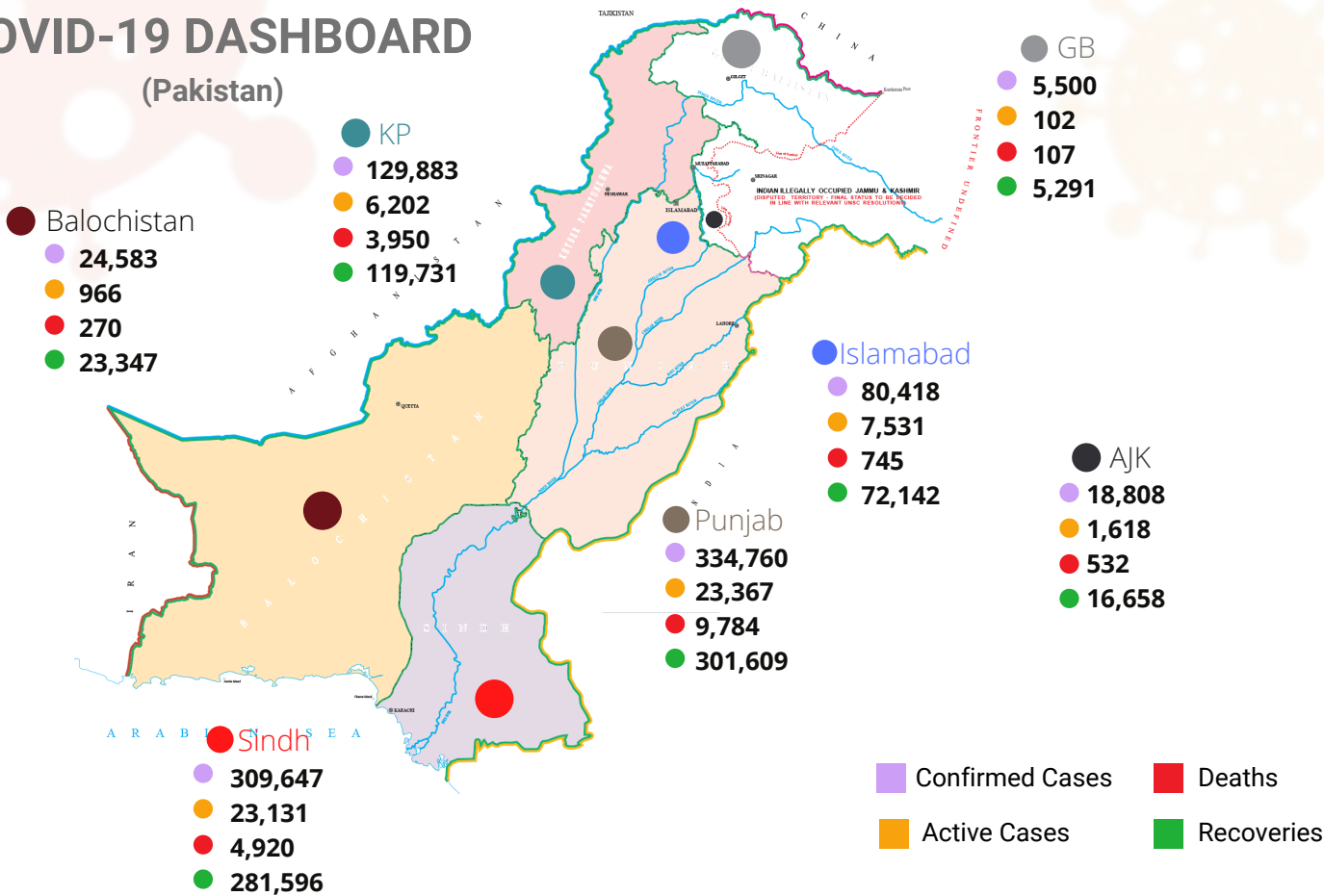


Situations like the coronavirus pandemic can quickly become a catalyst for social conflict due to misinformation, rumours, and fake news, as observed in Pakistan during recent national catastrophes caused by dengue fever, floods, and earthquakes. The situation is no different with COVID-19 as stories emerge on how fake news is being used to manipulate response efforts, spread rumours and misinformation leading to behaviours that are undermining community cohesion, and causing citizens to be unaware of the role they can play in the pandemic response.

