

## [Pima appeals to govt to review strategy](#)

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KARACHI: Criticising the government for relaxing the lockdown without putting in place an effective mechanism to ensure implementation of SOPs by traders and discipline by the general public, the Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) appealed on Wednesday to the government to review its strategy.

“The SOPs are shattered both by people and traders. Millions of people have flooded shops and markets of non-essential goods as soon as the lockdown is relaxed, multiplying the risk of exponential spread of coronavirus infection in a matter of days,” it said.

It also criticised law enforcement agencies for not acting against those violating SOPs and said that the already fragile and long neglected healthcare system would surely collapse in such circumstances.

“We have already warned that the lower level of literacy, poor understanding of gravity of illness and the state of denial among the masses under the influence of fake social media propaganda will never let people follow the SOPs of trading practices and the same has been witnessed. “

The healthcare professionals, the association said, were under tremendous stress as cases were on the rise in the public and more and more healthcare workers were contracting infection.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Pakistan Medical Association met the health minister and discussed issues pertaining to healthcare workers in the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

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## **Doctors oppose softening lockdown**

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KARACHI - Experts and Doctors on the other hand had strictly opposed softening the lockdown and feared that it will open floodgates for the Covid-19. "It is known to all that in case of increase in number of corona patients, the system will not be able to take care to all patients. As at the moment there are few corona dedicated beds available in five public sector hospitals in Karachi," the officer bearers of Pakistan Medical Association maintained in a presser earlier. They feared that after the gradual relaxation in lockdown in all over the country, keeping in view unawareness of our people, undisciplined attitude and obstinate behavior, the floodgate of Covid-19 patients would open in the society. "Lockdown has been relaxed in other countries when the number of cases is on declining trend but in Pakistan the cases are already increasing and any relaxation will rapidly increase them further," they had told earlier and advised the government to listen the voice of WHO, which time and again calling for the lockdown as an only effective preventive measure against the virus.

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## کورونا سے جاں بحق طبی عملے کے اہل خانہ کی مالی مدد کی جائیگی' وزیر صحت

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پی پی پی اے، پیما اور پی ایس او آرایل کے ایک مشترکہ وفد نے گزشتہ روز وزیر صحت سے ملاقات کی۔ وفد ڈاکٹر غلام رسول بھورو صدر پی پی اے سندھ، ڈاکٹر خالد شفیع جنرل سیکرٹری پی پی پی اے سندھ، پروفیسر جمال رضا ڈائریکٹر این آئی سی ایچ، پروفیسر شجاع فرخ صدر پی ایس او آرایل سندھ، ڈاکٹر عاطف حفیظ صدیقی پاکستان اسلامک میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن پر مشتمل تھا۔ وزیر صحت سندھ نے وفد کو سندھ میں کورونا مریضوں کے لیے بستروں کی گنجائش میں اضافے کے بارے میں آگاہ کیا۔ انہوں نے وفد کو پیما اور پی ایس او اے سمیت مختلف پیشہ ور تنظیموں کے مطالبات کے نتیجے میں کیے جانے والے حکومتی فیصلوں کے بارے میں بھی بتایا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کورونا کے باعث شعبہ صحت سے وابستہ جاں بحق ہونے والے ڈاکٹرز اور نیم طبی عملے کے اہل خانہ کو معاوضہ ادا کیا جائے گا، کورونا یونٹس میں کام کرنے والے ڈاکٹروں اور پیرا میڈیکس کے لیے رسک الاؤنس بالترتیب 1000 اور 500 روپے روزانہ مقرر کیا گیا ہے، سندھ کے تمام ہیلتھ کیئر پروفیشنلز کے لیے ایک ماہ کی بونس تنخواہ کا بھی اعلان جلد کیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ شعبہ صحت کے پیشہ ور افراد اگر کورونا سے متاثر ہوتے ہیں تو وہ سرکاری اخراجات پر کسی بھی نجی اسپتال میں علاج کے اہل ہوں گے۔

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