

Update 32: Pakistan - Reports New Cases of UK COVID-19 Variant

- Pakistan government has warned people to follow COVID-19 precautionary guidelines and get vaccinated as the country has confirmed the presence of the UK strain of COVID-19
- The new COVID-19 strain was detected in the UK in December 2020 and is hugely more transmissible than the virus's previous version
- The Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) said that Pakistan is among 92 countries in the world where the strain has been detected
- The new strain is being seen across the world and continues to be detected in samples in Pakistan
- The ministry asked the people that they should more vigorously follow the guidelines to avoid infection and seek vaccination as the ultimate solution
- As of now, the country has reported 579,973 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 12,860 deaths, 2.21% of total reported cases, and 545,277 recoveries, 94.01% of the total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 0.25% and 0.005%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination (<http://www.nhs.gov.pk/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Pakistan

Source(s)

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- <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/pakistan-confirms-presence-of-new-uk-strain-asks-people-to-get-vaccinated/articleshow/81255754.cms>
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- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/pakistan/>

Targets Affected:

Pakistan

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Update 28: Pakistan - Lockdown Imposed in 13 Areas Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 22: Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan - Decides to Reimpose Lockdown Amid Spike in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 13: Pakistan - GDP Expected to Decline by 0.4% in 2020, First Contraction in 68 Years Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 12: Pakistan - World Health Organization Recommends Re-imposing 'Intermittent Lockdown' as COVID-19 Cases Increase

May 30, 2020

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Update 11: Pakistan - Resumes International Flight Operations Despite Increase in COVID-19 Infections

May 18, 2020

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Update 10: Pakistan - Businesses to Remain Closed from May 22 Until May 27 During Festival Holidays to Contain COVID-19 Infections

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Update 9: Pakistan - Resumes Domestic Flights from May 16, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 8: Pakistan - Domestic Flights Suspended Until May 29; Warns of Reimposing Restrictions as COVID-19 Infections Increase

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Update 7: Pakistan - Extends Suspension of Domestic Flights Until May 13, 2020

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Update 6: Pakistan - Eases COVID-19 Restrictions from May 9, 2020

April 30, 2020

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Update 5: Pakistan - Prepares to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions as Cases Fall Below Projections

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Update 4: Pakistan - Suspends International Flight Operations Until May 15, 2020

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Update 3: Pakistan - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown Until May 9, 2020

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Update 2: Pakistan - Extends Lockdown Until April 30, 2020

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Update 1: Pakistan - Fears Recession as GDP Expected to Contract by 2.2% Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

April 8, 2020

Immediate

Pakistan - Reports 4,005 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and 54 Related Deaths

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
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