

WHO recommends Pakistan reimpose intermittent lockdowns as cases jump



Geneva, June 10 (RHC)-- The World Health Organization has recommended Pakistani authorities to reimpose "intermittent lockdowns" of targeted areas, stating the country did not meet the global body's conditions for lifting restrictions.

A surge of new cases has hit Pakistan after the government lifted its lockdown on May 9 citing economic pressures. 108,316 cases and 2,172 deaths have been recorded, with a single-day record of 105 fatalities.

More than one in five people have tested positive for coronavirus over the last two weeks, compared with one in 10 before the lockdown was lifted, government statistics showed.

"WHO strongly recommends the government adapt the two weeks off and two weeks on strategy," said the letter signed by WHO's Head of Mission in Pakistan Dr Palitha Mahipala.

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