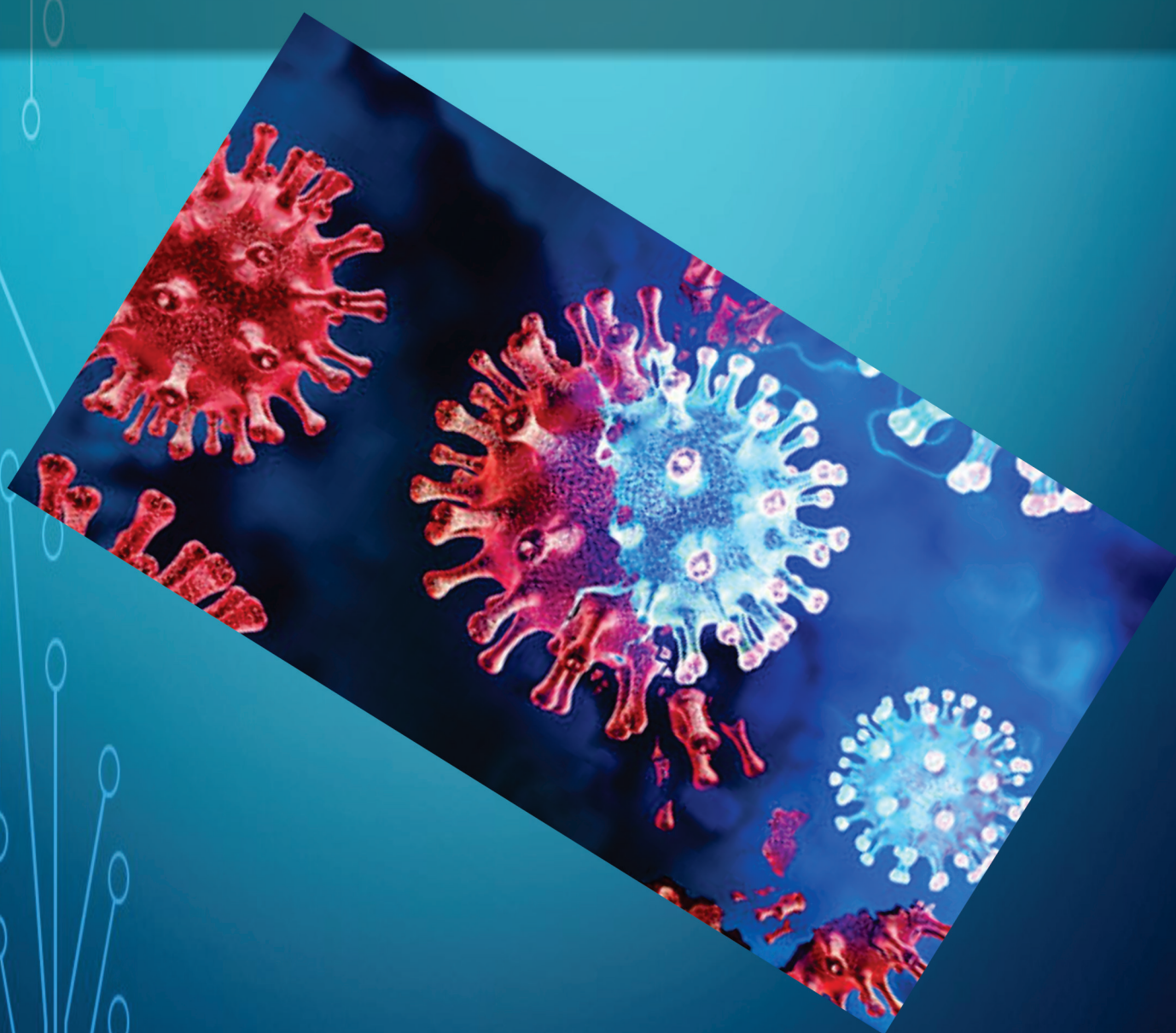


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Covid-19 Vaccination In Pakistan

Source: [Professor Bushra Jamil](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-15

Covid-19 pandemic has presented a number of challenges to mankind and will not end with the virus disappearing from the face of the earth. It is now widely believed that worldwide, enough people will gain immune protection from vaccination and from natural infection leading to less transmission and much less Covid-19-related hospitalizations and death, even as the virus continues to circulate, as [more >>](#)

Restoring trust

Source: [Jose Gomes Temporao](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-15

Last week, Los Angeles hosted the Summit of the Americas amid a thorny period between the governments of the region. While long-running tensions over which countries were invited to attend risked overshadowing the event, the summit was a unique opportunity for Latin American leaders to come together and for President Joe Biden to mend relations with them. The crisis induced by the Covid-19 pandemic..... [more >>](#)

Is Covid coming back?

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-23

Pakistan is often quoted by many for the global recognition of its COVID response. Nonetheless, the global pandemic not only had an immediate impact on health of the people and healthcare systems across the globe, it was believed to have significant and long term socio economic impact as well. Last year's Economic Survey of Pakistan (FY21) counts the impact COVID had on the socioeconomic..... [more >>](#)

Living simply

Source: [Nikhat Sattar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-24

IF the Covid-19 pandemic was a global malaise that brought the world together over the past three years, high inflation and inability to make ends meet by the have-nots is another integrating factor in 2022 and possibly beyond. The poor, the salaried class and anyone not among the rich elite are finding it more and more difficult to meet daily expenses, including those for education and health. P..... [more >>](#)

WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference and Covid vaccine

Source: [Dr Omer Javed](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-24

'Last week's WTO 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) in Geneva concluded with pro-corporate, anti-worker, and anti-development outcomes on all major issues of access to medicines, agriculture, digital trade, and the future of the WTO itself. ...The agreements should herald a warning to all: rich country governments professing new commitments to sustainable and worker-centered trade [more >>](#)

Looming 6th wave

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-25

It was only a matter of time that the Covid-19 virus would strike back. With the country witnessing a sudden rise in cases over the past week, we could very well be on our way towards a sixth wave. The NIH has reported that 268 out of 12,513 tests conducted on 23 June came out positive with the southern part of the country recording more than half of these cases. Moreover, alarming reports indicat..... [more >>](#)

Post-Covid, IMF And Khadim Rizvi PART-II

Source: [Arbaaz Mahmood](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-23

There's something more fundamental going on here, a philosophical question, even, that we might do well to contemplate. What is the difference between a gangster pulling out a gun and demanding you give him a thousand dollars of "protection money," and that same gangster pulling out a gun and demanding you provide him with a thousand-dollar "loan"? If classical empire..... [more >>](#)

