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Nasional

Pemulihan COVID-19

Jangkitan baharu terus meningkat

21 kes direkod
babitan 15
penularan dalam
negara, 1 kluster
baharu di Kluang

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Kuala Lumpur: Jumlah jangkitan COVID-19 di negara ini terus meningkat semalam apabila merekodkan 21 kes baharu, termasuk 15 kes penularan dalam negara dengan satu kluster baharu dikesan di Kluang, Johor.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata enam daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes baharu setakat tengah hari semalam itu men-

dapat jangkitan di luar negara, iaitu empat warga Malaysia dan dua warga asing yang dibenarkan masuk ke negara ini atas urusan kerja.

Beliau memaklumkan, tiga daripada kes import itu pula membabitkan ketibaan dari Filipina dan masing-masing satu kes dari India, Russia serta Denmark, manakala daripada 15 kes penularan dalam negara, 13 membabitkan warga negara dan dua warga asing.

"Ia menjadikan jumlah kes positif COVID-19 di Malaysia sebanyak 8,800 kes. Jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan COVID-19 pula sebanyak 122 kes dan mereka diaisangkan serta diberi rawatan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Sehingga semalam, katanya, hanya tiga kes positif COVID-19 sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dengan satu kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan, man-



Enam daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes baharu setakat tengah hari semalam itu mendapat jangkitan di luar negara

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah,
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan

kala tiada pertambahan kes kematian dilaporkan, menjadikan jumlahnya kekal 123 kes atau 1.40 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Sementara itu, beliau berkata, daripada 13 kes penularan dalam negara membabitkan warga tempatan, 12 adalah daripada kluster baharu, Kluster Rumah Warga Emas Kluang, bakinya kes saringan prapembedahan di sebuah pusat perubatan dan pesakit sudah dimasukkan ke Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar, Seremban.

Bagi dua kes jangkitan dalam negara membabitkan warga asing pula, Dr Noor Hisham menjelaskan, kedua-duanya dilaporan di Johor, masing-masing satu kes saringan prapembedahan dan Kluster Rumah Warga Emas Kluang.

Katanya, kes pertama kluster terbatib adalah kes kematian akibat COVID-19 yang dilaporkan kelmarin, iaitu kes ke 8,770 sebelum tamat setakat ini.

siasatan dan aktiviti pengesanan kes secara aktif dijalankan.

"Sehingga jam 12 tengah hari 20 Julai, seramai 39 orang sudah disaring sebelum 14 kes didapati positif COVID-19, 18 negatif dan tujuh masih menunggu keputusan.

"Dari pada jumlah kes positif ini, 13 kes adalah warga Malaysia dan satu warga Indonesia," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, kes positif kluster itu membabitkan 11 warga emas penghuni rumah ja'an berkenaan, seorang pelajar dan seorang ahli keluarga dengan punca jangkitan masih dalam siatasan.

Sementara itu, Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) menerusi Facebook rasminya, memaklumkan Kluster Kidurong yang mempunyai lapan kes positif membabitkan warganegara dan tiada kes kematian, disahkan tamat semalam, menjadikan 64 kluster sudah tamat setakat ini.

383 individu ditahan ingkar arahan PKPP

Kuala Lumpur: Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) menahan 383 individu atas kesalahan ingkar arahan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Pemulihan (PKPP) semalam, kebanyakannya kerana aktiviti dalam pub atau kelab malam.

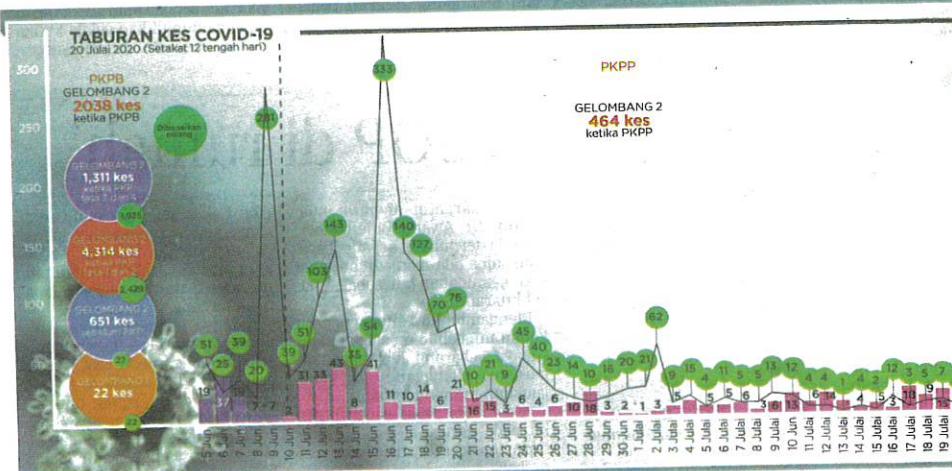
Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, berkata 32 daripada mereka direman, manakala 351 dikenakan kompaun.

