

Situations like the coronavirus pandemic can quickly become a catalyst for social conflict due to misinformation, rumors and fake news, as we've seen in the past. Every day we continue to see more false information shared throughout communities, confusing citizens and leaving them unsure as to who can answer their questions.

The **Pakistan Coronavirus CivicActs Campaign (CCC)** captures rumors and perceptions among communities to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, humanitarian agencies and citizens. By providing the public with facts, these coronavirus bulletins aim to create a better understanding of needs regarding coronavirus and to debunk rumors before they can do more harm.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Pakistan

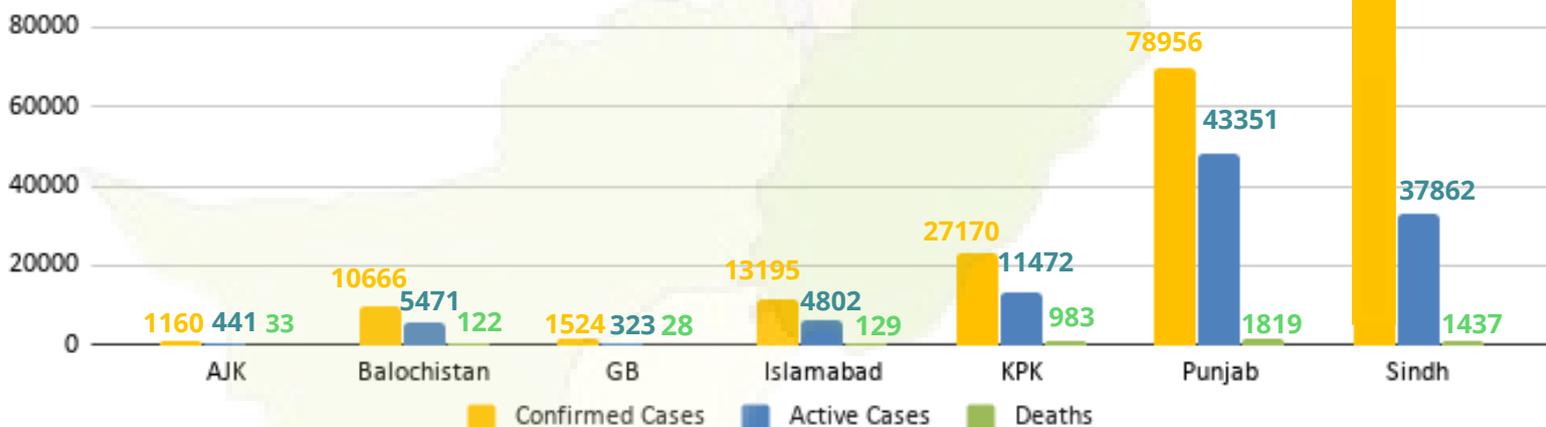
Total Confirmed Cases
221,896

Total Active Cases
103,722

Total Deaths
4,551

Total Recoveries
113,623

COVID-19 Cases status in provinces of Pakistan



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The challenges of attending online courses

Many students pursuing a practical degree have been greatly affected by the coronavirus outbreak. Muhammad Javaid shares how as a university student he had to work at certain places for a week just so he could earn enough money to purchase an android phone and gain access to online classes.

“Many people at my university do not have smartphones, and a few who have a smartphone only have network access within university boundaries,” says Javaid. “We need four to five different apps just for attending one lecture online. So having a mobile phone with only 8 GB of memory, we need to delete one app in order to install another one. Semesters were planned to end in June, but with academic activities delayed, we have just reached the midterms. It seems that our degrees will be lingered on for a few more months.

“Unlike the traditional methods where students could have their queries and concerns resolved instantly, the online transition has created many challenges as distortions in internet connectivity lead to much confusion and ambiguity. Students cannot have their concepts cleared, and additionally many teachers are also not addressing the needs of students. To the teachers it seems that students are not being serious and so they ignore the students’ problems. This has led to increased demotivation in students.

Unsure of what life will be like after the pandemic, students are worried about their education as there are no checks and balances on the evaluation process. Will their degree have the same worth as it did in pre-pandemic times? Students are requesting the Government and HEC to introduce effective standards and methodologies to overcome these issues.

How has remote learning affected students?

Muhammad Waseem is doing his Bachelors Degree in Agriculture at MNS University of Agriculture Multan. As the whole educational system has been changed and shifted to online, Waseem shared how he was able to adapt to the new normal. He came from a far-flung area where the use of technology is not common. Waseem is spending the

lockdown in the small town of Lodhran where electricity and internet facilities are unheard of. He added that while all the university students are struggling to learn from home, they

are being instructed to listen to lectures from different kinds of software and half of their time burns out in running with their mobile phone from one room to the other. He said that along with other universities, his university has also been provided with an online portal called Learning Management System (LMS) that many faculty members are using to upload teaching materials and assignments.

However, this system is not adaptable for many of the students. Along with the LMS, many teachers are using other platforms such as WhatsApp, Zoom, and



Google Classroom. However, not all students have access to the internet. He also discussed the problems of the students living in villages and how they are being asked by their parents to work in the field while staying at home. Moreover, he has to go to nearby shops or friends' homes to use their laptops and internet in order to do his assignments. Another concern is that they are unable to perform any practical activity in the field but have to make lengthy practical notes that consume a lot of their time. Lastly, he acknowledged the efforts of his university management. "The university management is trying their best to make the online process easy and accessible for the students," he said. Furthermore, the university has offered these students the opportunity to come to the university campus to receive online lectures and to make their assignments as long as they follow precautionary measures and protocols.

"Covid-19, An issue to be aware of"

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Covid-19, An Issue To Be Aware Of...

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In Collaboration With ORIC Of MNS University of Agriculture Multan

In order to provide awareness to citizens, students of MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan implemented some SAPs. Students in the second semester of their studies in the department of Agriculture, along with their course instructor, decided to raise awareness among the residents of Multan.

They designed some SAPs to inform people on how to make their lives secure and safe in the current circumstances. Students were divided into different teams and each of these teams was assigned to complete an SAP within a week.

The team members performed several activities on the selected site such as distributing face masks and hand sanitizers among the public. They also briefed residents on precautionary measures to keep themselves and their families safe.

Coronavirus symptoms Include:

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Tiredness

Contact your doctor or the coronavirus helpline at



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Where can I get tested?

Karachi

Aga Khan University Hospital

Stadium Road, Karachi

Civil Hospital

DOW University Campus
Mission Road, Karachi

Dow Medical Hospital

Ojha Campus
Suparco Road, Karachi

Indus Hospital

Opposite Darussalam Society, Korangi
Crossing, Karachi

Lahore

Punjab AIDS Lab

PACP Complex
6 - Birdwood Road, Lahore

Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital

7A Block R-3 M.A. Johar Town, Lahore

Islamabad

National Institute of Health

Park Road
Chak Shahzad, Islamabad

Rawalpindi

Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

Range Road
CMH Complex, Rawalpindi

Multan

Nishtar Hospital

Nishtar Road,
Justice Hamid Colony, Multan

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