Increasing Infection Rates

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-27

The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) may have been closed down, and pandemic restrictions and SOPs may have been severely toned down, but this does not mean we have seen the end of the virus. As we have learnt from the many waves of the pandemic, the virus comes like a rollercoaster, mutating into various strands. Despite a few months of stability and life seemingly coming back to norm..... [more >>](#)

Coronavirus: here it comes again

Source: [Dr Rana Jawad Asghar](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-28

Most of the world had said goodbye to the coronavirus pandemic and returned to life as normal. Many countries stopped daily reporting of cases, and some moved toward just focusing on hospitalisation numbers. Mask mandates were lifted or were being ignored in most countries and testing dropped to very low numbers. Vaccine uptake has become very low and there is actual danger of millions of vaccine [more >>](#)

Covid resurgence

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-29

PAKISTAN is facing yet another wave of Covid-19 infections, with health experts predicting a surge in hospitalisations by next week. Sadly, pandemic fatigue is writ large everywhere — with no one bothered about wearing masks at restaurants, shopping centres, wedding halls, offices, etc. People are going about their daily lives without following safety precautions, endangering themselves and [more >>](#)

The sixth wave

Source: [Zafar Mirza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-01

ARE we in the midst of the sixth wave of the Covid-19 global pandemic? This question is ubiquitous these days. However, while the question may have journalistic value the reality is that cases have indeed started increasing, whether or not you call it a sixth wave. More important than naming waves is to understand what is going on and how to address it. What timely steps the government should take..... [more >>](#)

Reactivating The NCOC

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-01

In March of this year, the then-Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Health Services Dr Faisal Sultan announced that the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC), the principal body governing the policies and implementation of the national Covid-19 effort, would be closing by the end of the month. It had been hoped that we had seen the last of the pandemic, and concurren..... [more >>](#)

Covid air war being lost, experts warn, urging mass ventilation

Source: [Isabelle Cortes](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-03

The world is still not using one of its most effective weapons against Covid — properly ventilating public spaces — more than two years into the pandemic, experts warn. At the moment there is a "fragile, armed peace" with Covid-

19, said Antoine Flahault, director of the Institute of Global Health at the University of Geneva. “In the hopes of stemming the tide..... [more >>](#)

Sixth Wave

Source: Editorial, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-03

Judging from the rate at which Covid-19 cases are being reported in the country, it seems as though the sixth wave is right around the corner. In the last 24 hours, more than 800 individuals were diagnosed with the virus—the largest increase since March. Our national positivity ratio is at 4.47 percent but in hotspots like Karachi, it has reached double digits. If this trend persists, the country [more >>](#)

National News

Balochistan

No New COVID-19 Case Reported In Balochistan In Last 24 Hours

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-17

Balochistan Health Department said that no new case of COVID-19 was reported in the province in the last 24 hours. According to a report released by the Balochistan Health Department, at least 1,523,164 people were screened for the virus till June 16 (Thursday). The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Balochistan stands at 35,506 as no new case was reported in the past 24 hours. Balochistan..... [more >>](#)

Islamabad

China sends back PIA flight empty

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-14

RAWALPINDI: A Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight was sent back to Pakistan by Chinese authorities after six of its passengers tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday. A PIA spokesman said all passengers who had travelled to China from Islamabad had a negative PCR report, but six of them were found positive on arrival. He said the national airline carrier's Boeing 777 was..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Reports 98 Coronavirus Cases, 1 Death In 24 Hours

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-17

Pakistan has reported one death in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of confirmed positive cases has surged to 1,531,673. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 30,383 on Friday. According to the latest figures by the National Institute of Health (NIH), at least 98 persons were tested positive for COVID-19 across the country in the past 24 hours. Pakistan has conduct..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Reports 151 COVID-19 Cases, No Death In 24 Hours

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-18

Pakistan has reported no death in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has risen to 1,531,824. The nationwide tally of fatalities stands at 30,383 on Saturday. According to the latest figures by the National Institute of Health (NIH), at least 151 persons were tested positive for COVID-19 across the country in the past 24 hours. Pakistan has conducted 12,906 tes..... [more >>](#)

Covid cases see slight uptick as Pakistan reports 171 new cases

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-20

Pakistan is witnessing another surge in Covid-19 cases as 171 confirmed cases were reported by the National Institute of Health (NIH) in the past 24 hours. The rise in active cases in different cities has risen, with 57 coronavirus patients in critical care at present. No deaths have been reported so far. The national positivity rate stands at 1.53 per cent, whereas that of Sindh has been recorded..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Sees Surge In COVID-19 Cases

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-20

Pakistan has once again witnessed an increase in daily Covid-19 cases as 171 people were found infected during the last 24 hours, according to data shared by NIH on Monday. The National Institute of Health (NIH) said that the new infections were detected after 11,212 coronavirus diagnostic tests performed across the country, which placed Pakistan's positivity ratio at 1.53% and the overall [more >>](#)

Positivity ratio goes up to 1.53pc; Covid-19 monster raising its head again?

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-06-21

ISLAMABAD: The nationwide coronavirus positivity ratio has once again started going up as 171 Covid-19 cases were detected after 11,212 tests were performed, reflecting a positivity ratio of 1.53 percent. According to Covid-19 data released by the National Health Institute (NIH) Islamabad, the coronavirus positivity ratio has increased across the country, particularly, in Hyderabad, where t..... [more >>](#)

Resurgent Covid-19

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-06-22

AS if the country's economic problems were not stressful enough, we now have to worry about resurgent Covid-19. According to the National Command and Operation Centre, new cases have risen to the highest in 80 days, with Karachi and Hyderabad now reporting positivity rates of above 10pc— a level which, in the past, would have prompted lockdown measures. A significant portion of the pop..... [more >>](#)

Prices of drug to treat Covid-19 reduced

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-06-22

ISLAMABAD: Amid a resurgence of coronavirus cases in the country, the federal cabinet on Tuesday reduced the price of Remdesivir, an antiviral drug administered to Covid-19 patients. The price of 100mg IV injection has been reduced from Rs2,300 to Rs1,892, said Federal Minister Abdul Qadir Patel. "It will help the people to get the treatment as the government wants to improve the [more >>](#)

Covid-19 cases edge up: 151 infected during 24 hours; 58 shifted to ICU

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-19

ISLAMABAD: A slight rise in Pakistan's Covid-19 positivity ratio was witnessed as 151 more people were found infected during the 24 hours period, data from the National Institute of Health (NIH) showed on Saturday. According to the stats, the new infections were detected after 12,906 coronavirus diagnostic tests performed across the country, which placed Pakistan's positivity ratio at..... [more >>](#)