Katanya, kesalahan terbabit aktiviti dalam pub atau kelab malam membabitkan 328 individu, manakala 55 lagi kerana aktiviti membabitkan kehadiran orang ramai yang menyukarkan penjaraan sosial dan melanggar prosedur operasi standard (SOP) PKPP.

"Pasukan khas pematuhan diketuai PDRM membuat 61,907 pemeriksaan semalam (kelmarin) bagi memantau dan menguatkuasakan pematuhan SOP PKPP," katanya sambil menambah, gerakan melalui Ops Benteng pula berjaya menahan 14 warga asing atas kesalahan imigresen.

Ismail Sabri menjelaskan, penahanan warga asing terbabit hasil 65 sekatan jalan raya di seluruh negara kelmarin yang menyaksikan 36,001 kenderaan dipercik bagi mengekang kemajuan pendatang asing tanpa izin (PATI) terutama di lorong-lorong titik.

Sementara itu, katanya, pemilik sembilan premis diberi nasihat, manakala pemilik tiga lagi premis diberi amaran kerana di-



kesan tidak patuh SOP dalam pemeriksaan dijalankan Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDNHEP) ke atas 1,560 premis kelmarin.

"Pemeriksaan itu mendapat 1,548 premis mematuhi SOP ditetapkan. Penguat kuasa KPDNHEP juga membuat pemantauan harian ke atas 12 jenis bekalan barang di 684 premis perniagaan termasuk 514 premis peruncit, 145 premis pemborong dan 25 pengilang," katanya.

Sementara itu, katanya, pemilik Malaysia pulang ke tanah air kelmarin melalui Lapangan



Ismail Sabri Yaakob

Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) dan klia2 dari Indonesia, Taiwan, Qatar, Emiriah Arab Bersatu, Singapura, Australia, Filipina, New Zealand, China,

Hong Kong dan Mesir.

"Seramai 1,061 individu diperintah menjalani proses kuarantin wajib di kediarian, manakala seorang individu dibawa ke hospital. Sehingga semalam (kelmarin), Kementerian Kesihatan sudah membuat saringan ke atas 22,076 individu di pintu masuk KLIA.

"Seramai 21,998 didapati negatif COVID-19 dan sedang menjalani kuarantin wajib di kediarian, 78 didapati positif dan diantar ke hospital untuk rawatan.

"Semalam (kelmarin) juga, PDRM membuat 1,365 pemeriksaan dan mendapat semua mematuhi SOP kuarantin di-

rumah dan mendapat semua patuh," katanya.

Mengenai pemantauan di tapak binaan, Ismail Sabri berkata, Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan Malaysia (CIDB) membuat pemeriksaan di enam tapak binaan di Terengganu dan Kelantan kelmarin dan mendapat semua mematuhi SOP ditetapkan.

Hasil pemeriksaan dari 20 April sehingga kelmarin, katanya, sebanyak 3,225 tapak binaan didapat mematuhi SOP, 541 lagi diberi amaran serta 19 tapak binaan diarah tutup kerana tidak mematuhi SOP.

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ASYREEQ (dua dari kiri) menyampaikan lukisan kepada Dr Noor Hisham (dua dari kanan) ditemani ibu dan ayahnya.

'Kami ikut SOP yang disarankan'

Kuala Lumpur: "Kami tak periksa pergelangan tangan pelanggan sama ada memakai *wristband* atau tidak. Kami sekadar mengikut prosedur operasi standard (SOP) disarankan iaitu merekod nama dan periksa suhu badan," kata pekerja medan selera yang hanya mahu dikenali sebagai Nurul Suhada, 27.

Semalam tular di media sosial seorang wanita memakai gelang merah jambu iaitu di bawah perintah kuarantin Covid-19 memuat naik gambarinya di media sosial sedang makan di gerai sekitar Bandar Meru Raya, Ipoh, Perak.

Menerusi perkongsian Nurul Suhada di Facebook (FB), dia mendakwa wanita berkenaan makam di tempat dia bekerja.

"Saya terkejut apabila gambar wanita itu tular kerana jelas kelihatan gambar itu diambil di premis tempat saya bekerja."

"Saya sendiri buat aduan ke Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Perak (JKNP) dan pegawai mengesahkan mak cik itu negatif," katanya.

Kluster baharu di pusat jagaan

Babit 11 penghuni, 1 pekerja dan 1 ahli keluarga



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Kuala Lumpur

Satu kluster baharu Covid-19 dikesan di sebuah pusat jagaan warga emas di Kluang, Johor.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kes pertama kluster itu membabitkan kematian pada 19 Ju-

lai lalu iaitu kes ke-8770 di mana ujian saringan didapati positif.

