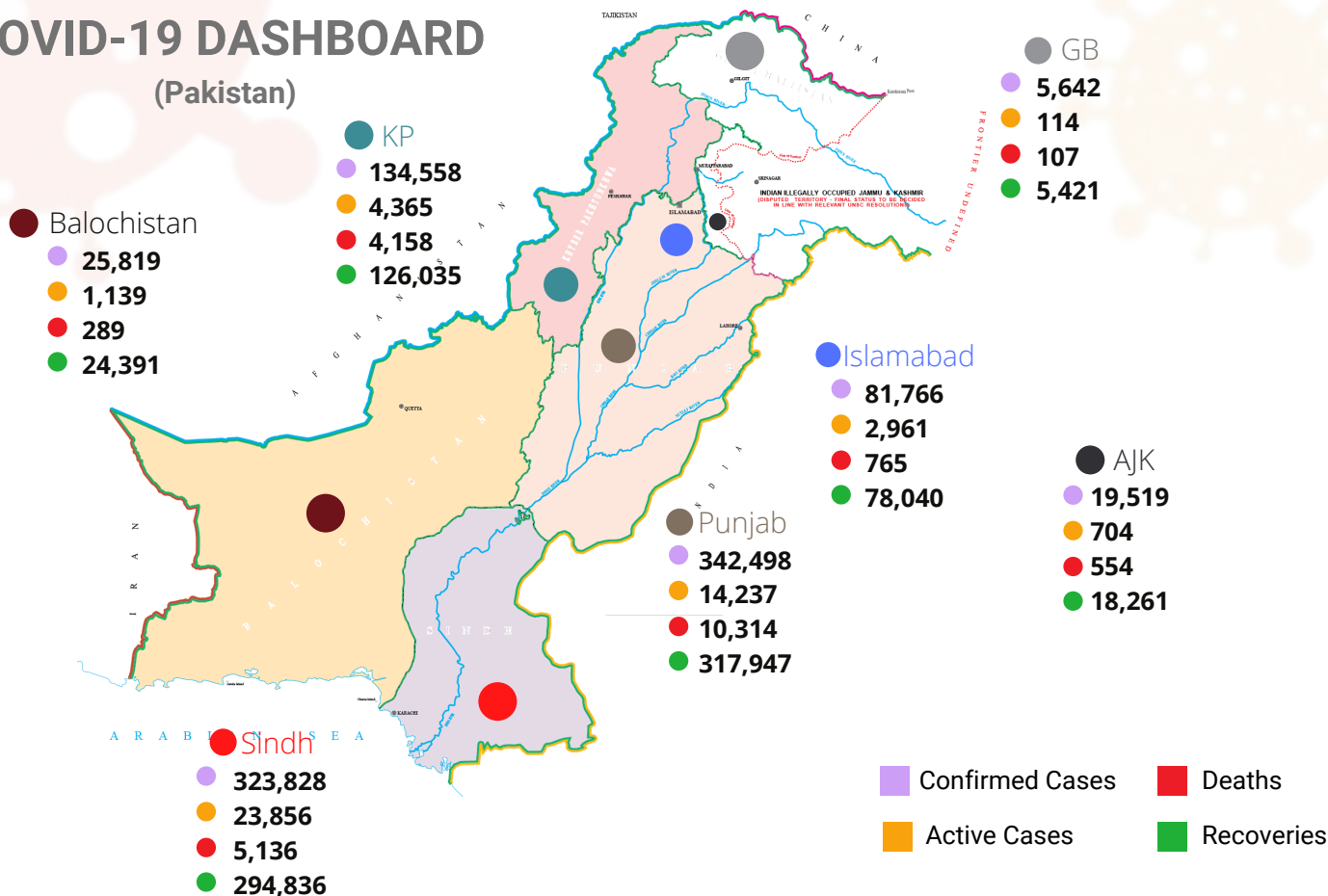


Situations like the coronavirus pandemic quickly become a catalyst for social conflict due to misinformation, rumors, and fake news, as observed in previous national catastrophes in Pakistan. As reports emerge on false information being used to manipulate response efforts, which is leading to behaviors that are undermining community cohesion, the SCRC bulletin is thus a resource from the Lab to the citizens, to help play an active role in supporting our communities.

