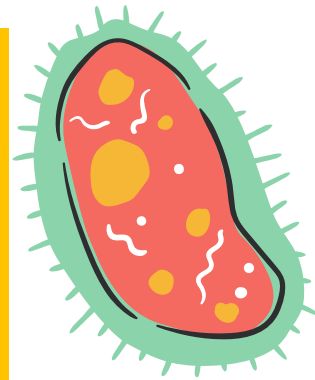
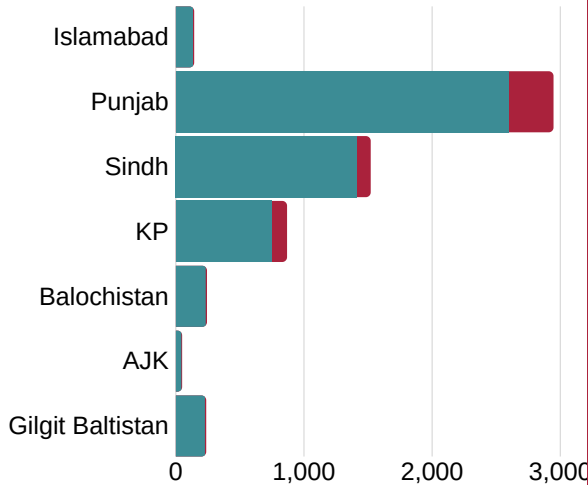


Situations like the coronavirus pandemic can quickly become a catalyst for social conflict due to misinformation, rumors and fake news, as we've seen in the past. Every day we continue to see more false information shared throughout communities, confusing citizens and leaving them unsure as to who can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



### Confirmed Cases



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.



## DON'T PANIC!

Follow these steps to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water aren't available.
- Cover your nose and mouth (with your elbow or a tissue) when sneezing.
- Avoid crowded places and practice social distancing. If you think you have been exposed to someone with coronavirus, quarantine yourself for a minimum of 14 days and monitor any symptoms.
- Do not stockpile supplies.

# Is It True

**I heard that schools will remain closed for another two weeks. Is this true?**

Yes. The government announced yesterday that in continuation of the ongoing countrywide lockdown to combat the novel coronavirus, schools and public places will remain closed for the next two weeks.

The government further emphasized the public to continue to exercise caution as the curve may strike back up. However, 15 low risk industries will be reopened including the construction industry, cement and chemical industries, e-commerce for exporting, local delivery, mining, paper and packaging, and software development houses.

**Are traders reopening markets despite government advice?**

Yes. Traders in Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan have announced that they will resume business from today, April 15, despite government advice. Sindh Information Minister, Nasir Shah, has condemned this by saying that they will issue standard operating procedures for small business owners in a few days. Business owners in Punjab are requesting the provincial government to permit activities for a limited time, and are looking towards them to make a decision.

**Are doctors and frontline caregivers in Balochistan being provided protection from COVID-19?**

Despite the NDMA assuring the public earlier this week that there is enough PPE, health workers in Balochistan are having to purchase their own. Doctors in Balochistan are claiming that they are not receiving enough equipment. The number of infected doctors in Balochistan rose to 18 last week, while the nationwide total is now 30.

# IS IT TRUE?

**Did the WHO really donate 15,000 testing kit to Pakistan?**

Yes. On Monday April 13, World Health Organization representatives handed over 15 new testing machines and 15,000 new testing kits to the National Disaster Management Authority. The chairman of NDMA, Mr. Lieutenant General Muhammad Afzal, also announced that now that there isn't as much of a shortage of personal protective equipment due to local production, and they now have the capacity to provide 100,000 PPE every week.

**Is the government still bringing back Pakistanis stranded abroad?**

Yes. The government announced on April 14 that they are opening air spaces and establishing testing facilities along the borders with Afghanistan to bring back more than 6,000 stranded Pakistanis per week. They declared that their priority was addressing members of the Pakistani labour class who have been made redundant by their employers in the Gulf. Next on the list of priorities are prisoners released and awaiting repatriation. After that, the Umrah pilgrims who have been in Saudi Arabia for the past two to three months, and finally those whose visas have expired and are facing legal action.

**Are mosques opening for congregational prayers?**

On April 14, it was announced by prominent religious scholars that mosques will reopen and follow precautionary measures. Precautionary measures include; performing ablutions from home, young and elderly praying at home, prayer mats removed and disinfected after every prayer, proper distancing between individuals and returning home soon after the congregational prayer is finished. The decision from the federal government is due on 18th April.

# What do I do if I think I have coronavirus?

## Do you have any symptoms?

- **Fever**
- **Shortness of breath**
- **Dry cough**
- **Tiredness**



**If so, contact your doctor or the coronavirus helpline at 1166.**

## 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

For more cities visit the  
[COVID-19 Health Advisory Platform](#)



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