Katanya, susulan itu, siasatan dan aktiviti pengeasan kes secara aktif turut dilanjutkan.

"Sehingga jam 12 tengah hari 20 Julai (semalam), seramai 39 sudah disaring terdiri daripada 14 kes positif Covid-19, 18 adalah negatif dan tujuh masih menunggu keputusan.

"Daripada jumlah kes positif ini, 13 kes warganegara Malaysia dan satu warga Indonesia.

"Kes positif (Covid-19) kluster ini membabitkan 11 warga emas (iaitu penghuni rumah jagaan, satu pekerja dan satu ahli keluarga," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Beliau berkata, langkah pembendungan dan kawalan jangkitan sudah dijalankan seperti proses nyah kuman dan nyah cemar di

Hasrat Asyreeq serah lukisan tercapai

Kuala Lumpur: Hasrat pelukis sambilan, Asyreeq Haziq Rohaizad untuk menghadiahkan karya lukisannya kepada Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah menjadikan kejayaan, semalam.

Pertemuan pada jam 2.30 petang itu diadakan di pejabat Dr Noor Hisham di Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM), Putrajaya.

Lebih menarik, Asyreeq Haziq, ditemani ibu Azihan Ahmad, 49, serta bapanya, Rohaizad Abu, 54.

Berkongsi pengalaman istimewa itu, Asyreeq Haziq berbuka puasa, pelbagai perkara dibualkan sepanjang pertemuan selama 30 minit bersama Dr Noor Hisham.

"Perbualan kami panjang

dan beliau ada meluaskan keimbangannya terhadap sikap segelintir rakyat Malaysia yang mula tidak peka dan patuh dengan prosedur operasi standard (SOP).

"Satu pengalaman berharga buat saya dan pada akhir perbualan, beliau sempat mengucapkan terima kasih kerana menghadiahkannya lukisan dan turut memuji karya itu. Alhamdulillah," katanya.

Pada 12 Julai lalu, akhbar dan portal Harian Metro melaporkan kisah Asyreeq Haziq yang mengambil masa lima

hari untuk menghasilkan lukisan bermotifkan bandar raya Kuala Lumpur.

Lukisan itu didedikasikan khusus untuk Dr Noor Hisham yang bekerja keras dalam mengetuai petugas kesihatan ketika negara diancam Covid-19.

Pemuda berasal dari Seremban, Negeri Sembilan itu kemudian memuat naik ciapan gambarnya bersama lukisan itu pada 10 Julai lalu dan mendapat banyak maklum balas diterima warganet, malah Dr Noor Hisham turut tidak ketinggalan meninggalkan komen memuji hasil kerjanya itu.

Rezeki menyebelahi Asyreeq Haziq apabila Dr Noor Hisham setuju menemuiinya selepas menerima pelawannya menerusi kiriman basas e-mel, Jumaat lalu.

21 kes positif

Kuala Lumpur: Sebanyak 21 kes baru positif Covid-19 dengan tiada pertambahan kematian direkodkan, setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, 13 kes warganegara Malaysia itu membabitkan 12 kes daripada Kluster Rumah Warga Emas Kluang, manakala satu kes saringan pra pembebasan di sebuah pusat perubatan di Seremban.

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"Dari pada 15 kes penularan di dalam negara, 13

kes dalam kalangan warganegara Malaysia dan dua kes lagi dalam kalangan bukan warganegara," katanya dalam kenyataan media berkaitan Covid-19, semalam.

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Bekalan cukup

Kuala Lumpur: Bekalan barang keperluan mencukupi, mudah diperoleh dan mampu menampung permintaan dalam negara secara berterusan.

Menteri Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, ia berdasarkan pemantauan harian dijalankan Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDNHEP), kelmarin.

"Pegawai penguat kuasa membuat pemanta-

21,998 didapati negatif dalam saringan di KLIA

Putrajaya:

Seramai 21,998 individu negatif Covid-19 hasil saringan dijalankan ke atas 22,076 individu di pintu masuk Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa (KLIA) sepanjang 10 Jun hingga kelmarin.

Menteri Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, mereka disahkan negatif jika menjalani proses kuaran-

tin wajib di kediaman masing-masing.

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dapatkan semua mereka mematuhi SOP ditetapkan.

"Setakat semalam, seramai 1,062 rakyat Malaysia pulang ke tanah air melalui KLIA dan Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa 2 (KLIA2) dari Indonesia, Taiwan, Qatar, Emiriah Arab Bersatu (UAE), Singapura, Australia, Filipina, New Zealand, China, Hong Kong dan Mesir.

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Dalam pada itu, Ismail Sabri berkata, Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Perniagaan Malaysia (CIPDN) sudah menjalankan pemeriksaan di enam tapak binaan di Terengganu dan Kelantan, semalam.