Corona cases rise in country

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-21

ISLAMABAD: The positivity ratio of Covid-19 cases in Karachi and Hyderabad, once again, crossed 10% amid a steady increase in cases across the country, data from the National Institute of Health (NIH) showed on Monday. According to the stats, 171 new infections were detected after 11,212 coronavirus diagnostic tests performed across the country, which placed Pakistan's positivity ratio at 1.5..... [more >>](#)

Covid cases rising at alarming rate

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-22

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has reported one death in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of confirmed positive cases has surged to 1,532,260. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 30,384 on Tuesday. According to the latest figures by the National Institute of Health (NIH), at least 113 persons were tested positive for Covid-19 across the country in the past 24 hours. Active c..... [more >>](#)

Minister urges caution against Covid during Eid

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-23

ISLAMABAD: The health authorities urged the public on Wednesday to adopt caution against the Covid-19, particularly during the upcoming Eidul Azha, following the guidelines issued by the relevant authorities in this regard. Health Minister Abdul Qadir Patel chaired a meeting on the Covid-19 situation, at the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) at the National Institute of Health (NIH), [more >>](#)

Covid cases see slight uptick in Pakistan

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-21

Pakistan is witnessing another surge in Covid-19 cases as 171 confirmed cases were reported by the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Monday. The rise in active cases in different cities has risen, with 57 coronavirus patients in critical care at present. No deaths have been reported so far. The national positivity rate stands at 1.53 per cent, whereas that of Sindh has been recorded to be as..... [more >>](#)

Covid positivity rate rises to 2.14pc

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-24

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has recorded 2.14 percent Covid-19 positivity ratio during the past 24 hours which is the highest in three months as the country reported 268 coronavirus infections after 12,513 tests were conducted. According to coronavirus stats released by the National Health Institute (NIH) on Thursday, the country also reported one Covid-19 death in the past 24 hours taking the ove..... [more >>](#)

Covid-hit farmers in Pishin given goats

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-25

ISLAMABAD: The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has distributed 285 goats among home-based women workers and women farmers affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in Pishin district. The distribution was carried out under the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) project which is investing in rural women by enhancing their capacities, decision-making power and access to key resou..... [more >>](#)

Covid positivity ratio creeps up to 2.22%

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-25

ISLAMABAD: The recent surge in new coronavirus cases continued on Friday, with the nationwide positivity ratio rising to 2.22% for the first time since the first week of March, according to data released by the National Institute of Health (NIH). Dubbed by health experts the sixth wave of Covid since its outbreak in the country in February 2020, the data showed that Sindh emerged as the new hot..... [more >>](#)

Sixth Wave?

Source: [Editorial](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-23

With as many as 113 people testing positive across Pakistan on Monday (as per the official COVID database) and the fearful spike surpassing 10 per cent in Karachi and Hyderabad, it would be rather foolish to assume we are still out of danger. The dark tunnel is upon us again, in the form of the sixth wave. While over 56 per cent of the population has been double-jabbed and the government has consi..... [more >>](#)

Daily Covid tally hits three-month high at 435

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-26

ISLAMABAD: Covid-19 saw an uptick in cases as over 400 people were found infected in the country after about three months, with one succumbing to the virus on Saturday. As per the data of the National Command and Operation

Centre (NCOC), Pakistan reported 435 cases and a national infection ratio of 3.19pc on Saturday. The last time more than 435 cases were recorded was on March 22 when 443 people..... [more >>](#)

Coronavirus claims two lives, 406 new cases confirmed

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-26

The national corona positivity rate was recorded at 2.81 per cent on Sunday as the National Institute of Health (NIH) confirmed 406 new cases and two deaths in the past 24 hours. The number of corona patients undergoing intensive care across the country has reached 94, as per the NIH. In the last 24 hours, 14,496 tests for corona have been conducted nationwide. Covid-19 infections are steadily rising..... [more >>](#)

Face masks mandatory on local flights

Source: [Mohammad Asghar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-27

RAWALPINDI: The Civil Aviation Authority has made the wearing of face masks mandatory on all domestic flights in response to a surge in Covid-19 infection cases. A CAA spokesman said face masks have been made mandatory again on flights within the country with immediate effect as directed by the competent forum. The remaining Covid-19 guidelines applicable to domestic air travel within Pakistan will..... [more >>](#)

Spike in cases; NCOC reissues Covid SOPs

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-28

ISLAMABAD: Following an increase in the Covid-19 positivity ratio in some cities, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) reissued the directive for adopting coronavirus standard operating procedures (SOPs). A statement issued on the official Twitter handle of the National Institute of Health (NIH) said: "after a slight change in Covid-19 cases in some cities, the NCOC has reissued..... [more >>](#)

PM urges nation to follow Covid SOPs

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-30

ISLAMABAD: As the country reported over 500 cases of Covid-19 after over 100 days, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday expressed concern over the surge while chairing a meeting of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) and appealed to the nation to follow the standard operating procedures (SOPs). The meeting was told that globally, the number of coronavirus cases was witnessing..... [more >>](#)

Islamabad sees surge in Covid cases as positivity rate remains over 3pc

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-30

ISLAMABAD: Though Covid-19 cases in Islamabad have again seen a surge, district health authority is confident that situation will remain under control as 100pc vaccination target has been achieved while 17pc of the population has got booster doses. However, residents have been advised to strictly adhere to the standard operating procedures (SOPs) during pre and post-Eid events. According to data..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Covid positivity rate creeps up to 3.4%

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-30

KARACHI: The positivity rate of Covid-19 continues to rise in Pakistan and is now at 3.41 per cent; a three-month high since March 10, 2022. According to the National Institution of Health (NIH), 641 cases were reported in the past 24 hours, while two people succumbed to the virus and 119 patients were in critical care. More than 18,000 Covid tests were conducted across the country. Data from the health..... [more >>](#)

PM urges nation to follow SOPs amid Covid-19 surge

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-30

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday appealed the nation to follow the anti-Covid SOPs as a surge was being recorded in the coronavirus cases in the country. The prime minister, who chaired a meeting to discuss the Covid situation, said that the front line health workers and doctors had rendered numerous sacrifices to keep the countrymen safe from the disease,, and also paid [more >>](#)

