

PIMA Press Release

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In a hurred statement Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) has expressed its great concerns over the situation of crowd in markets & on the street after the government announced the lifting of a so called lockdown which was already only partial & ineffective to a larger extent. PIMA states that tens of millions of people flooded the shops & markets of non essential goods on the first day after the end of lockdown, multiplying the risk of exponential spread of Corona infection in a matter of days & hence putting the public health at the verge of disaster. PIMA warns that the already fragile & long neglected healthcare system will surely be collapsed in such circumstances. PIMA states that it has already warned that the lower level of literacy, poor understanding of gravity of illness & the state of denial among the masses under the influences of fake social media propaganda against even the existence of disease would never let the people to follow the SOPs of trading practices & same was witnessed on the first day after the end of lockdown. The SOPs were shattered both by people & marketers.

The healthcare professionals are under tremendous stress & pressure in hot summers & Ramadan along with grossly inadequate healthcare facilities & more & more frontliners contracting infection on everyday basis adding on the misery to the system. PIMA criticised Government on easing out the lockdown without any planning & discipline. The LEA are also failed to enforce any SOPs in markets & street & remained idle on useless barriers on main streets just to cause severe hindrance in flow of traffic.

PIMA appealed government to review its decision of lifting lockdown immediately or ease out only with application of highly scientific strategy or get prepared for the worst Godforbid.

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