

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.





This is incorrect. The logic given behind this is that donating blood impairs our immunity, making us more susceptible to the virus, however, no evidence has been found supporting the claim that COVID-19 can be transferred through blood transfusions. Loss of blood can lead to a temporary drop in some immune cells, however, this does not increase the likelihood of contracting the virus.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), COVID-19 has been mutating in countries with large unvaccinated populations. Moreover, it may continue to do so like other viruses for instance, like flu. Examples of such mutations is the Delta-variant which differs from country to country and has symptoms different from others. Medical specialists and scientists are anxious for eradicating the virus as people still refuse to get vaccinated. However, it is still believed that if the spread of the virus is sustained and most of the population gets vaccinated, COVID-19 might not be such a huge threat in the near future.

Source : <u>CNBC</u>



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Fourth wave of COVID-19 declines in Pakistan

According to the National Command & Operation Centre (NCOC), Pakistan's positivity rate dropped below 5% in the past two months as a result of mass vaccinations and restrictions on social gatherings. As a result of these advancements, the government of Sindh has relaxed its COVID-19 restrictions, with effect from September 16th till September 30th, to see if there is any change in the positivity rate. Indoor dining is allowed in restaurants with 50% occupancy till midnight, however, it will be banned to citizens who fail to produce their vaccination certificates. Markets and businesses are permitted to operate with 50% occupancy till 10PM.Similarly, 70% occupation will be allowed in railway services, subject to the fulfillment of two conditions: following COVID-19 SOPS, and a fully vaccinated staff. Cinemas will continue to remain closed in the entire province.

Source: Business recorder

Sindh to administer free Pfizer additional shots to healthcare

workers

The government of Sindh has decided that since its health care workers are constantly exposed to the virus as a result of the continuously high positivity rate in the province, they will be inoculated with free Pfizer booster shots. This came as a precautionary measure as these extra doses will increase the health care staff's immunity to the virus and make them less vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus.

Source: Senior Technical Officer, Government of Sindh

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS AFTER COV D-19 VACCINATION







Pakistan launches "Wear a Mask, Protect Pakistan Campaign'

Dr. Faisal Sultan, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Health, launched a campaign in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO) which aims at highlighting the importance of following the COVID-19 SOPs. Since this pandemic has been going on for two years, people have started to normalize it, making themselves reluctant to wear a mask at all times. This campaign was launched to tackle this issue and reaffirm that as long as we are facing COVID-19, wearing a mask is the most basic necessity in our daily lives. Dr. Sultan clarified that getting vaccinated, practicing social distancing and wearing masks will reduce the spread of COVID-19, and he further emphasized that if we all play our parts honestly, we can overcome this pandemic Through this campaign, masks are being distributed to all the federal and district health authorities, including National Institute of Health (NIH), the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Health Services Academy (HAS) and Islamabad police, and will be distributed in other public places as well.

Source: Gulf News

Restrictions eased in Peshawar, Swabi and Haripur along with other 15 districts

The stricter restrictions in 24 districts of the country that were imposed due to a huge pressure on critical care, hospital admissions and oxygen requirements, have been lifted following an improvement in COVID-19 positivity rate in the 18 districts. However, in the 6 districts of Lahore, Faisalabad, Gujrat, Sargodha and Bannu, the positivity rate was still higher, leading to NCOC extending the added restrictions till there is a significant improvement in the COVID-19 situation. Schools are reopening in the entire country with 50% attendance, outdoor dining is allowed until midnight, gyms and amusement parks are opened for fully vaccinated citizens and public transport restrictions have been lifted allowing for inter-city transport with 50% occupancy. Asad Umar, Chairman NCOC, has made it clear that although the situation is improving in the country, it is only due to mass vaccination, and that no unvaccinated citizen will be allowed to travel by air, public transport, railway services or enter shopping malls after 30th September.

Source Gulf News

COVID-19 Vaccination

15 to 18 year old citizens are now eligible to get vaccinated. These citizens will get the **pfizer** vaccine

Process for registration: Citizens (All 15+ years)



SMS your CNIC number/ B form 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.



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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
CharsaddaBHU Muhammad Nari	03045270647	Khairpur • 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	
BHU Jhanda	03005921350	CIVIL Hospital Jacobabad	03337341698
BHU Kotha	0333929881	Taluka Hospital Thul	03335765590
• CH Kalu Khan	03339191353	• RHC Garhi Hassan	03003174277
Haripur • CD Kot Najibullah	03059349975	Larkana • T.H.Dokri	03337517256
Civil Hospital KTS	03330928292	CMC Hospital Larkana	03337533685
DHQ Hospital Haripur	03155046070	Ratodero	03453852452



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	Where can I get tested?		
Islamabad	National Institute of Health Park Road, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad		
Karachi	<mark>Agha Khan University Hospital,</mark> 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	<mark>Chughtai Lab</mark> 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	<mark>Nishtar Hospital</mark> Nishtar Road, Justice Hamid Colony, Multan		
Rawalpindi	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Range Road, CMH Complex, Rawalpindi, Punjab		
Quetta	<mark>Fatima Jinnah Hospital</mark> Bahadurabad, Wahdat Colony, Quetta		
Muzaffarabad	Abbas Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), Ambore, Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir		
Gilgit	District Headquarters Hospital, Hospital Road, Gilgit, GB		
For mor	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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