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Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) is very much concerned over the gravely increasing Positivity Ratio of Covid-19 due to the Omicron Virus throughout the country and especially the situation in Karachi is worrisome where this ration has terribly gone to 40%. This percentage shows the number of registered cases only where as we expect that including unregistered case the number of positive cases are far more.

The symptoms of the disease are flue, throat pain, high grade fever, body ache specially sever pain in legs and loss of appetite. Although the severity of the disease and symptoms due to Omicron are mild to moderate and the symptoms could last within five to six days but it could lead to severe illness.

We are worried that Omicron might change its behavior and can become fatal and severe. The presence of Delta virus is another threat because these two viruses could mutate into another fatal variant. **Next two to three weeks could be hazardous so we all have to be very careful because case could increase multiple times.**

The Covid situation in the country is worsening. **We suggest government to immediately take appropriate steps to prevent Covid-19. Government should at once strictly implement SOPs. Events with large gatherings like musical concerts, political public meetings and sit-ins should be prohibited. Marriage functions should be limited to 200 guests only with strict SOPs. Vaccination Cards should be checked at restaurants, marriage halls, shopping malls, cinema halls, amusement parks and other places. Government should fine and punish those people who do not follow SOPs.**

We request public to adopt preventive measures, Wear mask whenever you go out, keep social distance, wash or sanitize your hands with proper intervals, avoid shaking hands and hugging and avoid going out unnecessarily.

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