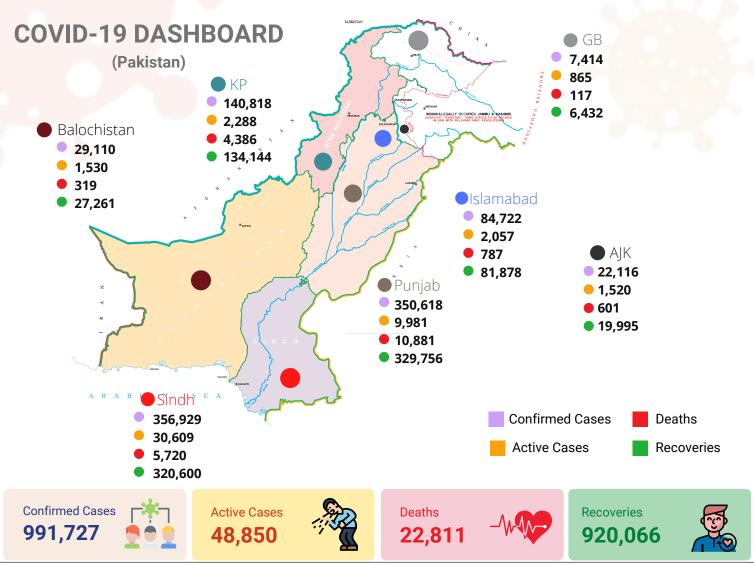
Pakistan Coronavirus CivActs Campaign



The Accountability Lab Pakistan (ALP), with the financial support of the European Union and technical support from The Asia Foundation (TAF) Pakistan and the Department of Health, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has officially launched the Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC) under the project 'Strengthening Community Resilience to COVID-19'. This campaign debunks rumours, fake news and misinformation related to COVID-19, conducts fact-checking, synthesizes data, and produces weekly bulletins for mass awareness. This includes important government decisions and vaccination drives, community feedback and concerns, and other questions from the ground around health and other COVID-19 related issues. The goal is to increase awareness among the most vulnerable groups in Pakistan (including but not limited to ethnic and religious minorities, transgender persons, persons with disabilities) and other marginalized communities with a focus on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh. These bulletins are translated and disseminated in Urdu and other regional languages such as Pashto (audio version only) & Sindhi to reach far and wide to help citizens build resilience and fight against the pandemic. The bulletins are also shared with a range of stakeholders from the general public, to government departments, donors, CSOs and humanitarian networks via online and offline means.













Vaccination Statistics

Partially Vaccinated 18.185.297

LAST 24 HOURS: 409,447

Fully Vaccinated
4,550,696

LAST 24 HOURS: 103,635

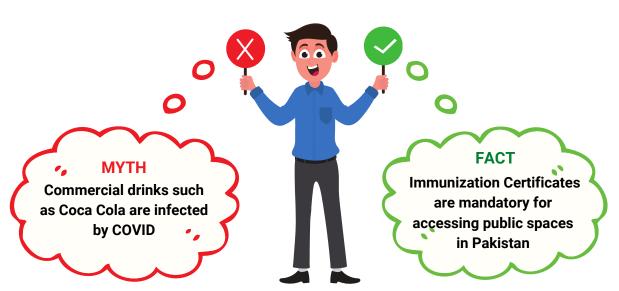
Total Doses Administered

22,735,993

LAST 24 HOURS: 513,082



Myths vs Facts



There has been viral circulation of videos in which drink samples such as that of Coca Cola and so on were used to get positive COVID tests. As the videos spread further on platforms such as Facebook and Tiktok people came forward with the concern that these drinks may be containing the COVID virus. This has been found as false, and the main source of these videos has also been identified. Students in the UK have been faking COVID positivity to get out of school, through providing false positive test results by using soft drinks and juices. This does not mean that these drinks contain the virus. The reason why Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) for COVID come out as positive if these substances are used, is because these drinks disturb the functioning of antibodies used in the test. If things interfere with the test, it is likely that the test may come out as a false positive.

As vaccination throughout Pakistan is increasing, the government is implementing new rules to ensure those avoiding vaccination get their shots as well. One of these regulations is that now vaccination certificates or the history of 1166 vaccination messages will be used to allow citizens access to public spaces such as gyms, restaurant in-door dining and other areas. This is ultimately to ensure that only those who are safe take part in group activities or stay in crowded areas. This will help reduce the spread of COVID and will provide protection to those who are at risk, because vaccinated individuals may still be carriers of the virus. This means that they will not be affected by the virus, but may pass it on to people who are unvaccinated and infect them

Source: BBC Source: GOP











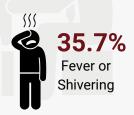
State of COVID in Karachi worsens amid the 4th wave alert

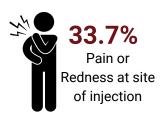
Secretary Health of Sindh has confirmed that Sindh has seen 35 cases of the Delta variant among its population. This is a concern due to the description of the Delta variant, which states that it spreads faster than other variants and has stronger symptoms of sickness. Additionally, after seeing a dip in its number of cases Karachi has again gradually reached the positivity ratio of 15%, which is being credited to the increase of crowded gatherings at cattle markets, for the preparation of Eid UI Adha. While vaccination is still in full swing, a lack of adherence to SOPs is causing a spike in the daily number of COVID cases. It is feared that the 4th wave will soon begin in Pakistan, and the rise in cases right now is being seen as its first sign of arrival. Therefore the public is again reminded to strictly follow the SOPs and those who are above 18 years of age must get vaccinated from the nearest vaccination centers.

