

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

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Elak guna pelitup muka kain di tempat sesak

Kuala Lumpur: Orang ramai tidak digalakkan memakai pelitup muka jenis kain ketika berada di kawasan sesak atau tempat tumpuan umum kerana mereka berisiko dijangkiti COVID-19.

Sebaliknya, pemakaian pelitup muka kategori tiga lapisan paling sesuai digunakan kerana boleh menghalau virus tersebut melalui udara jika individu terkena titisan cecair dari hidung atau mulut mereka yang dijangkiti virus berkenaan.

Pakar virologi, Prof Dr Sazaly Abu Bakar, berkata penggunaan pelitup muka sebenarnya ber�antung kepada keadaan di mana individu itu berada dengan pelitup muka kategori tiga lapisan paling sesuai digunakan di kawasan berisiko tinggi, iaitu lokasi tumpuan awam.

"Jika sekadar pergi memancing seorang diri dan di kawasan itu tidak ramai orang, memadai jika guna pelitup muka biasa. Pelitup muka jenis N95 pula lebih sesuai digunakan petugas di hospital kerana mereka berdepan risiko tinggi setiap hari," katanya.

Beliau bersetuju dengan arahan mewajibkan pemakaian pelitup muka dan menyifatkannya tepat pada masanya kerana orang ramai dilihati mula mengambil mudah pematuhan prosedur operasi standard (SOP).

Penggunaan pelitup muka sebenarnya bergantung kepada keadaan di mana individu itu berada.

Dr Sazaly Abu Bakar,
Pakar virologi

Pemulihan COVID-19

Kes positif baharu berisiko meningkat

Pertambahan mendadak jika kadar kebolehjangkitan melebihi 1.6, susulan kegagalan rakyat mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ditetapkan.

Putrajaya: Kes positif COVID-19 dijangkit meningkat mendadak jika kadar kebolehjangkitan melebihi 1.6, susulan kegagalan rakyat mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ditetapkan.

Ketua Pengaruh Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata ketika ini kadar kebolehjangkitan adalah 1.36 iaitu seorang pesakit boleh menjangkiti 1.36 individu lain.

Justeru, beliau merayu rakyat mematuhi SOP ditetapkan iaitu penjarakan selama sejauh satu meter, pakai pelitup muka dan mencuci tangan dengan kerap.

"Sebelum PKP (Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan) dilaksanakan pertengahan Mac lalu, kadar kebolehjangkitan COVID-19 di Malaysia adalah 3.55 dan ia dapat diturunkan kepada 0.3 melalui pelaksanaan tiga fasa PKP disusuli Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB).

"Dalam tempoh tiga minggu sehingga 1 Julai lalu, kes semakin berkurangan ke satu angka sehingga mencapai sifar jangkitan tempatan tiga hari berturut-turut.

"Ketika ini negara menyaksikan pertambahan kes baharu yang berganda. Kalau kadar kebolehjangkitan meningkat, kita



Orang ramai menjalani pemeriksaan suhu sebelum memasuki kawasan Taru Donggongan, Penampang bagi mematuhi SOP yang ditetapkan dalam tempoh pelaksanaan PKPP di Sabah, semalam. (Foto Malai Rosmah Tuah/BH)

bimbang semakin ramai akan dijangkiti," katanya pada sidang media COVID-19, di sini, semalam.

pina, selain enam penularan tempatan.

Katanya, ia menjadikan kumulatif kes COVID-19 di negara ini kepada 8,840 kes, manakala kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan adalah 143 kes.

"Kes import membabitkan seorang warganegara Malaysia dan dua warga asing yang mempunyai keluarga di sini. Bagi penularan tempatan, empat kes dalam kalangan warganegara Malaysia dan dua warga asing.

"Bagi kes jangkitan dalam negara membabitkan warga asing, masing-masing satu kes dikesan di Sabah dan Kelantan iaitu ketika saringan sebelum dibebaskan dari penjara dan kes sariangan tahanan penjara sebelum dipindahkan ke Depoh Tahanan Imigrasen (DTI)," katanya.

