

Govt asked to resume Covid-19 jobs for health workers

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KARACHI: The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) representatives on Friday at a press conference organised at PMA House demanded that the federal government immediately resume registration for Covid-19 vaccination of health workers below 60 years of age.

“The registration for Covid-19 vaccination has been stopped over a week ago without any intimation. Both healthcare workers’ portal 1166 and website for registration are currently inactive,” Dr Qaiser Sajjad representing the PMA said, regretting that the government’s questionable decision had come at a time when the number of coronavirus cases and mortalities were on the rise.

Health workers warned against refusing to get vaccinated

“This short-sighted decision may have far-reaching implications as the UK variant prevalent in parts of the country, particularly in Punjab, has high transmissibility and lethality and the positivity rate has climbed above 10 per cent.”

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According to the PMA data, coronavirus has so far claimed the lives of 221 health professionals across the country, including 190 doctors.

“The government must ensure implementation of SOPs and show no relaxation in any SOPs unless 70 to 75 per cent of the population is vaccinated across the country,” he said.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho in a message has warned that the department will sack health workers refusing to get vaccinated.

“Non-vaccinated healthcare workers pose grave risk to others and they will not be allowed to practice,” she said.

No serious side-effects of vaccine

According to the official data, out of the 142,315 healthcare workers registered so far for Covid-19 vaccination, 108,959 have received the vaccine jab while 33,356 health professionals haven't registered.

“There may be some disinformation regarding the vaccine which is why some healthcare workers might haven't opted for vaccination. But, they should know that the vaccine hasn't caused any serious side-effects in any recipient including those in their 80s and 90s,” she said.

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Healthcare workers' registration for Covid-19 vaccination suspended: PMA

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The registration of healthcare workers for Covid-19 vaccination has remained suspended at least for the last 10 days, which is resulting in unrest and apprehensions among the medical fraternity at a time when the provincial government is threatening to terminate all medical workers who would not get themselves vaccinated.

This was stated by Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) office-bearers while addressing a news conference in Karachi on Friday. They urged the government to facilitate thousands of healthcare workers who were willing to get vaccinated against the infectious disease but were being denied the service at adult vaccination centres (AVCs) in Karachi and other cities of Sindh.

“The registration of healthcare workers above 60 has not been carried out for the last 10 days, and when they approach adult vaccination centres, they are told that as they are not registered with the 1166 or NIMS, they can't get vaccinated,” said Dr Qaiser Sajjad, secretary general of the PMA.

He urged provincial health minister Dr Azra Pechuho to immediately withdraw her warning to the healthcare workers regarding their job termination.

Accompanied by Dr Qazi Muhammad Wasiq, Dr Mirza Ali, Dr Muhammad Sharif Hashmani and Dr Abdul Ghafoor Shoro, Dr Sajjad said that earlier it was assumed that healthcare workers were reluctant to get themselves vaccinated because of some confusions and misconceptions, but since the establishment of a vaccination centre at the PMA House Karachi, it had been observed that doctors were eagerly coming to this centre, and hundreds of them have got themselves inoculated.

“We are thankful to Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho, Sindh health minister, for establishing a corona vaccination centre for healthcare workers at the PMA House Karachi. We are also thankful to the DHO South and his team for making all arrangements to run this centre,” he said but added that it was very disappointing that for the last 10 days, the registration of healthcare workers had not been done.

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Unfortunately, said Dr Sajjad, this was happening when the number of Covid-19 cases was increasing geometrically in Pakistan and the number of deaths was also increasing.

“The positivity rate has climbed above 10 per cent. Due to the spread of the UK variant [of the virus] in the country, the situation is worsening day by day and the burden of Covid-19 over healthcare workers and hospitals is mounting in Punjab and Islamabad,” he said and added that sadly, over 190 doctors and 30 paramedics had embraced martyrdom due to the fatal virus.

“Our frontline soldiers are very much depressed over the situation, so we demand from the government to immediately resume the registration of healthcare workers for vaccination to protect them so that they can serve the nation with courage and peace of mind.”

The PMA secretary general said Pakistan had been facing waves of Covid-19 since its eruption in February 2020, and by the end of July 2020, when the curve of Covid-19 was flattening in Pakistan, people thought that the coronavirus had been eliminated.

“Instead, the flattening curve began to rise and we called it the second wave. The situation remained the same and today we are facing the third wave of Covid-19. We have been asking the government to implement SOPs strictly, and we have been continuously requesting the people to follow SOPs, but our voice is never heard. If the situation remains the same, we

might face more waves,” he further warned.