Covid-19; Children aged five to 12 will be vaccinated: Patel

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-30

ISLAMABAD: Following the detection of 541 coronavirus cases, the highest in three months with a positivity ratio of 3.5 percent in the past 24 hours nationwide, the government has decided to fully activate the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) to effectively deal with the spread of the pandemic. Speaking at a press conference, Federal Minister for National Health Services and Regul..... [more >>](#)

Corona positivity ratio rises to over 3pc in country

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-26

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: The coronavirus infection rate in the port city is nearing 20% after more than 200 fresh cases were reported in the last 24 hours, data from the National Institute of Health showed Saturday, reported Geo News. The positivity ratio reached 19.65% after the city registered 246 new coronavirus cases — following the trend of rising Covid infections across the country. In Sin..... [more >>](#)

Possible Covid wave ahead as fresh cases continue

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-27

KARACHI: Warning that hospitalisation of people infected with Covid-19 is likely to increase next week, especially in Karachi, former health director general Dr Rana Muhammad Safdar said on Sunday that positive cases have more than doubled over the previous week, which indicates rapid transmission. Positivity of Covid-19 cases in Karachi jumped to 21.71 per cent after 206 people tested positive w..... [more >>](#)

Corona cases on the rise again

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-28

KARACHI: In a bid to contain the spread of Covid-19 amid the recent spike in new cases, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) Monday declared wearing of masks mandatory for domestic travel. Passengers will be required to wear face masks while travelling in busses, trains and planes, said the NCOC. Earlier, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) had revised the travel advisory for domestic [more >>](#)

Govt decides to 'fully activate' NCOC as Covid cases surge

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-30

ISLAMABAD: The federal government Wednesday decided to fully activate the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) in the light of rising coronavirus cases across the country. A statement from PM's Office said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired an NCOC meeting, where he expressed concerns over the rising Covid-19 cases and issued directives to revive Pakistan's coronavirus respon..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan braces for another potential Covid-19 wave

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-30

Pakistan braces for another potential wave of Covid-19, as the number of cases has been rising in the country, pushing the positivity rate further up. The country reported 406 fresh cases in a single day, the National Institute of

Health, Islamabad (NIH) data showed Sunday morning. The new infections were detected after 14,437 diagnostic tests taking the positivity rate to 2.81%. As per the N..... [more >>](#)

CHOGM discusses post-Covid economic recovery, climate change

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-30

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar led a delegation of Pakistan at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in Kigali, Rwanda on June 24-25. Themed as 'Delivering a common future: connecting, innovating, and Transforming', the summit discussed the issues concerning the Commonwealth, including post-Covid economic recovery, disruptions caused by pan..... [more >>](#)

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Unvaccinated people won't be allowed into govt offices under fresh NCOC guidelines

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-07-01

ISLAMABAD: As the surge in Covid-19 cases continues unabated, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Thursday issued new guidelines suggesting unvaccinated people should not be allowed to enter government offices. Moreover, 641 people were infected with the virus during the past 24 hours, with the national positivity rate touching 3.41 per cent. Two persons succumbed to the virus and..... [more >>](#)

Country registers 641 Covid-19 cases in 24 hours

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-07-01

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has registered 641 Covid-19 cases in the past 24 hours which is the highest number since March 13, 2022, as the country carried out 18,813 coronavirus tests, of which, 641 returned positive reflecting a positivity ratio of 3.41 percent. The Covid-19-related data released by the National Institute of Health, Islamabad (NIH) here on Thursday said that nationwide two more [more >>](#)

Four more succumb to Covid as positivity reaches 4%

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

ISLAMABAD: Four people were reported to have succumbed to Covid-19 in a day, whereas the positivity rate had reached 4%, according to the data released by the National Institution of Health (NIH) on Saturday. As per the NIH's daily tally, 818 people tested positive out of the 18,305 tests conducted in the past day. At least 126 Covid patients remained in critical care. Following SOPs Federa..... [more >>](#)

Four-month high: Covid-19 positivity ratio hits 3.93pc

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-02

ISLAMABAD: The Covid-19 positivity ratio in the country has reached a 4.5-month high at 3.93% in the last 24 hours, the National Institute of Health, Islamabad (NIH) data showed Friday morning. This is the highest positivity ratio since February 19, when it was recorded at 4.15%. According to the latest data from the NIH, during the last 24 hours, 694 fresh Covid-19 cases were reported in the coun..... [more >>](#)

Coronavirus positivity ratio on the rise: NIH

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is witnessing an increase in coronavirus positivity ratio with each passing day, as on Friday the National Institute of Health (NIH) reported 694 fresh Covid-19 cases with a positivity ratio of 3.93 percent which is the highest level of the past four and a half months. According to the latest, Covid-19-related data released by the NIH, during the last 24 hours, 694 fresh C..... [more >>](#)

Sharp increase in corona cases, positivity rate in the region

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-02

Islamabad : The number of patients being diagnosed with coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district has been registering once again a tremendous increase as in the last one week, as many as 421 individuals have been tested positive for COVID-19 while the infection has claimed another two lives from the region. In the last 24 hours, 76 individuals were te..... [more >>](#)

3.5-month high: Pakistan's Covid positivity rate increases to 3.41pc

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-01

ISLAMABAD: The Covid-19 cases in Pakistan are rising with every passing day with 641 fresh infections recorded in the last 24 hours, the National Institute of Health, Islamabad, data showed Thursday morning. This is the highest number of cases reported since March 13, 2022. According to the NIH, the new cases were detected after diagnostic testing on 18,813 samples. However, a slight drop was rec..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Reports 818 Fresh Covid Cases, Four Deaths

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

Pakistan on Saturday reported as many as 818 fresh cases of Covid-19 in the last 24 hours, the National Institute of Health (NIH) data showed. According to the National Institute of Health, 18,305 Covid tests were conducted across the country in past 24 hours, out of which 818 turned out to be positive. The nationwide Covid-19 test positivity ratio remained 4.47 percent, according to the report..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan reports over 800 new cases as Covid positivity climbs to 4.47pc

Source: [Sumaira Raja](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-03

Pakistan on Saturday reported more than 800 cases — the largest daily increase in nearly four months — as the national positivity rate rose to 4.47 per cent. According to the National Institute of Health (NIH), 818 cases were reported in the last 24 hours, up from 694 a day earlier. The number is the highest since March 3 when the country had recorded 953 infections in a day. The pos..... [more >>](#)

Covid caseload touches highest point since March

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-03

Islamabad: Pakistan reported four deaths and 818 new coronavirus infections — the highest number of cases since March 4, 2022 — on Saturday as the national positivity rate touched 4.47 per cent amid non-compliance with anti-Covid measures. At least 126 patients are in critical condition after contracting coronavirus. Meanwhile, Karachi alone reported the highest positivity rate,..... [more >>](#)