Mengulas penularan membabitkan warganegara, beliau berkata empat kes dikesan di Sarawak, dengan masing-masing satu kes Kluster Stutong, Kluster



Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah



BH TV

Sentosa, Kluster Kejuruteraan Kuching dan baki satu lagi dalam siasatan kerana tidak bergejala dan sudah dimasukkan ke Hospital Ummum Sarawak.

"Sehingga kini, lima individu masih dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dan dua daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan. Terdapat lapan kes sembah dilaporkan menjadikan kumulatif 8,574 kes," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor Hisham memaklumkan, analisis aplikasi MySejahtera menunjukkan 24.8 peratus daripada 31,674 individu diletakkan di bawah Perintah Pengawasan dan Pemerhatian di Rumah (HSP) tidak menggunakan fungsi Alat Penilaian di Rumah (HAT).

Katanya, HAT adalah ciri dalam aplikasi MySejahtera bagi individu menjalani penilaian kendiri yang perlu dilakukan setiap hari selama tempoh kuarantine di rumah iaitu 14 hari.

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN**MUKA SURAT : 20****RUANGAN : NASIONAL**

JKNP siasat wanita bergelang COVID-19 tular

Ipoh: Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Perak (JKNP) menubuhkan jawatankuasa siasatan yang turut dianggotai polis bagi menyiasat mesej bergambar tular mengenai seorang wanita memakai gelang pengesahan kuarantin COVID-19 ketika makan di sebuah kafe di sini.

Pengarah Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Perak (JKNP), Datuk Dr Ding Lay Ming, berkata tujuan siasatan untuk menentukan berlaku ketidakpatuhan individu dalam pemantauan (PUS) itu terhadap arahan kuarantin dikeluarkan petugas kesihatan di mana-mana pintu masuk antarabangsa negara melalui Perintah Pengawasan dan Pemerhatian di Rumah.

"Sekiranya individu itu disabit dengan kesalahan, tindakan perundangan yang sewajarnya akan diambil terhadapnya," katanya dalam satu kenyataan.

Menurut kenyataan itu, wanita berkenaan dipercuryai tiba di tanah air pada 4 Julai lalu berdasarkan tarikh tertera pada ge-

lang tangan merah jambu dipakaikan kepadanya di satu lokasi pintu masuk antarabangsa.

"JKNP menerima maklumat berkaitan mesej bergambar tular terbabit berlaku di sebuah tempat tumpuan awam di Ipoh dan individu itu dikenal pasti oleh orang awam berdasarkan gelang yang dipakainya.

"Kementerian Kesihatan menghargai kerjasama orang ramai melaporkan kejadian sebegini bagi membendung penularan jangkitan COVID-19 dalam komuniti," katanya.

Terdahulu, laporan sebuah portal memetik sumber yang tidak dinyatakan, memaklumkan wanita terbabit disahkan positif COVID-19 dan sedang menerima rawatan di Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun (HRPB), di sini, sejak 17 Julai lalu.

Sumber itu memaklumkan, gambar tular wanita berusia 72 tahun terbabit diambil pada 6 Julai lalu, dua hari selepas arahan kuarantin di rumah selama 14 hari dikeluarkan kepadanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 12

RUANGAN : LOKAL

Lebih banyak surau dibuka solat Jumaat

Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (Jawi) melalui Jawatankuasa Perundungan Hukum Syarak Wilayah Persekutuan akan menimbulkan lebih banyak surau di bawah kebenaran sementara bagi membolehkan lebih ramai umat Islam mengerjakan solat Jumaat.

Pengarahnya, Mohd Ajib Ismail berkata, kebenaran diberikan kepada surau di Wilayah Persekutuan yang me-

matuhui syarat dan prosedur operasi standard (SOP).

"Bagi memberi ruang yang

lebih besar kepada umat Islam untuk mendirikan solat Jumaat, hampir 20 surau biasa diberi kebenaran termasuk tujuh surau dilulus bermula 17 Julai lalu dan ada lagi dilulus bermula 24 Julai (hari ini)," katanya selepas Seminar Pemahaman Akta/Kaedah Pendatiran Undang-Undang Islam (Wilayah-Wilayah Perseku-

tuan) (jawatankuasa Kariah)

2019 dan majlis penyampaian Watikah Pelantikan Ja-

watankuasa Kariah Masjid Dan Surau Jumaat Sesi 2020-2023, di Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan di sini, se-

malam.