With that in mind, The Accountability Lab Pakistan (ALP), with the financial support from the European Union and technical support from The Asia Foundation (TAF) Pakistan, has officially launched the Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC). This campaign debunks rumours, conducts regular fact-checking, synthesizes data, and convenes virtual forums to produce weekly informative bulletins. The information includes important government decisions, community feedback, debunked rumours with verified information, valid concerns, and other questions from the ground around health and other issues. The goal is to encourage awareness among the most vulnerable groups in Pakistan (including but not limited to ethnic and religious minorities, returning migrants, transgender persons, persons with disabilities) and other marginalized communities with a focus on regions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh. These bulletins are translated into Urdu and Sindhi, with audio transcriptions in Pashto. They are shared with all stakeholders, ranging from the public, to government leaders, to humanitarian networks via online and offline means.

# COVID-19 DASHBOARD (Pakistan)



Confirmed Cases

933,630

Active Cases

47,376

Deaths

21,323

Recoveries

864,931



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## Vaccination Statistics

Partially Vaccinated

**4,054,355**

LAST 24 HOURS: 214,864



Fully Vaccinated

**2,310,115**

LAST 24 HOURS: 40,142



Total Doses Administered

**8,263,763**

LAST 24 HOURS: 255,006



## Myths vs Facts



After the initial rumours of vaccines giving humans magnetic properties, the newest false information that has come to light is that post-vaccination individuals may be detected by Bluetooth devices. This is scientifically impossible, as vaccines are made of ingredients that do not have metallic properties or transmit 'short-distance radio waves. A vaccine is simply a tool for boosting immunity towards the Coronavirus and does not give humans any new abilities such as the ones mentioned above. For searching up any legitimate information, everyone is advised to visit government websites or WHO verified hubs.

Viral news has recently circulated claiming that a Nobel Prize-winning virologist, Luc Montagnier has said that those who have received the COVID vaccine will not survive and their bodies must be disposed of. This misinformation was seen all over print and social media, leading many to believe that it is authentic news. However, it is not. This scientist was among all others, who were initially worried about the Coronavirus, its nature, and whether vaccination would help. Although other scientists have now come forward with hope in the vaccine and have issued further comments supporting it, said virologist has not and people have simply taken old material available of him speaking negatively online and spread it with the false claim.

Source: Full Fact, USA Today



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## Pakistan receives the first shipment of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