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 informative bulletins each week. These bulletins include important government decisions, visual materials, community feedback, debunked rumours with verified information, valid concerns, and other questions from the ground around health and other issues. The goal is to support enhanced awareness among the most vulnerable groups in Pakistan (including ethnic minorities, religious minorities, returning migrants, trafficking victims, prisoners, women, internally displaced persons, transgender persons, persons with disabilities, victims of torture, and other marginalized communities), with a focus on the marginalized communities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh. These bulletins are translated into Urdu and Sindhi, with audio transcriptions in Pashto. They are shared with stakeholders, local government leaders, media, legal aid centers, community radios, learning centers, CSOs, and humanitarian networks via online and offline means. They are also disseminated through a web-page, shared widely on social media, and are aired on a wide network of radio stations in local languages.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD
(Pakistan)



Confirmed Cases

903,599



Active Cases

62,917



Deaths

20,308



Recoveries

820,374



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Vaccination Statistics

Partially Vaccinated

2,857,746

LAST 24 HOURS: 160,203



Fully Vaccinated

1,286,429

LAST 24 HOURS: 47,861



Total Doses Administered

5,358,808

LAST 24 HOURS: 208,064



Myths vs Facts



There is “absolutely no evidence” that COVID-19 vaccines can affect the fertility of women or men, says new expert guidance. [The guidance, published by the Association of Reproductive and Clinical Scientists and the British Fertility Society](#), comes amid concerns that misinformation that has been circulating online about COVID-19 vaccines and fertility may be putting some women off having the vaccine. The guidance refutes any link between the vaccines and fertility. Additionally it states that people of reproductive age should get a COVID-19 vaccine when they receive their invitation, including people who are trying to have a baby or thinking about having a baby in the future.

Antibodies against coronavirus remained in the blood of patients with Covid-19 for at least eight months after they were infected, [Italian researchers said](#). They were present “regardless of the severity of the illness, the age of the patients or the presence of other pathologies,” according to a statement from the San Raffaele hospital in Milan. The researchers, working with Italy’s ISS national health institute, studied 162 patients with symptomatic coronavirus who turned up at the emergency room during the country’s first wave of infections last year. The study, published in the Nature Communications scientific journal, also emphasised the importance of the development of antibodies in recovering from coronavirus.

Source: BMJ, Dawn



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A Snapshot of Vaccines Available in Pakistan

Sinovac



Developed by the Chinese company Sinovac Biotech, CoronaVac, popularly known as Sinovac in Pakistan, Sinova is an inactivated virus COVID-19 vaccine. It relies on traditional technology similar to Sinopharm, BBV152, and other inactivated-virus COVID-19 vaccines. Data from a real-world study in Chile showed that the Sinovac vaccine was 67% effective in preventing symptomatic infection.

Sinopharm

The Sinopharm vaccine has been developed by the Beijing Institute of Biological Products (BBIBP), a subsidiary of China National Biotech Group (CNBG). The Sinopharm vaccine is a chemically-inactivated whole virus vaccine for Covid-19. Sinopharm announced that the vaccine has an efficacy of 79.34%. Sinopharm shares similar technology with Sinovac and BBV152 (developed by Bharat Biotech) and uses inactivated virus vaccines for COVID-19



Sputnik V



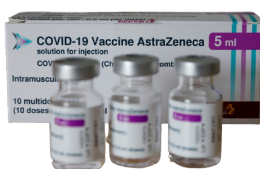
Developed by Russia's Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, Sputnik V is a viral vector vaccine for COVID-19. Viral vector vaccines work by making use of a harmless virus to deliver a piece of genetic code from a virus to our cells to imitate an infection. The harmless virus helps to deliver the genetic code into the human cell. Published in The Lancet, an interim report from the trial indicated 91.6% efficacy without unusual side effects. According to the manufacturer, Sputnik V is one of the three vaccines in the world with efficacy of over 90%.

CanSino (AD5-nCOV)

Developed by the Chinese military and Tianjin-based CanSino Biologics, AD5-nCOV, trade-named Convidecia, is a single-dose viral vector COVID-19 vaccine. Trials data, shared in February 2021, showed that the vaccine had a 65.7% efficacy in preventing moderate symptoms of Covid-19, and 91% efficacy in preventing severe disease.



