

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

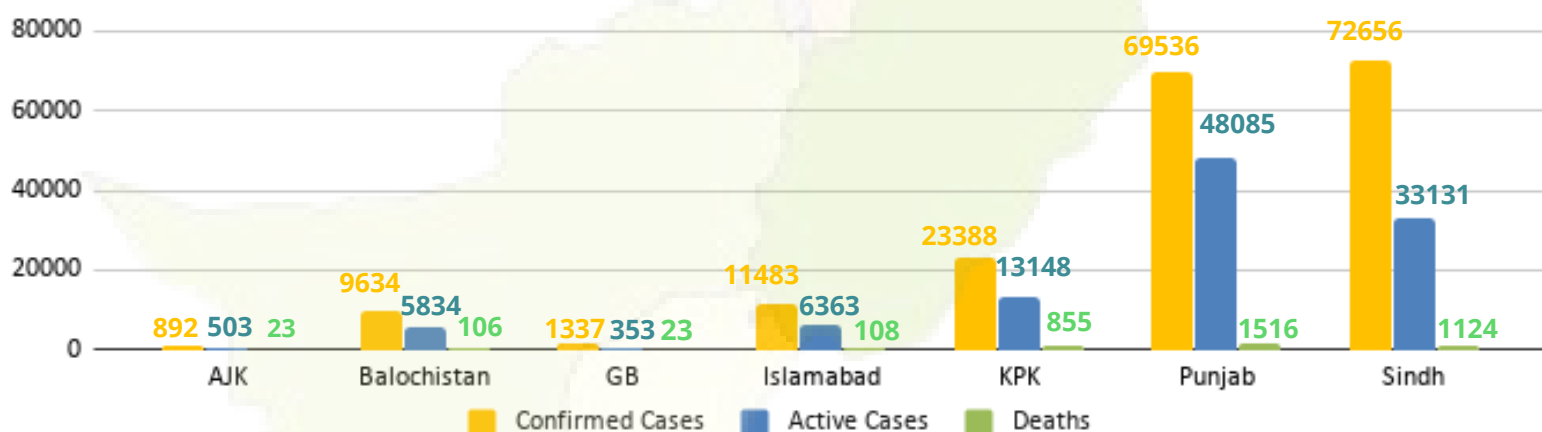
Total Confirmed Cases
188,926

Total Active Cases
107,417

Total Deaths
3,755

Total Recoveries
77,754

COVID-19 Cases status in provinces of Pakistan



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Repatriation of Pakistani Nationals

What provisions is the Government of Pakistan providing to foreign nationals stranded in Pakistan?

As International travel ban has been in place since COVID 19 has been declared a pandemic. Many Foreign nationals have been stranded in Pakistan, initially their home embassies arranged chartered flights to facilitate the their nationals. From 20th June, Pakistani government is permitting cargo, special and diplomatic, commercial outbound passenger flights from all international airports except Gwadar and Turbat.

A new policy has been introduced for inbound passengers with a resolve to transport approximately 45,000 people per week. And the capacity is said to be significantly enhanced to bring back stranded Pakistani's from across the world. The Civil Aviation Authority(CAA) will approve the scheduling of flights in order to ensure sufficient separation between arrivals and departures of passengers under health protocols adopted to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Foreign nationals currently in Pakistan whose Pakistani visa expired after March 15, 2020, have been granted an automatic extension until August 31, 2020.

What measure are being taken for Pakistani's stranded in other countires?

Gulf Countries

The Gulf countries have remained the focus for the government in terms of taking action as a large number of expats were still stuck due to the limited number of flights operated by Pakistan.

A number of measures to protect and support them are being taken by foreign ministry, including automatic extensions of visas, the provision of accommodation and food, and guaranteed access to free-of-charge healthcare.

As Pakistan announced the reopening of its airspace for all airlines, with 25 per cent capacity, from Saturday, national carrier PIA said it would increase the number of regular flights to and from Pakistan, with priority to the Gulf countries -- including UAE and Saudi Arabia -- to repatriate the huge number of Pakistanis stranded for months.

The airline decided to operate more than 100 flights to bring back at least 15,000 Pakistanis from UAE and around 10,000 from Saudi Arabia in one week. Around 21,000 stranded Pakistanis have been repatriated from the UAE during the last three months, while more than 60,000 are still waiting to return home.

Only symptomatic passengers will be tested and if found positive, they will be quarantined at the facilities provided by the government. However, it will be mandatory for every passenger to quarantine themselves for 14 days at home and they will have to submit this in writing at the airport.

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South Korea

With the exception of important business trips or visits by government officials, South Korea's health authorities will limit the entry of foreigners from some countries and put a temporary ban on non-scheduled flights through restricting visa issuance from countries where the virus is widely spreading, stated the Ministry of Health and Welfare.

The measures will "immediately take effect" for visitors from Pakistan and Bangladesh, which account for 23 out of 67 recent cases amid the second COVID-19 wave in South Korea.

India

As most Pakistani nationals visit India on medical visas, The Pakistan High Commission has been working with Ministry of External Affairs and authorities in India in helping a number of them to expedite and ensure safe return of these citizens after India closed the border crossing points and restricted operation of passenger flights as part of measures to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

India is also facilitating migrants who have not yet evacuated by providing them with all essentials amid the coronavirus outbreak. A group of workers stranded in Ahmedabad, lauded the efforts of the Ahmedabad administration stating that they were satisfied with the support being provided.

What are some guidelines for passengers that are travelling?

According to the new PCCA policy, all passenger luggage and cargo shall be disinfected by the airline soon after unloading from the aircraft. The airline shall be responsible for provision of appropriate masks and gloves to the staff involved with handling the checked baggage and cargo.

Passengers will not be allowed to pick up their luggage from the baggage carousel themselves. Instead, the respective airline/ GHA staff shall pick up the luggage from the belt.

Upon arrival in the arrival lounge the passengers and flight crew will be subjected to thermal scanning.

Upon arrival in Pakistan, all passengers and crew will be subjected to a minimum of 48-hour state-monitored quarantine period. The quarantine can be extended based on the result of the passenger's COVID-19 test, which will be conducted after 48 hours. Those who test negative will be advised compulsory self-isolation to complete a 14-day period.

The transportation to the quarantine location will be arranged by the concerned authorities. No meet and greet shall be allowed at the airport.

The authorities on the ground will have the final say on where passengers are quarantined.

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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