"Pegawai penguat kuasa membuat pemanta-

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MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

Melonjak sehingga 21 kes

12 individu daripada Kluster Rumah Warga Emas Kluang, Johor

Oleh TUAN BUQHAIRAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN

PUTRAJAYA

Kes baharu positif jangkitan pandemik koronavirus (Covid-19) terus melonjak kepada 21 kes tertinggi sejak awal bulan ini.

Ketua Pengaroh Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah dalam kenyataannya berkata, daripada jumlah itu sebanyak 15 kes membabitkan penularan dalam negara.

"Seramai 13 daripadanya ialah rakyat tempatan," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut beliau berkata, seramai 12 individu daripada Kluster Rumah Warga Emas Kluang, Johor disahkan positif Covid-19.

"Kluster ini dikesan apabila kes indeks dilaporkan meninggal dunia di Wad Kecemasan Hospital Enchee' Besar Hajah Khalsom semalam (kelmarin)," katanya.

Menurutnya, hasil siasatan dan aktiviti pengesanan kes secara aktif mendapat, seramai 14 daripada 39 individu yang disarang dalam kluster tersebut disahkan positif Covid-19.

"Seramai 18 individu disahkan negatif, manakala tujuh lagi menunggu keputusan," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, satu kes positif Covid-19 membabitkan rakyat tempatan dike-



DR NOOR HISHAM

san ketika saringan pra pembedahan di sebuah pusat perubatan di Seremban sebelum dimasukkan ke Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar.

Jelas beliau, dua kes jangkitan dalam negara dalam kalangan warga asing masing-masing dikes ketika saringan pra pembedahan dari Kluster Rumah Warga Emas Kluang.

Menyentuh mengenai enam kes import yang mendapat jangkitan di luar negara, beliau berkata, ia melibatkan empat rakyat Malaysia dan dua warga asing yang dibenar memasuki negara ini atas urusan kerja.

Kata beliau, enam kes tersebut membabitkan tiga dari Filipina dan masing-masing satu kes yang mendapat jangkitan di India, Rusia dan Denmark.



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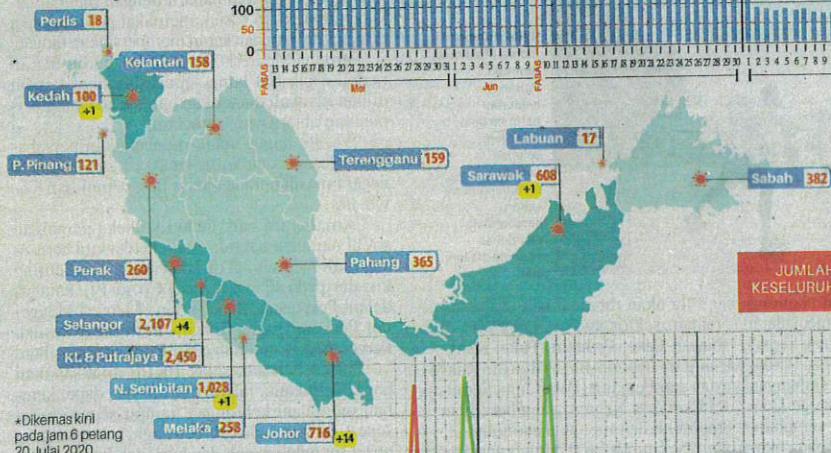
suk seorang memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

"Kes kematian kekal 123 kes selepas tiada kematian dilaporkan dan dua kes pulih semalam.

"Jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya ialah 8,555 kes iaitu bersamaan dengan 97.2 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes," katanya.

SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM

Bilangan kes Covid-19 mengikut negeri di Malaysia



+Dikemas kini pada jam 6 petang 20 Julai 2020

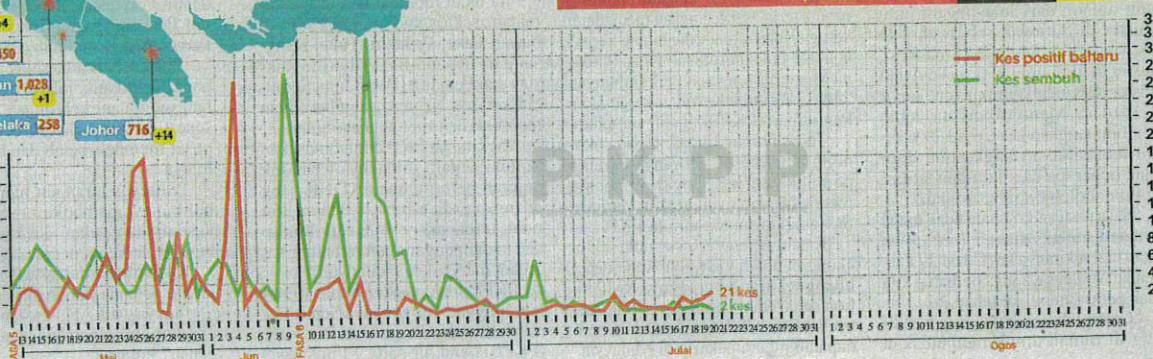
Jumlah jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia semalam meningkat daripada 8,779 kes kepada 8,800 kes