AstraZeneca



The Oxford–AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine is for people aged 18 years and older. It has a modified adenovirus containing the gene for making a protein from SARS-CoV-2. AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine showed effectiveness of about 62% in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 disease beginning two weeks after the second dose. The Ministry of National Health Services in its guideline has said that the vaccine must not be used for adults below 40 years of age (pending safety data), people with a history of severe allergic reaction to any component (e.g polysorbate) of the vaccine formulation, those having active GI bleeding disorder or seizures as well as those with a history of immune disorders amongst other conditions.

Source: Dawn



COVID-19 UPDATES



Nearly 300 people arrested for violating SOPs released by Karachi court on humanitarian grounds

Police have arrested nearly 300 men for allegedly breaching Covid-19 SOPs in different areas of the city's South district. They were booked in several First Information Reports registered under Section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Pakistan Penal Code. The investigating officers produced the suspects before judicial magistrate (South) Uzair Ali Khan to seek their physical remand in police custody for interrogation and investigation. In the meanwhile, the judge declared the FIRs lodged against the suspects as "null and void" and ordered the release of all of them on humanitarian grounds.

Source: Dawn

COVID deaths and cases register a decline in KP

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa recorded 23 more deaths from coronavirus and 173 new cases amid claims by the authorities that the lockdown restrictions have helped reduce the virus-related fatalities and incidence. However, officials said it was hard to ascertain the correct quantum of the virus positivity rate due to a decline in the collection of swabs for Covid-19 testing. They said in the last few days, there had been a big decline in testing showing the cases undercounted and the picture of infection not recorded properly. "Schools, markets, tourist spots, hospital OPDs and transport vehicles have been closed, so we are doing less testing than usual. However, the ratio of tests will go up on Monday when the activities resume," an official said.

Source: Dawn



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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 been started from 16th May. Vaccination centre 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 to register.



Registration - SMS your CNIC no to **1166** from any mobile no or visit **nims.nadra.gov.pk**

Find the **Vaccination** centre



Request another vaccination centre if needed

Receive an **Appointment**



Visit the **Vaccination** Centre

CNIC and **PIN** code verification



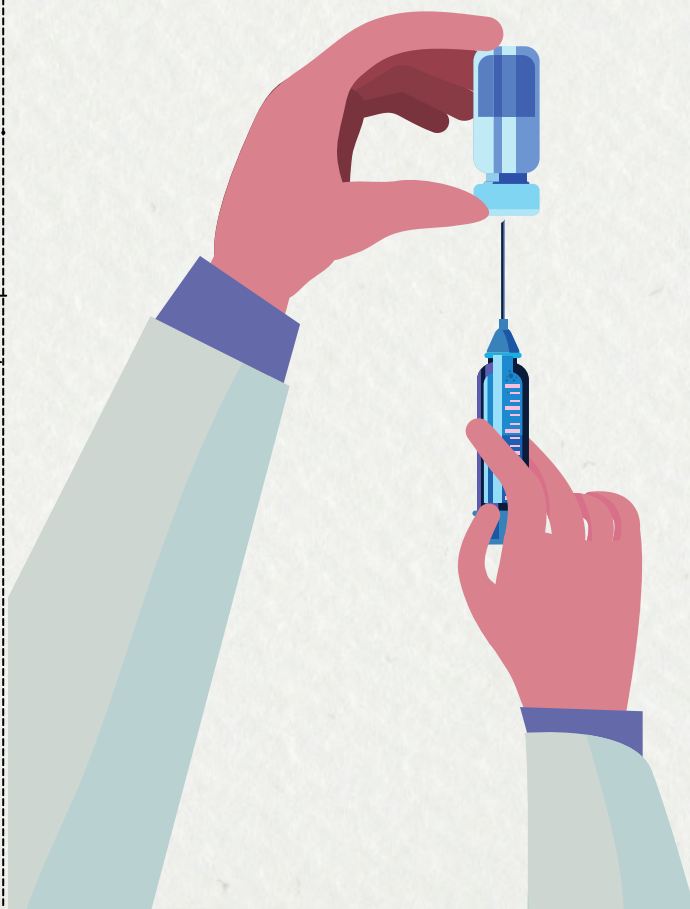
Get **Vaccinated**

Major vaccination centers in KP & Sindh



Federating Unit

Sindh		KP	
Mass Vaccination Centers (MVC)	Contact No.	Mass Vaccination Centers (MVC)	Contact No.
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			
✦ OMI Hospital.			
✦ Ziauddin Hospital.			
✦ South City Hospital.			
✦ Tabbha Heart Institute.			
✦ Indus Hospital.			
✦ Hashmanis Hospital.			



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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**.



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