Low testing skews data as Covid fatigue sets in

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-04

ISLAMABAD: As the Covid-19 positivity rate hits insane levels in some cities, government officials blame a decline in testing for skewed figures. They believe that both citizens and the health authorities have started taking the

pandemic “as a normal disease” thanks to pandemic fatigue, an expected and natural response to a prolonged public health crisis. Official data released on Su..... [more >>](#)

Health minister urges people to stay indoors during Eid amid rising Covid cases

Source: [Our Correspondent/Radio Pakistan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-04

ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Health Services Abdul Qadir Patel on Monday appealed to the people to stay indoors during the Eid holidays and observe precautionary measures in view of the rising trend of Covid cases. Talking to media in Islamabad earlier today, he said the positivity ratio of coronavirus cases is over four per cent in the country. He said the government has issued the standard..... [more >>](#)

Coronavirus infects 650 more, kills another two across country

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has reported 650 new Covid-19 cases and two deaths during the last 24 hours (Saturday) as the latest Covid-19 wave spreads across the country, showed the figures released by the statistics issued by the National Institute of Health (NIH) Pakistan on Sunday. As per the NIH data, the death toll in Pakistan has soared to 30,401, after the two recent fatalities, whereas the nu..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's Covid-19 case count highest since March

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-07-01

The Covid-19 cases in Pakistan are rising with every passing day with 641 fresh infections recorded on Thursday, National Institute of Health, Islamabad's (NIH) data showed Thursday morning. This is the highest number of cases reported since March 13, 2022. According to the NIH, the new cases were detected after diagnostic testing on 18,813 samples. However, a slight drop was recorded i..... [more >>](#)

Covid positivity ratio climbs to 3.9%

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-07-02

The Covid-19 positivity ratio in the country has reached a 4.5-month high at 3.93% in the 24 hours, National Institute of Health, Islamabad (NIH) data showed Friday morning. This is the highest positivity ratio since February 19, when it was recorded at 4.15%. During the 24 hours, 694 fresh cases were reported in the country after diagnostic testing on 17,640 samples. As per NIH statistics, curre..... [more >>](#)

Covid positivity reaches 4%; four more lose lives

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-07-03

Four people were reported to have succumbed to Covid-19 in a day, whereas the positivity rate had reached 4%, according to the data released by the National Institution of Health (NIH) on Saturday. As per the NIH's daily tally, 818 people tested positive out of the 18,305 tests conducted in the past day. At least 126 Covid patients remained in critical care. According to the National Inst..... [more >>](#)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Health dept decides to broaden Covid-19 surveillance by increasing tests

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-29

PESHAWAR: The health department has decided to broaden surveillance by increasing tests to get clear picture about the Covid-19 positivity and initiate steps accordingly. “Presently, Covid-19 infectivity level is only 0.8 per cent in the province. It is very low but we are doing only 2,000 PCRs per day which cannot reflect the true scenario about the scale of the infection,” a senior [more >>](#)

Punjab

Patients suffer as YDA boycotts OPDs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-15

LAHORE: The Young Doctors Association (YDA) has boycotted Out-Patient Department (OPD) services on the second consecutive day on Tuesday. While protesting over suspension of doctors by Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz during his visit to Sargodha, the young doctors withdrew their services in outdoor wards of seven mega teaching government hospitals in Lahore. As per available information, the outdoor..... [more >>](#)

Death reported due to Covid after a month

Source: [Aamir Yasin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-17

RAWALPINDI: After more than a month, a patient suffering from Covid-19 died in Rawalpindi district and seven others were diagnosed with the disease. Positivity ratio in the district was traced at 0.6 percent. Health experts fear that the virus may be spreading again and authorities concerned have been directed to launch the door-to-door vaccination drive from June 20. Deputy Commissioner Tahir F..... [more >>](#)

Covid, dengue facilities reviewed

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-19

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique said on Saturday that issues including availability of medicines, development projects, universal health insurance and recruitment on vacancies in government hospitals will be resolved soon. A meeting was held on Saturday to review provincial medical facilities under the chairmanship of Provincial Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique. The situatio..... [more >>](#)

Coronavirus, polio situation in Punjab reviewed

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-21

Punjab Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique chaired a meeting in Lahore on Monday to review coronavirus and polio situation in the province. Director EPI Dr. Mukhtar Awan and Deputy Secretary Vertical Programmes Syeda Ramla briefed the minister about the measures taken so far to control coronavirus and polio. Additional Secretary Technical Dr. Asim Altaf and other officers were also present. The provin..... [more >>](#)

Patient succumbs to Covid-19

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-25

RAWALPINDI: One person died of Covid-19 in the garrison city and four people got infected on Friday as positivity ratio in the city was calculated at 1.3pc. On the other hand, four patients were discharged from hospitals after recovering during the last 24 hours. The deceased was identified as Sakina Bibi, 70, a resident of Dhoke Mustaqeem. She was brought to Fauji Foundation Hospital on June 23..... [more >>](#)

Rawalpindi reports 14 more Covid cases

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-26

RAWALPINDI: As many as 14 people tested positive of Covid-19 in the district on Saturday and four patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery in the last 24 hours. The positivity ratio was recorded at 1.34 per cent, as 1,044 samples were collected and 1,030 of them were declared negative. There are 89 active patients in the district and all of them are home isolated. Officials said 12 [more >>](#)

Face masks mandatory on local flights

Source: [Mohammad Asghar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-27

RAWALPINDI: The Civil Aviation Authority has made the wearing of face masks mandatory on all domestic flights in response to a surge in Covid-19 infection cases. A CAA spokesman said face masks have been made mandatory again on flights within the country with immediate effect as directed by the competent forum. The remaining Covid-19 guidelines applicable to domestic air travel within Pakistan wo..... [more >>](#)

56 people test positive for Covid in Lahore

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-28

LAHORE: Punjab health authorities have alerted public to take preventive measures as the Covid-19 is spreading again across the province, particularly in Lahore. Official figures say 69 people have tested positive for the virus during the last 24 hours across Punjab, taking the ratio to 1.2 per cent. The Covid claimed the life of a critical patient in Faisalabad on Monday. Of the new positive c..... [more >>](#)