JUMLAH KES BAHRU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI

JUMLAH KESELURUHAN: 8,800 | PULIH: 8,555 | ICU: 3 | KEMATIAN: 123 | KES BAHRU: +21

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Kes positif bahan
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PERSIDANGAN DEWAN RAKYAT

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Seorang ahli Parlimen mencadangkan doktor kontrak diserap kepada perkhidmatan tetap bagi memerangi wabak Covid-19.

Cari kaedah serap doktor kontrak kepada tetap

KUALA LUMPUR - Kerajaan diminta mencari kaedah untuk menyerap doktor berstatus kontrak kepada tetap bagi menghargai pengorbanan mereka yang bekerja keras membantu negara memerangi wabak koronavirus (Covid-19).

Ahli Parlimen Lumut daripada Pakatan Harapan, Datuk Dr Mohd Hatta Md Ramli berkata, kesungguhan doktor-doktor kontrak sebagai petugas barisan



DR MOHD HATTA

hadapan ketika berdepan dengan pandemik itu jelas memperlihatkan kewibawaan mereka walaupun masih berstatus kontrak.

Menurutnya, lantikan secara tetap akan menjamin peluang mereka dalam bidang kepakaran pada masa hadapan.

"Mereka tiada peluang dalam sistem kontrak untuk menjalani latihan kepakaran secara khusus. "Mungkin itu langkah sementara (lantikan kontrak), namun sumbangan mereka ketika Covid-19 adalah baik dan kerajaan perlu membantu menyediakan pekerjaan tetap," katanya dalam ucapan ketika membawakan titah diraja di Dewan Rakyat semalam.

Dr Mohd Hatta berkata, lantikan doktor kontrak dalam tempoh itu amat dihargai, namun langkah berkenaan mengekang doktor sementara untuk menjalani latihan kepakaran.

"Hargai mereka, sekurang-kurangnya memberi sedikit kelegaan kepada mereka," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NEGARA

Rumah Warga Emas Kluang disenarai kluster baharu Covid-19

PUTRAJAYA – Sebuah pusat jagaan warga emas di Kluang, Johor disenaraikan sebagai kluster baharu Covid-19 semalam apabila 14 kes positif dikesan membabitkan penghuni pusat berkenaan.

Angka itu menjadikan kes baharu jangkitan di seluruh negara adalah sebanyak 21 kes, sekali gus menunjukkan trend peningkatan dalam kes harian bagi tempoh seminggu sejak 14 Julai lalu.

Pertambahan satu kluster baharu itu juga menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan kluster Covid-19 aktif di negara ini adalah 19 termasuk tiga kluster baharu yang dikesan semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kluster rumah warga emas Kluang melibatkan 13 warganegara Malaysia dan satu warga Indonesia.

Menurutnya, kes positif kluster itu melibatkan 11 warga emas iaitu penghuni rumah jagaan tersebut, seorang pekerja dan seorang ahli keluarga.

"Kes pertama kluster ini adalah kes kematian Covid-19 yang dilaporkan semalam iaitu kes

ke-8770, di mana ujian saringan ke atas mangsa didapati positif.

"Punca jangkitan kluster masih dalam siasatan dan aktiviti pengesanan kes secara aktif telah dijalankan.

"Langkah pembendungan dan kawalan jangkitan juga telah dijalankan seperti proses nyah kuman dan nyah cemar di pusat penjagaan itu," katanya.

Sementara itu, Noor Hisham berkata, satu kes baharu turut dikesan di Kluster PUI Novgorod yang merupakan kontak rapat kepada kes indeks.

"Kes dikesan bergejala dan sedang dirawat di Hospital Sungai Buloh," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan sama, Noor Hisham berkata, pertambahan kes baharu itu menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes positif adalah 8,800.

"Daripada jumlah 21 kes baharu, 15 kes adalah penularan tempatan membabitkan 13 warganegara dan dua bukan warganegara," katanya.

Kata Noor Hisham, Kluster Kidurong yang aktif sebelum ini diisytiharkan tamat semalam menjadikan jumlah kluster tamat adalah sebanyak 64.

