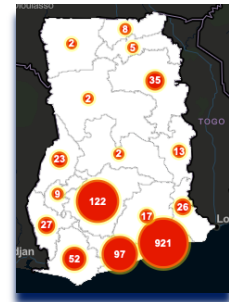




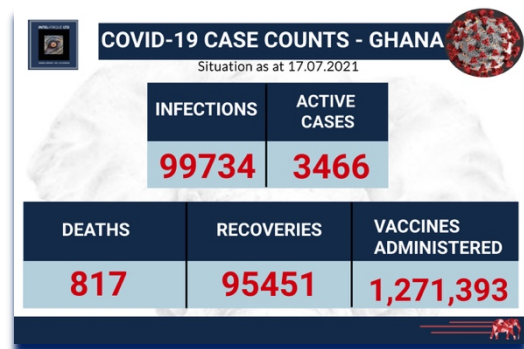
COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

Ref No: C19/168
Confirmed Cases: 99,734
Death: 817
Recovered: 95,451
Date: 21.07.2021.



CURRENT SITUATION

917 new cases have been reported by the Ghana Health Service in the past 48 hours. This has increased the total number of C-19 cases in Ghana to 99,734. Five new death has increased the death toll to 817(0.83%) while recoveries/discharges also rose to 95,451. Active cases have increased to 3,466 compared to 2,858 reported 2 days ago. Severe and critical cases are currently at 26 and 15 respectively.



COMMENTARY

The health situation across the country continues to worsen as daily new infections have increased significantly since our last update. 917 new infections—an average of 458 per day is the highest number reported since the end of the second wave in March. Ghana has entered a 3rd wave of the pandemic. The death rate, severe and critical over the last few weeks has also increased slightly suggesting an increase in the symptomatic cases. Despite the extensive spread of the virus, the hotspots of the pandemic have remained the same located in the economic hubs of the country—Greater Region and Ashanti Region. Ayawaso West, Tema, Weija, Accra are among the areas identified in the Greater Accra Region while Kumasi, Asokwa, Obuasi, Oforikrom in the Ashanti Region. Spikes have also been reported at various campuses in the country—Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. The risk of further infections is high as 62% of C-19 infections in Ghana has been through community transmissions. Health officials have cautioned the government and the general public to intensify safety measures to minimize the impact of a 3rd wave. Vaccination remains on hold as the government is still waiting for the arrival of additional vaccines required to resume the inoculation programme. 1,271,393 vaccines have been administered in Ghana since March covering 2.14% of the country's population. 865,422 have received a single shot of the vaccine while 405,971 have received double shots.