Punjab directs hospitals to expedite Covid-19 testing process

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-28

LAHORE: The Punjab government has asked the management of public sector hospitals in the province to provide quality healthcare facilities to the Corona patients and also intensified the coronavirus testing process. Provincial Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique said this while addressing a meeting which was attended by Additional Secretary Technical Dr Asim Altaf, Chief Planning Officer Abdul Ha..... [more >>](#)

Covid claims life in Lahore; 55 new cases confirmed

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-29

LAHORE: With a new death, Punjab reported 55 more new confirmed cases of Covid-19 during the last 24 hours, taking the total number to 508,167. According to officials, the Covid-related death occurred in Lahore and the total number of deaths due to the virus reached 13,570 across the province. They said of the total new positive cases, 43 were reported in Lahore, eight in Rawalpindi while others..... [more >>](#)

First case of cat-to-human Covid transfer reported

Source: [Dawn Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-30

LAHORE: Scientists in Thailand have reported the first solid evidence of a pet cat infecting a person — a veterinary surgeon — with Covid-19, though researchers say such cases of cat-to-human transmission are probably rare. As per a report published in the science journal Nature on Wednesday, researchers said the results were convincing, but were surprised it took this long to establi..... [more >>](#)

Another Covid death in Lahore

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-30

LAHORE: Covid claimed the life of another patient in the city during the last 24 hours. In Lahore, the positivity ratio of the virus was recorded 3.1pc during the same period. However, the new positive cases witnessed a slight decrease as 91 more patients tested positive for the virus, taking the total number to 58,258. As per health department figures, out of the new cases, 58 were reported in [more >>](#)

Pakistan Reports 694 Coronavirus Cases, No Death In 24 Hours

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-01

Pakistan has reported no death in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has risen to 1,536,479. The nationwide tally of fatalities stands at 30,395 on Friday. According to the latest figures by the

National Institute of Health (NIH), at least 694 persons were tested positive for COVID-19 across the country in the past 24 hours. Pakistan has conducted 17,640 tests..... [more >>](#)

Hospitals asked to make contingency plan for corona patients treatment

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-02

LAHORE: The Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) on Friday directed the private hospitals, which have previously been providing treatment to COVID-19 patients, to have contingency plans for making arrangements on a notice of 48 hours. A spokesperson for the Punjab Healthcare Commission said that it has been observed that most of the hospitals have reduced or discontinued COVID-19 treatment facilities..... [more >>](#)

Covid vaccination stepped up amid fresh surge in cases

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-04

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi health department has stepped up vaccination in the wake of the resurgence of the fifth wave of coronavirus in the district. Citizens have completely abandoned following coronavirus SOPs, increasing the risk of contracting the lethal virus again. A total of 18 coronavirus-positive cases were reported in the Rawalpindi district during the last 24 hours with a positivity..... [more >>](#)

Eid-ul-Azha; Citizens advised to adopt precautionary steps against Covid-19

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-04

RAWALPINDI: The citizens have been advised to adopt all possible precautionary measures to avoid Corona and Congo viruses on Eid-ul-Azha. According to a district administration spokesman, the district administration had set up 11 cattle markets for the sale of sacrificial animals in the Rawalpindi district. The administration on the directives of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rawalpindi Tahir..... [more >>](#)

Sindh

Covid-19 positivity in Karachi, Hyderabad over 10pc

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-21

ISLAMABAD: Covid-19 rears its ugly head again as the country has reported the highest number of cases over the past around 80 days, with the positivity ratio in Karachi and Hyderabad surpassing 10 per cent. National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) member Dr Shahzad Ali Khan said the rising number of cases showed that effectiveness of the vaccine was reducing because of the time lapse and sugg..... [more >>](#)

Spike in Covid cases may turn into sixth wave, warn medical experts

Source: [Faiza Ilyas](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-22

KARACHI: While the majority of the people currently infected with new Covid-19 variants are experiencing a mild disease and recovering at home, there is a dire need that people resume wearing face masks and maintain social distancing at public places to prevent the fast transmission of the new variants, warned health experts on Tuesday. According to health department officials, Karachi is the mos..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 guidelines reinstated in Karachi to mitigate 'alarming' rise in cases

Source: [Sameer Mandhro](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-24

The Sindh government has reinstated non-pharmaceutical intervention (NPI) guidelines for Karachi to mitigate the "alarming" rise of Covid-19 infections in Karachi. As per the directives issued by Director General Health Services Sindh, the new NPIs include wearing of masks, social distancing at public gatherings, and the reduction of passenger occupancy in public transport to 70 per cent..... [more >>](#)

Karachi's Covid positivity jumps to 21.2%

Source: Sameer Mandhro, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-23

KARACHI: The Covid-19 positivity rate in the country's largest city of Karachi has risen above 21%, said health authorities on Thursday after 138 more people from the metropolis tested positive for the virus. With a positivity rate of 21.23%, the port city has the highest number of cases of any town or city in the country with more half the reported national cases emerging from Karachi, disc..... [more >>](#)

BA.5 Omicron variant reported in Sindh

Source: News Desk, [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-20

The BA.5 Omicron variant of Covid-19 has entered Pakistan and many cases have been reported from Karachi and Hyderabad, the Sindh Health Department announced on Sunday. The BA.5 Omicron variant was first identified in South Africa in November. Meanwhile, the positivity rate of Covid-19 cases in Islamabad has also surged to 4.10%. District Health Officer (DHO) Sunday said out of 1,098 samples colle..... [more >>](#)

Covid cases see slight uptick in Pakistan

Source: News Desk, [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-21

Pakistan is witnessing another surge in Covid-19 cases as 171 confirmed cases were reported by the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Monday. The rise in active cases in different cities has risen, with 57 coronavirus patients in critical care at present. No deaths have been reported so far. The national positivity rate stands at 1.53 per cent, whereas that of Sindh has been recorded to be as..... [more >>](#)

8.4% Covid positivity in Sindh rings alarm bells

Source: News Desk, [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-23

Health authorities and doctors have raised alarm over the rising positivity ratio of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) in the country, particularly in Karachi where some 57 cases were confirmed on Wednesday with a positivity ratio of 8.04%. Doctors have expressed the fear that unless arrested through emergency measures, the rising positivity ratio could lead to an overloading of hospitals soon. Da..... [more >>](#)

Karachi reports over 21% Covid positivity rate

Source: News Desk, [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-24

The Sindh Health Department Thursday said the Covid-19 positivity rate in the port city of Karachi had risen above 21% after 138 more people tested positive. With a positivity rate of 21.23%, the city has the highest number of cases of any town or city in the country with more half the reported national cases emerging from Karachi. The health department's data showed that a total of 650 pat..... [more >>](#)

Another 138 test positive for Covid-19 in Karachi

Source: News Desk, [The News, International](#), 2022-06-24

karachi: The trend of the surging Covid-19 cases in Karachi continued on Thursday with 138 out of 650 suspected patients testing positive. The detection rate of Covid-19 patients in Karachi was calculated to be 21.23 per cent. Both the number of cases and detection rate in Karachi witnessed an increase as a day earlier on Wednesday, 67 new cases of the viral disease were detected after sample of..... [more >>](#)

Sixth wave?