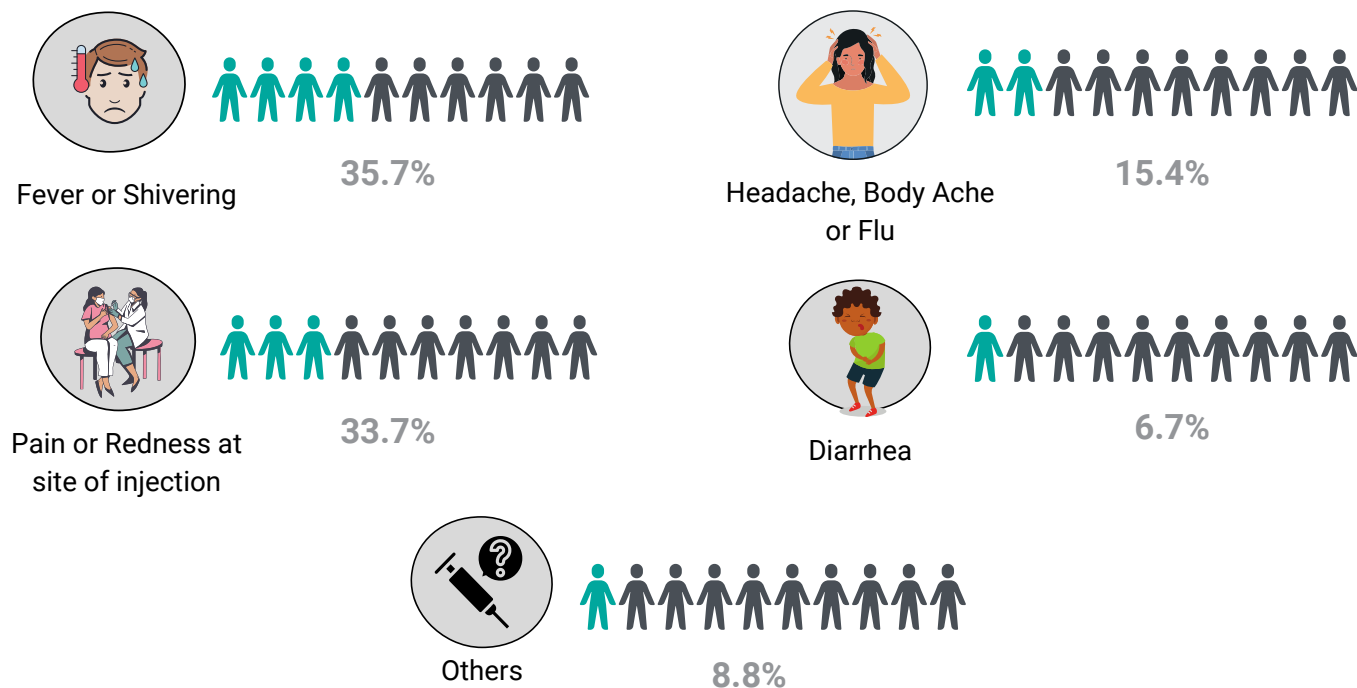
It has been confirmed that the very first shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has reached Pakistan. We have received 106,000 doses which were estimated to reach by the first week of June but came earlier than expected. Pakistan has prepared for the proper storage and safekeeping of these vaccines, using 23 Ultra Cold Chain (UCC) Refrigerators which were procured through financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). As of now, the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has not permitted the use of this vaccine, unless under emergency conditions. While the results of clinical trials etc are being reviewed, the vaccines with a shelf-life of 6 months will be placed in their UCC refrigerators which have been installed in 16 locations of the federal capital.

## Pakistan's positivity ratio is steady below 5%.

As lockdowns, curfews, and SOPs were being implemented, a constant decline was eventually seen in COVID-19 cases throughout the country. Initially, the third wave had alarmed authorities due to the possibility of overflowing cases and exhaustion of medical resources. However, as the wave slowly but surely dies down, through strict caution being taken and the vaccination process is in full swing, Pakistan is expected to maintain its positivity ratio below 5%. Where provinces KP and Sindh have the highest number of cases, the overall positivity ratio stands at 4.8%.

(Source: The News).

### Known Side-Effects after vaccination



Source: Govt of Pakistan



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## COVID-19 UPDATES



### COVID cases remain high among hospital visitors in KP

As rules and regulations are eased throughout the province post-Eid precautions, KP is facing high cases for those present or working in medical fields. So far, hospital staff, polio vaccination volunteers, family members visiting their COVID-positive relatives among others are coming forward with alarming positivity rates. These rates are lower than those of people in public or commercial spaces, due to the restrictions imposed previously. At this point in time, considering that healthcare activities cannot be stopped, the government is depending on large-scale vaccination to help normalize the situation by reducing incoming cases and providing immunity to priority and other healthcare personnel.

Source: Dawn

### The first case of Indian COVID variant confirmed in Karachi

As the presence of international COVID variants such as the ones in the UK, Brazil, and South Africa slowly came forward in Pakistan, now the Indian variant has also been detected. The NIH has confirmed that they have received and checked samples that belong to the Coronavirus variant existing in India, which has a higher mortality rate and causes more serious illness. Sindh province currently has the highest number of cases with international variants, which is also why the situation in the province is not improving, compared to other provinces. The escalation has happened due to people continuing to travel and not adhering to the restrictions or rules placed, due to which infected individuals are entering Pakistan. It is advised to take precautions, get vaccinated, and refrain from leaving your houses if not absolutely necessary.

