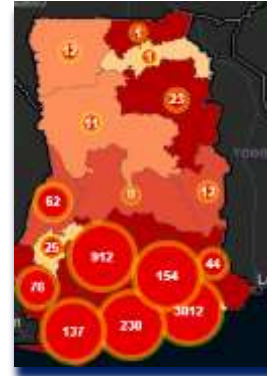




COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

Ref No: C19/73
Confirmed Cases: 46,062
Death: 297
Recovered: 45,258



CURRENT SITUATION

The Ghana Health Service has reported 348 new cases in the 4 days taking cumulative C-19 cases to 46,062. Death toll and recoveries have increased to 297(3 new deaths) and 45,258(362 new recoveries). The number of active cases has dropped to 507 with 15 in severe condition and 5 in critical condition. The Greater Accra region has the highest number of active cases—337 while the Central and Ashanti regions follow with 26 and 24 cases respectively. The Bono region has joined the Northern, North East, Savannah, and Upper West regions as areas with zero active cases.

COMMENTARY

The government continues to ease restrictions as active cases continue to reduce. In his latest address to the nation, President Akufo-Addo announced the lifting of the ban on sporting activities. Sporting activities will resume although under various safety measures. The government also reiterates the need to adhere to safety protocols as the President extended the mandatory wearing of face mask by 3months (to December 14th). Compliance to this directive—wearing of face mask has been poor as proper enforcement is lacking¹.

INFECTIONS	DEATHS	RECOVERIES	TESTS
46062	297	45258	470730

CONCLUSION

Recent development seems to suggest Ghana’s success in managing the pandemic, however, Ghana may not necessarily be clear as the situation reported may not reflect as the actual situation of the pandemic as testing(mass) and contact tracing has significantly reduced in the last two-three months. Also, non-compliance to safety protocol remains a factor that can increase the risk of future spikes in the country particularly in cities like Accra, Tema, Kumasi and Cape Coast.

¹ The extension of the mandatory wearing of face mask has resulted in mixed feelings among the public as some have welcomed the decision while others have expressed reservations citing reasons such as difficulty in breathing among others.

