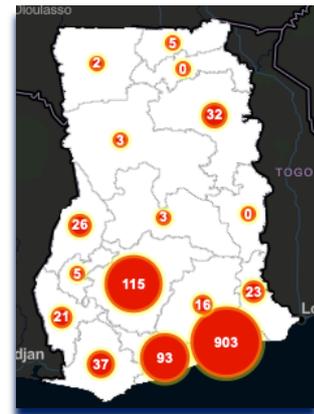




## COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

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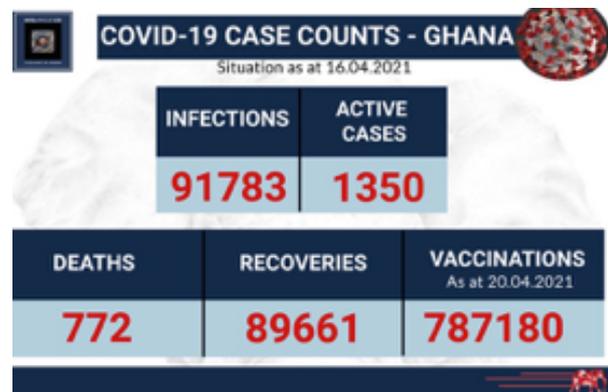


### CURRENT SITUATION

The COVID-19 figures in Ghana have risen to **91,783** with the latest update showing 74 new cases. Fatalities stand at 772 with one new death being reported by the Ghana Health Service. Recoveries/discharges stand at 89,661. Active cases increased slightly and the figure now stands at 1,350. Severe cases are 28 and 9 are in critical condition. Greater Accra remains the epicentre of the pandemic, and now reports 903—66.8% of active cases.

### COMMENTARY

The GHS's data in the past two weeks suggests that country's situation has plateaued. However, administrative challenges in managing the pandemic remain a concern. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, a report by Community Development Alliance cited President Akufo-Addo's cousin for conflict of interest in the KIA COVID-19 testing that charged \$150 per person on arrival. Head of Virology at Noguchi Medical Research Institute, Prof. William Ampofo who was caught in the Corruption Risk Assessment Report has not responded to the allegations.



As of Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 787,180 persons have received the first dose of the vaccine. The likelihood of further delays in administering second doses of the vaccine and first doses for the rest of the population continues to increase. The Serum Institute in India announced on April 21<sup>st</sup> that 100% of its production capacity would be directed to local demand for the next two months. The COVAX facility which lobbies to get vaccines for African countries relied on India for its next supplies. “Looks like COVAX will have to wait at least 2 more months for additional supplies of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine from India,” Nana Kofi Quakyi, a Research Fellow at New York University said. Besides the COVAX initiative, bilateral deals also look bleak with Serum indicating four to five months wait period.