The PMA leader said negligence and violation of SOPs could create a polio-like situation, and the government should immediately take strict action against any violations of SOPs in the country and make laws to implement them so that violators could be punished or heavily fined.

“We call upon the government to form a uniform policy in the country for the elimination of the coronavirus from the country. We believe that if the government fails to implement the SOPs, then the only way to control the transmission of the virus is to impose a complete lockdown in the city. The PMA also advises the government to increase the vaccination facilities to vaccinate more people in a shorter time. At least 70 -75 per cent of the population of Pakistan should be vaccinated as early as possible.”

In the end, he said, “we request all the doctors who are 60 years of age or above to come to the PMA House to get them vaccinated. They can also get their spouses and parents vaccinated.”

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PMA upset over suspension of registration process of healthcare workers

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These views expressed by Secretary General, PMA Centre, Dr SM Qaisar Sajjad and President PMA Sindh Dr Mirza Ali Azhar while addressing a press conference at PMA House on Friday. Treasurer, PMA Centre, Dr Qazi Muhammad Wasiq, President PMA Karachi, Dr Muhammad Sharif Hashmani, General Secretary PMA Karachi Dr Abdul Ghafoor Shoro were also present on this occasion.

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They said unfortunately this has been happening when the number of cases of COVID-19 is increasing geometrically in Pakistan and number of deaths is also increasing. Positivity rate has climbed above 10%. Due to the spread of UK Variant in the country, the situation is worsening day by day and burden of COVID-19 over healthcare workers and hospitals is mounting in Punjab and Islamabad. The PMA saddened to inform that so far 190 doctors and 30 paramedics have died (Shaheed) due to the fatal virus. Our frontline soldiers are very much depressed over the situation, so we demand from the government to immediately resume registration of healthcare workers for vaccination to protect them, so that they can serve the nation with courage and peace of mind.

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عوام کو ویکسین لگوانے کیلئے سہولتیں دی جائیں، پی ایم اے

ویکسی نیشن سینٹرز کی تعداد میں اضافہ، مشکلات کا خاتمہ کیا جائے، ڈاکٹر ایس ایم قیصر

70 تا 75 فیصد لوگوں کو جلد از جلد ویکسین لگا دینی چاہیے، پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن نے ہیلتھ کیئر ورکرز کی ویکسی نیشن کیلئے رجسٹریشن عمل کی معطلی پر گہری تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ عوام کو ویکسین لگوانے کیلئے مزید سہولتیں فراہم کی جائیں، جبکہ اس عمل میں حائل مشکلات کا خاتمہ کیا جائے، ویکسی نیشن سینٹرز کی تعداد کو بڑھایا جائے تاکہ کم وقت میں زیادہ سے زیادہ لوگوں کو ویکسین لگائی جاسکے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار پی ایم اے سینٹر کے سیکریٹری جنرل ڈاکٹر ایس ایم قیصر سجاد نے خازن ڈاکٹر قاضی محمد واثق، صدر پی ایم اے سندھ ڈاکٹر مرزا علی انظر، صدر پی ایم اے کراچی ڈاکٹر محمد شریف ہاشمی اور جنرل سیکریٹری پی ایم اے کراچی ڈاکٹر عبدالغفور شورو کے ہمراہ پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ملک کی کل آبادی میں سے 70 تا 75 فیصد لوگوں کو جتنی جلدی ممکن ہو ویکسین لگا دینی چاہیے، 60 سال یا اس سے زائد عمر کے حامل ڈاکٹر اپنی شریک حیات اور والدین کو پی ایم اے ہاؤس سے ویکسین لگوا سکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ شروع میں یہ خیال کیا جا رہا تھا کہ ہیلتھ کیئر ورکرز بھی ویکسین سے متعلق غلط فہمیوں اور ابہام کا شکار ہیں لہذا وہ ویکسین لگوانے میں ہچکچاہٹ محسوس کر رہے ہیں لیکن پی ایم اے ہاؤس کراچی میں کورونا ویکسین سینٹر بننے کے بعد یہ بات مشاہدے میں آئی ہے کہ ڈاکٹر حضرات بڑی خوشی سے اس سینٹر میں آ رہے ہیں اور پچھلے چند دنوں میں یہاں سے سیکڑوں ڈاکٹر ویکسین لگوا چکے ہیں۔

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ویکسین لگوانے کیلئے مزید سہولیات فراہم کی جائیں، پی ایم اے

ویکسین نیشن سینٹرز کی تعداد بڑھائی جائے تاکہ کم وقت میں زیادہ لوگوں کو ویکسین لگائی جاسکے
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