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### COVID – 19 PANDEMIC

The Ghana medical Association (GMA) taking into consideration the number of new COVID-19 positive cases in the country (mostly from community spread) and the seeming disregard for all the preventive measures put in place by large sections of the population, **hereby states as follows. That;**

1. The COVID-19 pandemic is real, it is here with us in Ghana and is still a major health threat to all persons living in the country.
2. Non-adherence to the COVID -19 preventive measures at this point in our collective fight against the disease has a huge potential to erode any gains made so far. This also has the propensity to escalate further spread of the disease.
3. All persons living in Ghana should endeavour to adhere strictly to all the preventive measures, such as - The ban on public and social gatherings, Social Distancing, use of face mask, hand washing under running water with soap and use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
4. Government should strictly enforce all the preventive measures so far put in place to ensure compliance.
5. His Excellency the President of the Republic **should not lift the ban** on social gatherings for religious activities, schools, marriage ceremonies, funerals etc. Our international borders should also remain closed for now.
6. Government must ensure prompt and continuous distribution of PPEs to all health workers at their various institutions (or places of work) at all times. This will guarantee the safety of all health workers as they continue to render care to patients.
7. All Medical Doctors and other health professionals should continue to dedicate themselves to this fight in the interest of mother Ghana inspite of the huge sacrifices we have made so far.

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