(Source: Tribune)



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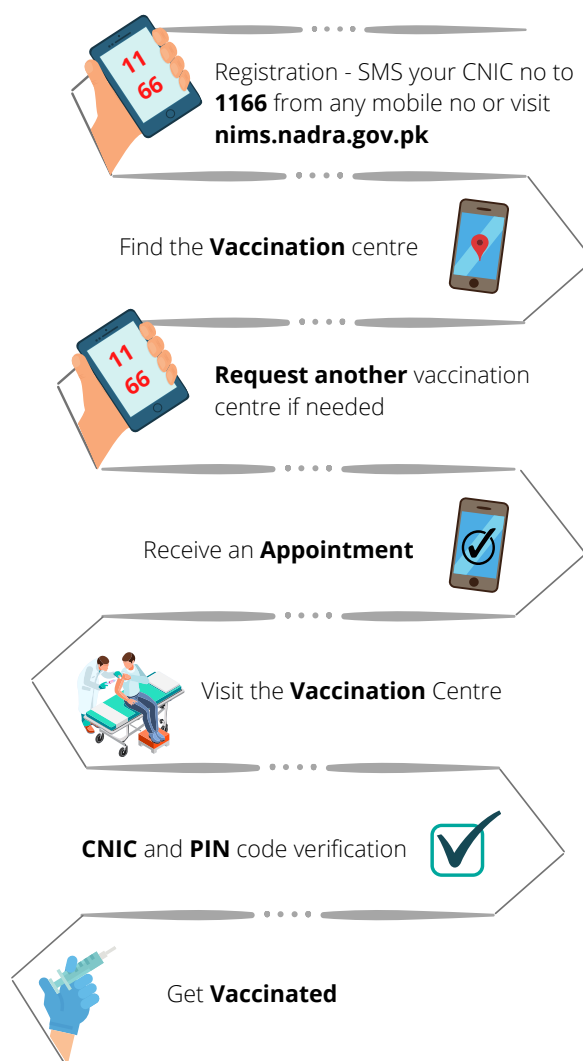
# Current Status of Vaccination in Pakistan

**Citizens (40+) -** Register yourself and just walk-in to the nearest centre for vaccination.

**Citizens (30-39) -** Registration has started from 16th May. Vaccination centre and date will be communicated through SMS once vaccine administration will start for your age group.

**Citizens (19 - 29) -** Registration has started from 27th May. The vaccination center and date will be communicated through SMS once vaccine administration will start for your age group.

**Registered HCWs -** Vaccination centre and date will be communicated through SMS to registered HCWs as per schedule. Visit [covid.gov.pk/vaccine](https://covid.gov.pk/vaccine) to register.



## Special Notice:

Both Pakistanis (18+) working abroad or studying abroad with valid Visas or Iqama can get walk-in vaccinations.

1. Visit any CVC (Corona Vaccination Center) and show passport, visas (Either work or study, whatever applies) or Iqama proof to CVC staff.
2. CVC staff will check passports, visas (Either work or study, whatever applies) or Iqama, make data entry and administer vaccines.
3. Entry will be made into NIMS by CVC staff. In case of any problem due to age, connectivity or tech issue, data will be maintained manually and will be passed on to NCOC as per procedure. Later on the data will be entered by provinces in NIMS.
4. Certificate for vaccination will be issued from NADRA website or NADRA office as per standard procedure.



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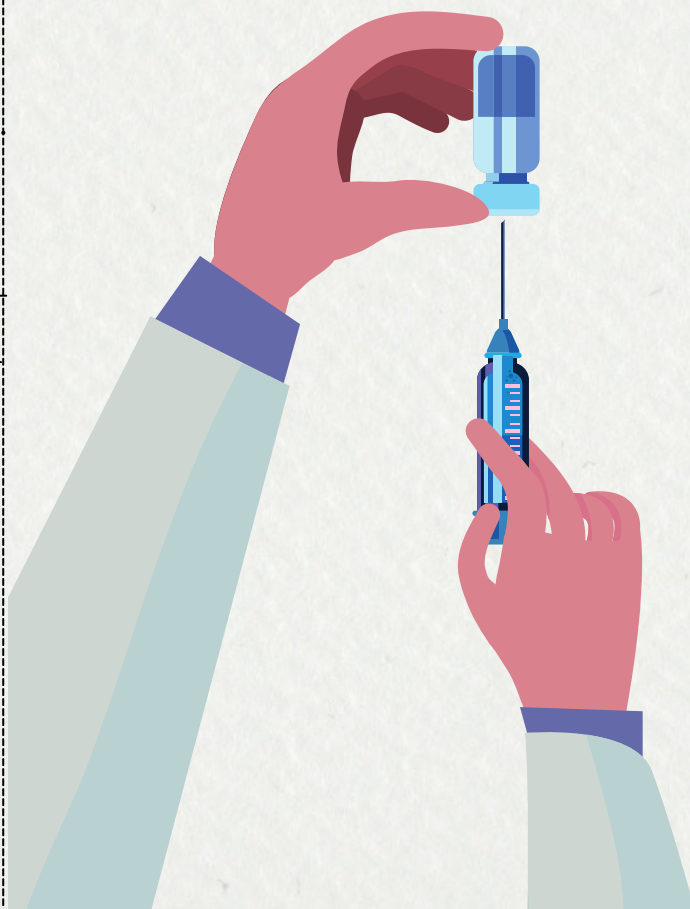


