

Smart lockdown begins across Karachi

KARACHI: 'Smart lockdowns' have begun in Covid-19 hotspots in various localities of Karachi.

According to a notification issued by the Karachi Commissioner's Office late on Wednesday night, the smart lockdowns are put in place to control the spread of the coronavirus. The lockdown started from 7pm (Thursday) and will remain effective till July 2.

Following is the list of areas in Karachi that will be put under lockdown:

a. District Korangi:

Korangi Town: UC-2 Makhdoom Bilawal, Qayyomabad A & B Area, Allahwala Town, Nasir Colony, P&T Colony, Darrusalam.

Malir Town: UC-1 Moinabad Phase 3, SI, 35/3 Model Colony, Jaffar Bagh and Nashtar Square.

Landhi Town: UC-9 36-B Area near to Street Rehmania Masjid, Awami Colony, Imambargh Wali Asar Area and Power House Area.

Shah Faisal Town: UC-7 Millat Town, Al-Falah Society and Malir Halt and UC-9 CAA Colony, Cantt. Bazar and Old Iqbalabad.

b. District South:

UC Karachi Cantonment: Barzata Line and Doli Khata.

UC Kharadar-3: Lee Market

UC Saddar-8: Burns Road, MA Jinnah Road, Main Saddar and Urdu Bazaar.

UC DHA Phase VI: Khayaban-e-Badar and Khayaban-e-Muhafiz.

UC Lyari: Agra Taj-2 and Behar Colony.

c. District East:

Gulshan Town: UC-1 Muhammad Ali Society, UC-2 Bahadurabad and Block 14, UC-4 Essa Nagri, UC-6 Block 13 (A&C), UC-7 Gulshan-e-Jamal, UC-8 13-D/II, UC-9 Block 7, UC-10 Block 14, 15, 11, Gulistan-e-Johar Block 2, UC-12 Sachal Goth and Rabia Petal, UC-13 Safoora, UC-14 Ruffi Lake Drive Inn and Gulistan-e-Johar Block 13.

Jamshed Town: UC-6 PECHS Block 2 Tariq Road and Block 6, UC-7 PECHS Block II and Block 6, UC-8 Balti Mohalla, UC-10 Martin Quarters and Fatima Jinnah Colony, UC-11 Jamat Khana, Jahangir Road Quarters No. 02, Jahangir Road No. 01, Teen Hatti and Bijli Ground, UC-12 Solider Bazar Numaish Area.

d. District West:

UC-5 (Songal): Gulshan-e-Maymar and Khuda Ki Basti Phase 2.

UC-3 (Islam Nagar): Naval Colony, Sector 4.

UC-5 (Saeedabad): Area 5G, 5J, A3.

UC-4 (Metroville): Block 3.

UC-6 (Frontier Colony): Sector 4 & 5 near Malakand Hospital, Ismaili Quarters.

UC-6 (Ghaziabad): Christian Colony.

e. District Malir:

UC-3 (Cattle Colony): Road No. 09, (Complete Commercial Market area).

Gulshan-e-Hadeed-6: Complete Commercial Markets of Phase-I & Phase-II.

UC-5 (Jaffer e Tayyar): Jinnah Square Commercial Market.

UC-1 (Muzafarabad): D Area (Main Commercial Market Road from 50 Bedded Hospital to 52 Wing Pakistan Rangers), Old Area (Main Commercial Market Road), Jacob Line (Main Commercial Market Road), Majeed Colony Sector I & II (Main Commercial Markets and Muzafarabad Rerhi Road (Main Commercial Markets from Hospital Chowrangi to Hussain Chowrangi).

UC-3 (Dawood Chowrangi): Main Commercial Markets from Dawood Chowrangi towards 89 Petrol Pump.

UC-4 (Quaidabad): Main Quaidabad, Gosht Gali, Murghi Khana Main Commercial Market, Majeed Panwala area near Mobile Market and All Mobile Markets.

According to the notification, the movement of residents in these areas will be 'strictly restricted' while anyone going in or out of the areas will be required to wear a mask. Only one person from each household will be allowed outside to buy groceries or other essential items by showing their Computerised National Identity Card (CNIC) to officials from law enforcement agencies.

Only grocery shops and pharmacies will be allowed to remain open while all industrial units in the areas will remain closed. Takeaways and home deliveries of food items will also not be allowed.

The notification added that residents will not be allowed to hold private gatherings inside their homes. No joy riding or pillion riding will be allowed while operations of public and private transport services including Careem, Airlift, Swvl and Uber shall remain suspended.

It added that that the government would try to provide rations to needy families in the areas using its own resources as well as through the help of charitable organisations and would also try to provide mobile dispensaries for the residents.

The notification directed the deputy commissioners to coordinate with the health and law enforcement departments including police and Rangers in providing logistical support to implement the lockdown.