Majlis disempurnakan Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Hal Ehwal Agama) Datuk Seri Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri.

Mohd Ajib berkata, kelulusan akan diberikan dalam

kadar segera bagi membentarkan orang ramai menuaikan solat Jumaat selepas memenuhi syarat berdasarkan kedudukan dan keluaran surau serta kemampuan menampung jemaah selain memenuhi SOP.

Pada majlis itu, pelantikan watikah berkenaan membabitkan 89 masjid dan 107 surau Jumaat di seluruh Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya dan La-

buan. - Bernama

4 lagi kes di Sarawak

Kuching: Sarawak terus mencatatkan kes baharu positif Covid-19 apabila empat lagi dikesan, semalam.

Jurucakap Sekretariat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Negeri (JPBN) berkata, semua kes itu membabitkan kes tempatan di Kuching.

Berikutnya empat kes baharu itu, jumlah keseluruhan kes positif Covid-19 di Sarawak kini meningkat sebanyak 632 kes.

"Tiga daripada kes dilaporkan hari ini (semalam) adalah hasil saringan pengesanan kontak dalam klangungan kluster aktif manakala satu lagi dikesan selepas kes menjalani saringan kendiri," katanya, semalam.

Kes pertama hasil pengesanan kontak kluster yang masih aktif membabitkan seorang wanita tempatan iaitu penjual sayur di Pasar Stutong, Kuching.

9 kes baru Covid-19

Putrajaya: Jangkitan baharu Covid-19 dalam negara kembali kepada satu angka dengan merekodkan sembilan kes semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes keseluruhan penularan wabah itu sebanyak 8,840 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, daripada keseluruhan kes baharu yang dilaporkan itu, tiga daripadanya kes import yang pulang dari India, Singapura dan Filipina.

Beliau berkata, enam

baki kes berkaitan penuharan tempatan membabitkan empat kes direkodkan di Sarawak, satu kes di Sabah dan satu lagi kes di Kelantan.

"Daripada sembilan kes itu, enam daripadanya jangkitan dalam kalangan warga Malaysia manakala tiga kes membabitkan jangkitan bukan warganegara.

"Kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah 143 kes dan mereka sudah diasingkan serta diberi rawatan," katanya.

Permohonan paling tinggi dari Indonesia, Thailand, Pakistan

Kuala Lumpur: Pihak pengurusan institusi pengajian tinggi (IPT) perlu menyediakan maklumat lengkap penuntut antarabangsa yang akan kembali ke Malaysia sebelum seseorang penuntut itu dibenarkan menyambung sesi pengajian.

Menteri Pengajian Tinggi Datuk Dr Noraini Ahmad berkata, maklumat itu perlu diserahkan kepada Education Global Service (EMGS) sebelum kebenaran masuk ke dalam negara diluluskan Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia.

"Saya dimaklumkan maklumat berhubung pelajar antarabangsa kembali ke Malaysia bagi menyambung pengajian di IPT masing-masing yang dijadualkan bermula Oktober ini.

Sebelum ini, kerajaan mengumumkan kebenaran pelajar antarabangsa kembali ke Malaysia bagi menyambung pengajian di IPT masing-masing yang dijadualkan bermula Oktober ini.

Ditanya mengenai proses pendaftaran semula



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Kuala Lumpur

Aktiviti kunjung-mengunjung pada sambutan hari raya Aidiladha kelak dibenarkan kerajaan.

Menteri Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaacob berkata, bagaimanapun keputusan itu bergantung kepada situasi semasa jangkitan Covid-19 di negara ini.

Menurutnya, kerajaan tidak menyekat aktiviti itu dilakukan masyarakat pada hari biasa dan menyambut hari raya haji.

"Kita konsisten...jika hari biasa boleh berkunjung ke rumah begitu juga hari raya haji. Kita tidak menetapkan untuk menyekat," katanya berhubung Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Pemulihan (PKPP), semalam.

