
Death: 299
Recovered: 45,618



CURRENT SITUATION

165 new cases recorded in the last 72 hours have increased the cumulative case count to 46,387. Of the total number 18,482 cases were recorded from routine surveillance 27,872 cases from contact tracing. Of the new cases, 33 were reported from international travels. The death toll remains at 299 while recoveries/discharges is now at 45,618. Active cases have dropped to 470 with 16 in severe condition and 6 in critical condition. Greater Accra remains the only region that has more than 100 cases -- 207 -- with all other regions recording less than 50 cases active cases¹.

COMMENTARY

Ghana continues to see a drop in active cases despite recording new cases. The reduction in active cases has resulted in the easing of several restrictions which has consequentially seen some gradual restart of businesses across the country. However, some sectors, including the tourism sector continues to see low activities despite the lifting of restrictions and reopening of airspace². Pressure on COVID-19 response teams has dropped due to the drop in cases. A number of isolation and treatment centres in the Ashanti are reported to be currently empty. Despite this development, health officials continue to raise concerns on the non-adherence to safety protocols (i.e.) masking wearing and social distancing. The government has also announced it will not hesitate to tighten up restrictions on international travel given the second wave of cases in abroad—Europe.

INFECTIONS	DEATHS	RECOVERIES	TESTS
46387	299	45618	477192

CONCLUSION

Information Minister Kojo Opong Nkrumah, speaking recently, lauded the President's pro-activeness in fighting the virus. He said concerns about rush easing of restrictions are unfounded as the President considers each situation carefully. Time should be the best proof of **a silent pandemic** or not.

¹ Five regions—Bono, North East, Northern, Savannah and Upper East regions have no active cases.

² Low patronage of tourism in the country could be attributed to the drop in international travels as a result of increased cost travelling into the Ghana.

