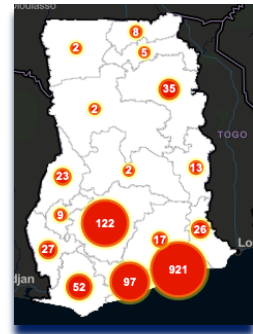




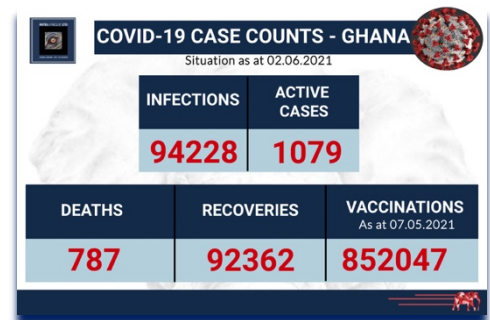
## COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

**Ref No:** C19/154  
**Confirmed Cases:** 94,228  
**Death:** 787  
**Recovered:** 92,362  
**Date:** 09.06.2021



### CURRENT SITUATION

C-19 data from the Ghana Health Service has remained unchanged in the last 48 hours. Total case count stayed at 94,228. Mortalities and recoveries/discharges are currently at 787 and 92,362 respectively. The number of active cases also remained unchanged—1,076 majority of which is located in the Greater Accra Region (Accra and Tema). 1,188,952 tests have been conducted nationwide since March 2020 recording a positivity rate of 7.9%.



### COMMENTARY

The current state of the pandemic suggests a continuous improvement of the health crisis in the country. The progress continues to improve weekly as more of the major indicators of the pandemic has seen significant improvement since the end of March. For instance, death per day has dropped significantly to what it was during the early stages of the pandemic (i.e 1 death every 3-4 days).

Quarantine and hospitalizations have also taken a nosedive since March. Although progress has been made, challenges with preventive measures—social distancing, mask-wearing and containment protocols remain. There are also concerns of lack of data required to draw out the real picture of the health crisis.

Also, the majority of new cases reported in the country have been community transmitted cases. This is as a result of the existing lags in the current management protocols—delays in delivering testing results which in turn delays contact tracing thus exposing an infected person to more people. Out of the 1,188,952 tests conducted since March 2020,

- 335,989 were conducted through routine surveillance with a positivity rate of 9.8%—32,768 cases.
- 561,989 were conducted from enhanced contact tracing with a positivity rate of 10.6%—59,707 cases.
- 291,274 tests were conducted on international travellers with a positivity rate of 0.6%—1,753 cases.

Although symptomatic cases and hospitalizations have improved significantly, public health officials have reiterated the need to strictly adhere to the required health and safety protocols since the prevalence of community transmission is responsible for most of the cases—10.6% reported in the country.

Data from the Ghana Health Service website, 857,047 people have received at least one dose of the AstraZeneca vaccines as of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. According to the GHS plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of vaccination, approximately 360,000 should be fully inoculated. 90%-95% of persons partially vaccinated are located in the major hotspots of the pandemic i.e Greater Accra, Ashanti and Central regions—the 43 districts that were identified by the government in February. The timeline for the next phase of Ghana's inoculation programme remains unknown since the programme is dependent on the availability and arrival of vaccines into the country. Additional vaccines from the COVAX facility is projected to arrive at least by the end of June as the distribution to other countries has been stalled due to the existing surge in India. The likelihood of Ghana vaccinating 20m of its citizens continues to grow thinner as the government struggles to secure the vaccines required to achieve this feat.

