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## Press Release

On the invitation of Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho, Provincial Health Minister Sindh, a delegation of Pakistan Medical Association met her today at her office. The delegation comprised of Dr. S.M Qaisar Sajjad, Secretary General PMA Centre, Dr. Qazi Wasiq, Treasurer PMA Centre and Dr. Abdul Ghafoor Shoro, General Secretary, PMA Karachi.

The delegation showed its concern over the latest situation after the ease of lockdown. It is being observed that there are crowds and rush everywhere in Pakistan particularly in markets. PMA feels that number of cases will rise in coming couple of weeks. The delegation also discussed at large the Issues of the doctors, nurses and paramedics particularly in the Sindh. After a detailed discussion over the situation of Covid-19 after lockdown, testing capacity in sindh and the issues of healthcare workers, the Health Minister assured the following.

- 1- Risk Allowance will be given to the Healthcare Workers.
- 2- Daily Allowance of Rs. 1000 for doctors and 500 for Nurses and paramedics will be given to those working on corona patients.
- 3- The Shuhada Package for the corona deceased medics will be announced and implemented promptly.
- 4- Health Insurance Policy will be provided to all Healthcare Workers in Sindh.
- 5- Improve Capacity Building by increasing the number of beds in the hospitals and increase the number of corona designated hospitals and testing capacity.
- 6- Doctors and the paramedics suffering from Covid-19 will be admitted at private designated hospital, when no bed/Ventilator is available at the Public Sector Hospital, at the expense of government.

At the end the delegation requested the Health Minister to implement all the decisions taken in the meeting as soon as possible.

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