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## Federating Unit

Sindh		KP	
<b>Mass Vaccination Centers (MVC)</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>	<b>Mass Vaccination Centers (MVC)</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>
Dow Dental, Karachi East.	0317-2608989 0334-1664946	Public Health School, (Lahori) Peshawar.	0333-9117845
Dow Ojha Hospital, Karachi East.	0321-9209920 0334-1664946	TBC, Abbottabad.	0333-5067280
Khaliqdina Hall, Karachi South.	Dr. Aftab (0301-3540427)	DI Khan Police line Hospital, Dera Ismail Khan.	0344-9300068
JPMC Hospital, Karachi South.	Dr. Adnan (0333-3110672)	Tajik Post Graduate Nursing School, Peshawar.	0343-9298076
SG Qatar Hospital, Karachi West.	021-99333476-7 0333-2606993 021-99333474 0322-2552555		
Children Hospital, Central Karachi.	0213-6408933 0213-6408930		
Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Jamshoro.	022-2115091		
Private Vaccination Centers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ OMI Hospital.</li> <li>✦ Ziauddin Hospital.</li> <li>✦ South City Hospital.</li> <li>✦ Tabbha Heart Institute.</li> <li>✦ Indus Hospital.</li> <li>✦ Hashmanis Hospital.</li> </ul>			



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## Where can I get tested?

<b>Islamabad</b>	<b>National Institute of Health</b> Park Road, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad
<b>Karachi</b>	<b>Agha Khan University Hospital,</b> Stadium Road, Karachi, Sindh
<b>Hyderabad</b>	<b>Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS),</b> Liberty Market Roundabout, Liaquat University Hospital, Hyderabad
<b>Khairpur</b>	<b>Gambat Institute of Medical Sciences,</b> Gambat, Khairpur, Sindh
<b>Peshawar</b>	<b>Hayatabad Medical Complex</b> Phase-4 Phase 4 Hayatabad, Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
<b>Mardan</b>	<b>Chughtai Lab</b> Mardan point, near Allied Bank, Shamsi Road, Mardan, KP
<b>Haripur</b>	<b>Excel Labs,</b> TMA Plaza Shop No. 6, Near Girls Degree College Circular Road Haripur, KP
<b>Lahore</b>	<b>Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital,</b> 7A Block R-3 M.A. Johar Town, Lahore, Punjab
<b>Multan</b>	<b>Nishtar Hospital</b> Nishtar Road, Justice Hamid Colony, Multan
<b>Rawalpindi</b>	<b>Armed Forces Institute of Pathology,</b> Range Road, CMH Complex, Rawalpindi, Punjab
<b>Quetta</b>	<b>Fatima Jinnah Hospital</b> Bahadurabad, Wahdat Colony, Quetta
<b>Muzaffarabad</b>	<b>Abbas Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS),</b> Ambore, Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir
<b>Gilgit</b>	<b>District Headquarters Hospital,</b> Hospital Road, Gilgit, GB

For more cities visit the [COVID-19 Health Advisory Platform](#)



You can reach us at **+92-333-5873268** on **WhatsApp** to share any **COVID-19 related** rumors, myths, and misinformation that is being spread around your community. Through our Coronavirus CivActs Campaign weekly bulletins, we will **debunk these rumors** and disseminate **validated information**.



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