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People seated close together at a restaurant in Putrajaya yesterday.
(Inset) Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin PIC BY FADLI HAMZAH

New virus cluster detected at Kluang old folks home

KUALA LUMPUR: Another Covid-19 cluster was identified in Johor yesterday, Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdulrahman said.

He said the new cluster was detected at an old folks home in Kluang, Johor.

From the cluster, he said 13 cases had been recorded involving 12 Malaysians and one Indonesian and they were among the 21 new Covid-19 cases reported in the country yesterday.

He said the 13 cases involved 11 residents of the old folks home, a worker and one family member.

The first case of the cluster was fatality No. 123 reported on Sunday. Following the death, the ministry initiated an investigation and active case detection.

"Up to noon, 39 people have been screened, with 14 testing positive, 18 testing negative and seven are pending results," Dr Noor Hisham said, adding that preventive measures such as a disinfection exercise had been carried out at the old folks home.

On Sunday, he said three new Covid-19 clusters were detected comprising the Kuala Lumpur restaurant, Sepang kongsi house and Kuching Jetty clusters in Sarawak.

Dr Noor Hisham said of yesterday's 21 new cases, six were imported.

These imported cases, he said, involved four Malaysians and two non-Malaysians who were allowed to enter the country for work.

Dr Noor Hisham said Malaysia had so far recorded 8,800 Covid-19 cases, with 122 active cases.

He said of the local transmission cases, 13 were Malaysians and two were foreigners.

"For cases involving Malaysians, 12 are from the Kluang old folks home cluster and the 13th is a patient who has undergone pre-surgery screening and the patient has been admitted to Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital in Seremban for treatment."

"The two non-Malaysian cases reported in Johor comprise one who is from pre-surgery screening and another from the Kluang old folks home cluster."

Two patients were discharged yesterday, bringing the total number of recovered cases to 8,555.

Three were being treated in the Intensive Care Unit as they required breathing assistance.

No new deaths were reported yesterday, keeping the death toll at 123.

Next wave can be more explosive, warns expert

KUALA LUMPUR: While an increase in Covid-19 cases is expected once more economic and social sectors reopen, complacency by the people could render the situation unmanageable.

Experts believe that despite the relatively low case numbers, Malaysians cannot let their guard down and abandon the standard operating procedures (SOPs) in place to break the coronavirus transmission chain.

Infectious diseases consultant Datuk Dr Christopher Lee said it was evident that more people had become complacent with regard to abiding by safety guidelines.

"The most visible of all measures is using face masks in public areas, which can be used as a general proxy indicator for SOP compliance."

"It's quite obvious that the number of people wearing face masks has dropped. We can assume there's less distancing and hand hygiene being practised as well," he told the *New Straits Times*.

Dr Lee, who is a member of the Selangor Task Force for Covid-19, acknowledged that in all countries, there would be an increase in cases once the economies reopen.

"If there's good SOP compliance, the surge will be smaller and easier to control. However, if there is indeed a cluster, the risk

of spreading faster is now higher as there's more people movement and interaction. The next wave can be more explosive. The surge in Hong Kong, Seoul, Leicester and Melbourne, for example, can happen here as well."

On whether the SOP should be tightened or some sectors may need to be temporarily closed, Dr Lee believed the current measures were sufficient for now.

"What we need now is more societal pressure to comply."

"Positive reinforcement should not be just by the Health Ministry, but also by others, such as political leaders, senior civil servants and community leaders, to promote compliance."

"They should be an example to the people, for instance, not just wearing face masks during photo sessions, but also embracing these measures in their daily routines. We can all assist by 'walking the talk'."

Physician and health systems specialist Dr Khor Swee Kheng echoed Dr Lee's views.

"The slight uptick in Malaysian cases and emergence of new clusters in Malaysia is cause for some

concern, but it mirrors the earlier experiences of countries like South Korea, Hong Kong and Australia. After reopening their economies and societies, there are new clusters that require a re-close-up of parts of their public life."

"This is why Malaysians cannot take our low numbers for granted and must comply with simple precautions like wearing face masks, practising hand hygiene and only leaving their homes if it's necessary."

Malaysian Public Health Physicians' Association president Datuk Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar said the emergence of new cases in Malaysia was alarming and, if not properly handled,

might lead to a second wave.

"New cases have been reported due to the reopening of many sectors. Previously, cases were prevented by the stringent Movement Control Order (MCO) implementation, but now, people are relaxing."

"The Health Ministry and authorities shouldn't stress too much on the numbers as it fluctuates. The community may get the impression that it's nothing

to worry about as the figures are still low."

The more casual attitude by Malaysians during the Recovery MCO has not escaped the attention of some members of the public.

Toby Chan, 25, from George Town, Penang, said he recently witnessed this firsthand at a shopping mall in the city, where social distancing norms in the elevator were not observed.