Increased threat of Delta Variant reaching to KP

NIMS has confirmed that the Delta variant was found in swabs taken from passengers arriving from the UK at Bacha Khan Airport. This has led to many medical experts fearing the possible spread of the Delta variant in Pakistan, due to incoming passengers from other countries. Alongside the UK, gulf countries are considered to be the main hub for the spread of the Delta variant, after India which is its country of origin. Most of these cases have traced back to passengers coming in from these countries and those that they had contact with. However, Afghanistan is also seen as a threat to Pakistan, especially Khyberpakhtunkha, for the spread of the Delta variant, as people are crossing borders for it's treatment despite the closure of the Torkham border. The Delta variant is considered a larger threat than the common Coronavirus variant because it is said to have 20% faster transmission and decreases the impact of antibodies by 50%.

Known Side-Effects after vaccination











Source: Govt of Pakistan











Pakistanis vaccinated with Chinese vaccines are allowed to enter Saudi Arabia

In the month of June 2021, Pakistani's working overseas in KSA and UAE complained to Pakistani authorities about not having access to vaccines approved by the countries of their employers. KSA and UAE had specified that they were not accepting Chinese vaccines and that those wishing to commute back had to be vaccinated using Pfizer, Moderna, Astrazeneca or the Johnsons and Johnsons vaccines. The government reassured the Pakistani workers that they will discuss the matter with these countries. Now, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has officially stated that they will be accepting those already inoculated using chinese vaccines, with the added conditions that travellers arrive with negative PCR tests and get booster vaccines of the companies they have approved. Additionally, Pakistan has a walkin vaccination policy for all citizens holding Visas, Iqama or residence permits with options of Pfizer, Astrazeneca and Moderna vaccines available as well.

(Source: ARY)

Unvaccinated Pakistanis to be banned from air travel

From 1st August 2021 and onwards, the NCOC has announced that unvaccinated Pakistanis will not be allowed air travel. Where there are already restrictions placed for international travel, this notice now includes domestic travelling for tourism as well. Hotels, accommodations and travel bookings will also require proof of vaccination from then on. This measure is being enforced to encourage vaccination as now there is a walk-in vaccination policy for citizens of all ages (except 18-29 who must register at 1166 prior to their visit to the center) and those holding Visas, Iqama or residence permits. Additionally, there is a variety of vaccines which cater to those with special medical needs and travel policies of other countries. The presence of Alpha, Beta and Delta variants in Pakistan is a threat to all citizens, hence strict adherence to travel policies will help minimise the risk of spread.

(Source: Reuters)

Registration Process for COVID-19 Vaccination





SMS your CNIC number to **1166** from any mobile number (that may not necessarily be yours) or visit nims.nadra.gov.pk



After sending your CNIC to 1166, just walk in to the nearest vaccination center in your district along with your **original CNIC** and get yourself vaccinated.











Major vaccination centers in KP and Sindh

KP Sindh

Peshawar		Sukkur	
RHC Regi	03335042588	IHS Hospital Labour Flats	0715811532
MCHC Mattani	03459146891	TH PANO AKIL	0715690500
Public Health School	03339611020	TH ROHRI	0333 7128627
Charsadda		Khairpur	
BHU Muhammad Nari	03045270647	Ranipur	03347382264
DHQ Charsadda	03339015031	Thari Mir Wah	03333960839
RHC Battagram	03149160346	Taluka Hospital Kotdeji	03013582910
Mardan		Shikarpur	
DHQ Hospital Mardan	03005921350	9. R.H.C. Sultan Kot	03337577008
Mardan Medical Complex	0333929881	30. R.H.C. Khanpur	03003131100
THQ Takht Bhai	03339191353	• 32. R.H.C. Garhi Yasin	03453945330
Swabi		Jacobabad	
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BHU Jhanda	03005921350	CIVIL Hospital Jacobabad	03337341698
BHU Kotha	0333929881	Taluka Hospital Thul	03335765590
CH Kalu Khan	03339191353	RHC Garhi Hassan	03003174277
Harinur		Larkana	
Haripur			
CD Kot Najibullah	03059349975	• T.H.Dokri	03337517256
Civil Hospital KTS	03330928292	CMC Hospital Larkana	03337533685



• DHQ Hospital Haripur



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







