

## NEWS UPDATE FROM PAKISTAN

The **COVID-19** virus was confirmed to have reached Pakistan on 26 February 2020. On 18 March, cases had been registered in all four provinces, the two autonomous territories, and Islamabad Capital Territory, and by 17 June, each district in Pakistan had recorded at least one confirmed case of COVID-19.

The distribution of COVID-19 in Pakistan is heavily concentrated in a few key areas. The city of Karachi (as of 05 September 2020) has recorded about 84,000 confirmed cases, making up about 28% of all cases of COVID-19 in Pakistan. Meanwhile, Lahore, the country's second-largest city, has recorded (as of 05 September 2020) 49,000 cases of COVID-19, making up about 16% of the country's cases. Islamabad Capital Territory and Peshawar District have also both recorded over 10,000 cases. Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, and Peshawar account for about 163,000 cases, which make up nearly 55% of the country's total confirmed cases. **As of 14 September there were 302,020 confirmed cases, 6,383 deaths, 289,806 recoveries, and 551 critical cases.**

As of September, life has returned to normal, with public places open, and classes to start soon.

**The flash Flood in August** due to three days of heavy monsoon rains killed at least 50 people in various parts of Pakistan. Every year, many cities in Pakistan struggle to cope with the annual monsoon deluge, drawing criticism about poor planning. The monsoon season runs from July through September, during which swelling rivers cause damage to crops and infrastructure. Rains also partially damaged about 100 homes and caused a breach in a main flooded canal, inundating villages in Sindh province.



Please pray for COVID19 affected people in Pakistan, and also by the floods.

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