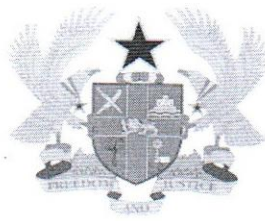


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GHANA BEGINS DIGITAL VERIFICATION OF COVID - 19 TEST RESULTS

The Ministry of Health through the Ghana Health Service is implementing the digitization of COVID-19 test results for ease of verification prior to travel and upon arriving in the country. Ghana has become the first country in ECOWAS to deploy a system for digital verification of COVID-19 PCR test results based on the African Union Trusted Travel and ECOWAS BIOMARS standard.

The technology platform, powered jointly by the Ghana Health Service and the PanaBIOS Consortium, covers all the authorized COVID-19 PCR testing laboratories in the country, and should help stop the circulation of fake test results, which if left unchecked would damage the country's effort to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 infection through imported cases.

All travelers, Airlines and Diplomatic Missions, Port Health, COVID-19 testing laboratories and all other relevant stakeholders in Ghana are informed that only test results or certificates bearing Trusted Travel or BIOMARS codes will be considered valid for travel out of Ghana from 21st April, 2021.

Travelers arriving in the country must use a tool made available through the UNDP-supported Global Haven partnership (www.globalhaven.org) for Covid-19 PCR test results certificate verification.

All travelers are strongly encouraged to sign up for accounts on trustedtravel.panabios.org with the same e-mail address and mobile numbers they provided to the laboratories during testing.

More information about the overall initiative is available on: <https://www.ghanahealthservice.org/covid19/>, africacdc.org/trusted-travel.


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