"Lately on social media, we've seen videos of people challenging and berating mall security guards for making them wear face masks before entering the premises. And without the threat of penalties, I don't think the majority will adhere to the SOP."

Production buyer Aiman Jonid, 25, said stricter SOP enforcement was needed.

"It's worrying to see how relaxed people are nowadays. It's almost as if they're ignoring how dangerous the virus is or how quickly it takes for the virus to transmit from one person to another."

Unless we are back to stricter SOP enforcement, the public will continue to act like this."

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Datuk Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar

Page 1 pic: People wearing face masks at KL Sentral yesterday.
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'BETTER TO SCRAP HOME QUARANTINE'

This will ensure Malaysia can stave off a potential new wave of infections, says medical expert

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MEDICAL experts support the Health Ministry's proposal to scrap home quarantine for returnees from high-risk countries and for those who do not have a conducive environment at home for the purpose.

They believe such a measure is needed to ensure Malaysia can stave off a potential new wave of Covid-19 infections.

Malaysian Medical Association president Dr N. Ganabaskaran said safety adjustments were needed to ensure the country was doing all it could to prevent another outbreak.

"It is better to be in quarantine centres rather than homes for better implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) and enforcement."

"Furthermore, some homes may be small and isolation would be a problem."

"Hence, it is a good move to place them in quarantine centres as it can reduce the risk of infection during home quarantine."

He said the authorities had highlighted the challenges in getting returnees to undergo the second Covid-19 screening on the 13th day of quarantine.

"This move may prevent such incidents."

He said there was fear of a sec-



Fire and Rescue Department personnel attending to overseas returnees at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport on Saturday. PIC BY LUQMAN HAKIM ZUBIR

ond wave of infections because Malaysians had become complacent with SOPs.

Homes, he said, might not be the best place for quarantine or isolation.

On Thursday, Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the Health Ministry was looking at the possibility of placing individuals who need to undergo the Home Surveillance Order at quarantine centres or hotels, especially those returning from high-risk areas and those who do not have a conducive en-

vironment at home for quarantine.

The government had on June 7 announced that Malaysians returning from abroad would no longer have to undergo the 14-day mandatory quarantine at designated centres, effective June 10.

Instead, they can complete the mandatory quarantine period at their homes.

On Saturday, former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, in a post on Facebook, voiced his dissatisfaction with the government's decision to allow overseas

returnees to quarantine at home even as other countries tightened their quarantine rules.

He said the compound for those who flouted the quarantine rules was only RM1,000.

He said the government needed to tighten the quarantine process for overseas returnees or all efforts to stem the Covid-19 outbreak would be in vain.

On Friday, 707 Malaysians returned via Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and klia2.

On Saturday, Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Is-

mail Sabri Yaakob said 706 returnees were ordered to undergo mandatory home quarantine, while one was sent to hospital.

The returnees were from high-risk countries, namely China, Indonesia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Cambodia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Japan.

Calls for the government to review its decision to allow returnees to undergo quarantine at home have gained traction on social media.

On Facebook, Wan Mazlifah Mohd Yusof said a review was warranted as the Covid-19 situation abroad was still serious.

"Given that the pandemic situation abroad is still very serious, it is wise to have those returning to Malaysia placed in quarantine centres."

"This should apply to everyone with no exceptions."

Another Facebook user, Nora Salleh, said there was no reason why returnees should be exempt from serving out the quarantine in designated centres.

"They should also bear the cost of their medical expenses. If you can travel abroad, you can certainly afford it."

Another Facebook user by the name of Fadthhan Xuxer said he would have no objections if the authorities extended the MCO.

"We're not out of the woods yet. Do the best for the country. If we remain complacent, there's no way we can break the chain of transmission. I hope people realise their stubborn ways."

A Facebook user by the name of Bunga Kantan said: "Please let those who return from abroad quarantine themselves in designated centres."

"Otherwise, we might very well face another wave of infections."

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PERSON UNDER SURVEILLANCE

'Home quarantine woman' spotted at eatery

IPOH: The Perak Health Department is probing a viral picture allegedly of a Person Under Surveillance (PUS) having a meal at a restaurant in Bandar Meru Raya here.

Its director, Datuk Dr Ding Lay Ming, said the department acknowledged the matter and that the person had failed to undergo home quarantine under the Home Surveillance Order (HSO).

"We will not hesitate to take legal action against the person who failed to comply with the order," she said yesterday.

The order falls under the Prevention and Control of Infectious



Datuk Dr Ding Lay Ming

Diseases Act 1988 (Act 342), which stipulates that if an individual is found to have violated the ruling, he could see action taken against him under Section 24.

In the picture, a woman with a pink wristband is seen having a meal at a restaurant.

Dr Ding said those under HOS were reminded to comply with the Health Ministry's order.

