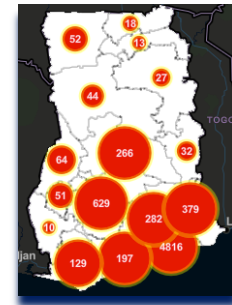




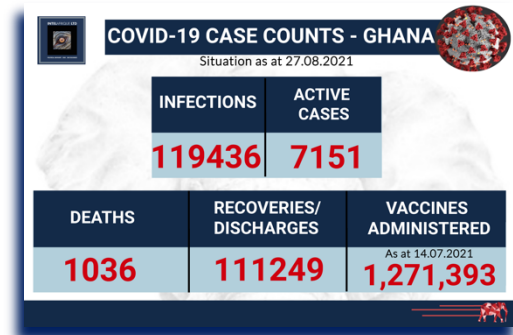
COVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

Ref No. C19/185
Confirmed Cases: 119,436
Death: 1,036
Recovered: 111,249
Date: 01.09.2021.



CURRENT SITUATION

1,800 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 to 119,436. The death toll and recoveries have increased to 1,036 (28 new deaths) and 111,249 respectively. Active cases have gone up and now stand at 7,151. The positivity rate across the country has increased to 7.4% of a total of 1,615,169 tests conducted. Severe and critical cases have both reduced partially and now stand at 141 and 55 respectively.



COMMENTARY

The daily average of reported cases in the past two days have doubled from the past two days and now stands at 900 compared to a little above 400 last Friday and 398 over the weekend. Active cases have also gone up consistently since the third wave and now stands at 1.92% compared to last week. The fatality rate, compared to last week, has also increased and stands at 2.7% while recoveries from ailment from the virus is at 1.49%. These figures show that although we are not seeing mass deaths and ten thousand cases daily as witnessed in Europe and other parts of the world, the effect is relatively damning.

Surveillance Type	Number of Cases	Percentage
Routine Surveillance	43,962	10.6
Contact tracing	72,839	9.7
International travels	2,635	0.6

A second round of vaccination with AstraZeneca shots has begun today. According to the GHS, only persons awaiting their second jabs are eligible. This means unvaccinated persons will have to wait for more vaccines to arrive in the country for a chance at getting inoculated. However, we don't expect them to wait for long—some 3million Pfizer, Moderna Johnson and Johnson and even more AstraZeneca vaccines are expected this month and in October.