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#), 2022-06-24

The fears that Pakistan had not seen the last of Covid-19 may just be coming true. The country recorded 268 cases on Wednesday, the second day when over 200 cases were recorded in the country and the positivity rate in Karachi stood at 21 per cent. These are the highest rates since January last year. By all estimations, the new variant of the virus – B.5 – has struck and people seem to..... [more >>](#)

Karachi's positivity ratio nears 22pc amid Covid surge

Source: [Qazi Hassan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-26

Pakistan reported more than 400 coronavirus cases for a second consecutive day on Sunday as Karachi's positivity rate was recorded as 21.71 per cent — the highest in the country. Data released by the National Institute of Health (NIH) showed that 406 Covid-19 cases were reported across the country during the last 24 hours. A day earlier, 435 cases were reported — the highest number..... [more >>](#)

People urged to get booster dose amid Covid surge

Source: [Faiza Ilyas, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-27

KARACHI: As the Covid-19 positivity rate rose in the city from 15.85 per cent to 21.7pc in three days with one death on Sunday, health experts urged the general public to get their booster doses. According to the provincial data, a person died of the virus in the city, which reported 206 new cases. The general public isn't taking the warnings over coronavirus seriously and the turnover for..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan orders masks on domestic flights as COVID numbers rise

Source: [Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-27

KARACHI: Pakistan's aviation regulator has made masks mandatory on domestic flights given a gradual rise in the number of COVID-19 cases across the country, it said a statement. The order comes a day after Pakistan's biggest city, Karachi, reported that its COVID-19 positivity ratio, or the rate of positive cases out of all tests conducted, rose to 21% compared with a national rate of [more >>](#)

Covid-19 Positivity rate in Karachi soars to alarming levels

Source: [NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-27

KARACHI: The fresh wave of Covid-19 seems to be hitting Karachi hard as the test-to-positivity ratio in the megacity has climbed to nearly 22%. As per the data obtained on Sunday, Karachi is the most-affected city of Pakistan followed by Mardan and Hyderabad. The sub-variants of Omicron variant of Covid-19 are accounting for most of the new cases. Some 949 tests for detection of the virus were..... [more >>](#)

Covid testing to be ramped up in Karachi amid alarming surge

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-28

Amid an alarming rise in the coronavirus positivity rate across Sindh, especially in Karachi, the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) and the provincial health department agreed on Tuesday to increase testing to curb the infections. The meeting between the health department and the NCOC came after the latter was directed by Health Minister Qadir Patel to approach the former and formulate..... [more >>](#)

NCOC, Sindh deliberate strategy to tackle Covid

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-29

ISLAMABAD: As over 70 per cent coronavirus cases across the country are being reported from Karachi alone, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Tuesday held a meeting with Sindh health officials to formulate

a strategy at provincial level. While the national positivity rate was 2.42pc, it was as high as 9.21pc in Karachi. At least two Covid-19 patients died and 333 new cases were [more >>](#)

IG orders police to wear masks as positivity rate surges

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-06-29

KARACHI: Following the increase in corona cases in Sindh, the Inspector General has made it mandatory for police personnel to wear masks According to a notification issued, in view of the increase in Covid cases in Karachi, it has been made mandatory for police personnel to wear face masks while on duty. The notification further said that the rate of coronavirus cases in Karachi has reached 21 p..... [more >>](#)

Sindh rules out lockdown in Karachi despite surge in Covid cases

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-06-30

KARACHI: While ruling out lockdown like restrictions amid growing cases of Covid-19 in Karachi, health authorities on Wednesday hinted at return of certain protocols and curbs in 'all indoor spaces', including wearing face masks and social distancing measures. The deliberations were made at a meeting of senior officials chaired by Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho, who calle..... [more >>](#)

Spread of Covid-19

Source: [Recorder Green](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-06-30

KARACHI: Sindh government has directed to follow Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) to prevent the spread of Covid-19 after its recent exponential surge. According to a circular issued with the approval of Chief Secretary Sindh, all the officers and officials of Sindh Secretariat have been directed to ensure wearing of masks, while the visitors shall be mandatory required to wear masks withi..... [more >>](#)

Covid positivity drops in Karachi as screening stepped up

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-06-29

KARACHI: The Covid-19 positivity rate dropped to 9.21 percent on Tuesday from 22.65 percent on the previous day after the health authorities doubled the screening in the city, as the health experts said those who had first and second booster doses of the Covid-19 vaccines and had natural immunity, were also being infected with the new 'subvariants' of the Omicron variant. "Despi..... [more >>](#)

Karachi reports highest number of weekly Covid-19 cases

Source: [Hafeez Tunio](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-07-01

KARACHI: Provincial authorities on Friday revealed that Karachi has the highest number of weekly Covid-19 cases in the country and around 19 per cent of the cases reported in Sindh were detected in the metropolis. During the Covid-19 task force meeting held today, Secretary Health Dr Kazim Hussain Jatoi briefed the attendees on the increasing trend of Covid-19 cases across Pakistan. Jatoi state..... [more >>](#)

People urged to get booster shots

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2022-07-01

KARACHI: There is a need to convince people to take booster shots of Covid vaccine besides adopting SOPs like wearing masks and social distancing as the new variant of the pandemic has emerged in the city, said Sindh Minister for Health and Population Welfare Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho. In a meeting with Director EPI, Dr. Irshad Memon and Covid Focal Person, Dr. Sohail Shiekh today to discuss the ris..... [more >>](#)

Perturbed at upward trajectory of Covid cases, Murad warns of tough decisions ahead

Source: [Tahir Siddiqui, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Friday warned of taking what he called tough decisions if the upward trend in Covid-19 cases was not controlled before Eidul Azha, local government elections and Muharram. "The situation can easily be controlled through adopting standard operating procedures (SOPs), such as wearing masks, avoiding handshake, ensuring social distancing and washi..... [more >>](#)