Since June 10, overseas returnees no longer needed to undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine at designated centres.

They can now undergo home quarantine regardless of whether

they tested positive or negative upon returning to the country.

Those under home quarantine are given a wristband that can only be removed once they complete the isolation period and after testing negative on the 13th day of their quarantine.

The prime minister's special advisor on public health, Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood, said it was people like the person in the viral picture that increased the nation's risk of a second wave of Covid-19 infections.

"Shame on you ms (sic) and shame on your friends/family & cafe who allowed her in & didn't report when she was supposed to be in quarantine," she tweeted.

Dr Jemilah said stricter measures were needed as Covid-19 was still out there.



This picture of a woman with a pink wristband at an eatery in Bandar Meru Raya, Ipoh, went viral.

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Covid-19: Current situation globally (As at 7pm July 20, 2020)												
Asean+	Malaysia											
	New cases	Total cases	Total deaths	Total recovered								
Confirmed cases	88,214	83,682	68,898	48,035	24,642	13,771	3,250	383	341	141	171	19
Deaths	4,239	4,634	1,835	27	985	296	58	0	6	3	0	0
Recovered	46,977	78,799	23,072	44,086	19,576	12,572	3,096	357	276	138	136	19
Global Top 10	US	Brazil	India	Russia	South Africa	Peru	Mexico	Chile	Spain	UK		
Confirmed cases	3,898,639	2,099,896	1,119,412	777,486	364,328	353,590	344,224	330,930	307,335	294,792		
Deaths	143,289	79,533	27,514	12,427	5,033	13,187	39,184	8,503	28,420	45,300		
Recovered	1,802,391	1,371,229	700,647	553,602	191,059	241,955	217,423	301,794	N/A	N/A		

New Covid-19 cluster detected at old folks home

PETALING JAYA: A new cluster, the Kluang old folks home cluster, has been detected as Malaysia reported 21 new Covid-19 cases, bringing the total number of infections in the country to 8,800, says the Health director-general.

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said six of the 21 new cases were imported, involving four Malaysians and two non-Malaysians who contracted the virus overseas.

The imported cases involved three individuals returning from the Philippines and three individuals returning from India, Russia and Denmark respectively, he said in a statement yesterday.

Of the 15 locally transmitted cases, 13 involved Malaysians and two involved non-Malaysians.

Dr Noor Hisham said of the 13 locally trans-



mitted cases, 12 were from the Kluang old folks home cluster, while one was detected during a pre-operation screening in Negeri Sembilan and admitted to Tuanku Jaafar

Hospital in Seremban.

Of the two locally transmitted cases involving non-Malaysians, one was detected during a pre-operation screening and another came from the Kluang old folks home cluster, he added.

He said two patients had recovered and been discharged, taking the total cumulative discharged cases to 8,555.

Three were being treated in the intensive care unit with one of them on ventilator support, he added.

He also said no death was recorded yesterday and that the national Covid-19 death toll remained at 123.

Dr Noor Hisham said the old folks home cluster was detected in Kluang, Johor.

He said the first case was detected after a death – recorded as the 123rd death from

Covid-19 in the country – on Sunday.

He added that 39 individuals from the cluster had been screened for Covid-19, with 14 found positive, 18 negative and seven still waiting for their test results.

He said 13 of those who tested positive were Malaysians and the other was an Indonesian national.

Eleven of those found positive were residents of the old folks home, while one was a family member and another a worker.

Dr Noor Hisham said containment and infection control steps had been taken at the site.

The death recorded on Sunday involved a 72-year-old man with a history of chronic high blood pressure and stroke.

He was referred to a hospital in Kluang on Friday and died on the same day. He tested positive for Covid-19 two days later.

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21 new Covid-19 cases recorded

PETALING JAYA: There were 21 new cases of Covid-19 reported yesterday, bringing the total number of infections detected in the country to 8,800.

No deaths were reported, with the death toll remaining at 123.

Health director-general Datuk Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said 15 of yesterday's cases were from local transmissions, while the remaining six cases were imported.

"Of the 15 local transmissions, 13 are Malaysians, while the other two are foreigners.

"The remaining six cases were returnees from the Philippines, India, Russia and Denmark, comprising four Malaysians and two foreigners," he said in a statement yesterday.

Meanwhile, two patients were discharged yesterday, bringing the total number of recoveries to 8,555.

This accounts for 97.2% of the total number of cases.

"This leaves a total of 122 active Covid-19 cases in Malaysia.

"Three of these patients are being treated in intensive care units, with one needing ventilator assistance," he added.

Noor Hisham also announced there was a new cluster of infections yesterday, named the Kluang Elderly Home cluster.

The first of its cases was announced on Sunday, and as of yesterday, 14 more people in the cluster have tested positive for Covid-19.