Control Covid, or be ready for tough decisions: CM

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that Covid positivity rate has shown an upward trend during the last week of June. The fresh wave of contagion needs to be controlled before the advent of major events such as of Eidul Azha, local government elections and Muharram, otherwise the government would have no option but to take some tough decisions, the top executive of the province..... [more >>](#)

Surge in Covid cases; Murad urges following SOPs before it is too late

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-02

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that the COVID cases during the last week of June have shown an upward trend and it needs to be controlled before the advent of major events such as of Eidul Azha, local government elections and Muharram; otherwise the government would have no option but to take some tough decisions. "This situation can easily be controlled t..... [more >>](#)

Citizens asked to get booster doses as Covid claims two lives in Sindh

Source: [M. Waqar Bhatti, The News, International](#), 2022-07-01

karachi: Authorities in Pakistan advised all citizens of 12 years and above, including healthcare workers and immunocompromised people, to get their first or second booster dose if they are fully vaccinated after two more persons died due to Covid-19 and hospitalisation started to increase in the country, especially at Karachi's hospitals. The highest number of cases were reported from Kara..... [more >>](#)

Karachi's Covid infection rate down to 9%

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2022-06-29

The Covid-19 positivity ratio in the metropolis witnessed a decrease and reached 9% on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the Sindh government has closed the Expo Centre's mass vaccination facility for COVID-19 in the city as people are not visiting to get themselves vaccinated anymore. According to the health department, the positivity rate of the virus has been recorded at 9.21%. Around 2,607 coronaviru..... [more >>](#)

Spike after four months 800 new infections in Pakistan

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2022-07-03

ISLAMABAD: Coronavirus cases witnessed a sharp increase in the country after more than 800 infections were registered in the last 24 hours, up from 694 a day earlier, official statistics showed Saturday morning. This was the first time in nearly four months that the infections moved past 800, as the country had recorded 796 cases on March 4, but there was a gradual decline since then. Infections t..... [more >>](#)

Two dead, 20 hospitalised as 528 more contract Covid in Karachi

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2022-07-03

karachi: An increase in the screening for Covid-19 shows that Karachi continues to be the most affected city. On Saturday two people died and 20 others were admitted to different hospitals because of the infectious disease,

according to officials. They said that 528 more people tested positive for Covid after 3,095 tests were carried out over the past 24 hours, showing the city's rate of po..... [more >>](#)

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S Arabia eases Covid measures as first Haj pilgrims arrive

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-14

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia said on Monday it would no longer require masks in most enclosed spaces, further easing pandemic restrictions ahead of next month's Haj pilgrimage. The move comes as the kingdom prepares to welcome around 850,000 pilgrims from abroad to participate in the annual Haj. The first batch of foreign pilgrims since before the Covid-19 pandemic began arriving from Indonesia jus..... [more >>](#)

US approves Covid vaccines for youngest children

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-18

WASHINGTON: The US Food and Drug Administration granted emergency authorization Friday for the use of Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines in the youngest children, the final age group awaiting immunization in most countries. The agency, whose approval is considered the global gold standard, authorized Moderna's two-dose vaccine for children aged six months to five years, and three doses of..... [more >>](#)

Too late to lift Covid vaccine patents?

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-20

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreed last week to temporarily lift patents on Covid-19 vaccines after two years of bruising negotiations, but experts expressed scepticism that the deal will have a major impact on global vaccination inequality. The unprecedented agreement, sealed by all 164 WTO members after late-night overtime talks, will grant developing countries the right to produce Covid..... [more >>](#)

Beijing to reopen schools, Shanghai declares victory over Covid

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-06-25

Beijing on Saturday said it would allow primary and secondary schools to resume in-person classes and Shanghai's top party boss declared victory over Covid after the city reported zero new local cases for the first time in two months. The two major cities were among several places in China that implemented curbs to stop the spread of the Omicron wave during March to May, with Shanghai imposin..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's performance during Covid-19 important lesson for world

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-06-25

Centre for Aerospace and Strategic Studies (CASS) Director of Economic Affairs and National Development Dr Usman W Chohan on Friday said Pakistan's distinct performance in managing the COVID-19 served as an important lesson for the rest of the world. This was one of the key messages at the launch ceremony of the book "Pandemics & Public Value Management", held here at the CA..... [more >>](#)

North Korea suggests balloons flown from South brought Covid-19

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-02

SEOUL: North Korea suggested on Friday its Covid-19 outbreak began in people who had contact with balloons flown from South Korea — a highly questionable claim that appeared to be an attempt to hold its rival responsible amid increasing tensions over its nuclear programme. Activists for years have flown balloons across the border to distribute hundreds of thousands of propaganda leaflets cr..... [more >>](#)

Covid air war being lost, experts warn

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-03

PARIS: The world is still not using one of its most effective weapons against Covid -- properly ventilating public spaces -- more than two years into the pandemic, experts warn. At the moment there is a "fragile, armed peace" with Covid-19, said Antoine Flahault, director of the Institute of Global Health at the University of Geneva. "In the hopes of stemming the tide of the pande..... [more >>](#)

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Women's role in ecosystem restoration

Source: [Ali Rehmat Shimshali](#), [The High Asia Herald](#), 2022-06-20

Have you ever imagined progress of a society, or a nation without women? To answer this question, let us confine it to our homes. What troubles do we face in the absence of our moms and sisters? They are nucleus in every family and society. When the nucleus breaks the entire system collapses. So how can we imagine overcoming issues like global warming, conflict, disasters, and other crises without..... [more >>](#)

Winning back the Fund – and the people

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-22

The good news is that the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has formally recognized that Pakistan has completed its two action plans covering 34 action items. With this, Pakistan met all technical requirements to exit from the FATF's list (grey list) of countries with serious deficiencies in anti-money laundering (AML) and counterterrorism financing (CTF) framework. Exit from the 'gr..... [more >>](#)

Guest Editorial: Finding a cure

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-26

The start of Modern Industrial Age was based on a big push for investment in fossil fuels. The countries with high per capita availability and consumption of total primary energy supply (TPES) have a high human development index (HDI). Realising that fossil fuels contribute to climate change, the world is moving towards renewable energy. Compared to [more >>](#)

Ensuring water security

Source: [Shafqat Kakakhel](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-06-27

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ISLAMABAD, Jun 14 (APP): Minister of State for Finance Dr Aisha Ghaus Pasha on Tuesday said the country needed to review its progress over the accomplishment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) critically amid decisive role of parliamentarians. The SDGs Secretariat hosted a briefing session on "Post-Budget Analysis – with SDGs lens" in its secretariat at Parliament House. P..... [more >>](#)

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