50% gagal patuh SOP kuarantin di rumah

Kuala Lumpur: Masih ramai golongan degil dan tidak mahu dengar nasihat bagi mengelak penularan Covid-19.

Sehingga kini kerajaan mendapat 50 peratus individu yang diarah menjalani kuarantin di rumah tidak patuh prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ditetapkan.

Berikutnya itu, Menteri Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaacob meriajukan kuarantin wajib tidak lagi dilakukan di rumah dan semua yang pulang ke tanah air akan dikuarantinkan di stesen kuarantin dikenal pasti kerajaan sama ada di hotel atau institut latihan awam (ILA) bermula hari ini.

Menurutnya, langkah itu diukutusakan

kepada rakyat negara ini sama ada yang tiba ke tanah air melalui udara, laut atau darat.

Katanya, tindakan itu tidak hanya membabitkan kemasukan dari Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) malah turut membabitkan lapangan terbang Pulau Pinang, Johor Bahru, Kota Kinabalu dan Kuching.

"Begitu juga melalui jalan darat; seperti melewati Tambak Johor, sesiapa yang tiba dari mana-mana sekali pun akan dikuarantin wajib di stesen kuarantin yang ditetapkan," katanya ketika sidang media Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) di Putrajaya, semalam.

TINJAUAN di Mid Valley Mega Mall di ibu kota, semalam mendapati orang ramai memakai pelitup muka bagi mengecang penularan wabak Covid-19.

'Kita tengok situasi dahulu'

Berkunjung sempena Aidiladha diizinkan tapi...



Mengulas lanjut, Ismail Sabri berkata, keputusan itu tidak hanya membabitkan kemasukan dari Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) malah turut membabitkan lapangan terbang Pulau Pinang, Johor Bahru, Kota Kinabalu dan satu atau dua hari lagi.

Katanya, pihaknya perlu mengambil kira nasihat Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) jika ada peningkatan kes Covid-19 secara mendadak.

"Jika itu berlaku, kita akan mengubah prosedur operasi standard (SOP) dan polisi," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO**MUKA SURAT : 5****RUANGAN : NEGARA**

Covid-19 catat sembilan kes baru

Oleh NOR IDAYU BOSRO

PUTRAJAYA – Sebanyak sembilan kes jangkitan baru Covid-19 direkodkan semalam membabitkan enam kes penularan tempatan dan tiga kes import menjadikan jumlah kumulatif sebanyak

8,840 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, enam kes termasuk dua bukan warganegara penularan tempatan membabitkan empat kes direkodkan di Sarawak, satu kes di Sabah dan satu lagi kes di

Kelantan.

"Kes di Sarawak itu membabitkan beberapa kluster aktif di Sarawak termasuk kluster Sentosa, Stutong dan Kejuruteraan Kuching.

"Tiga kes import pula melibatkan individu yang pulang dari In-

dia, Singapura dan Filipina," katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah 143 kes dan terdapat lapan kes yang pulih daripada Covid-19 dengan jumlah kumu-

latif kes pulih sepenuhnya dan discaj wad sebanyak 8,574 kes.

"Ini mencatatkan 96.99 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

"Setakat ini terdapat lima pesakit yang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU)," tambahnya.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 15

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

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MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19



Sarawak mungkin dikenakan PKPD

Susulan terdapat lapan kluster aktif Covid-19 di negeri itu

Oleh TUAN BUHAIYAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN

PUTRAJAYA

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) tidak menolak kemungkinan melaksanakan kembali Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) di lokaliti di Sarawak.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ia susulan terdapat lapan kluster aktif di negeri itu.

"Sekiranya pelaksanaan PKPD dikuatkuasakan, ia akan dibuat di lokaliti atau kumpulan sasaran yang telah dikenalpasti.

"Setakat ini KKM masih

dapat mengawal lagi penularan wabak itu di Sarawak," katanya pada sidang akhbar perkembangan terkini kes koronavirus (Covid-19) di kepentingannya di sini semalam.

Berdasarkan data KKM setakat ini, lapan kluster tersebut merupakan kluster Sentosa (8), Stutong (7), Kejuruteraan Kuching (3), Jupiter (3), Mampong (5), Pusat Perubatan Kuching (3), Jeti Kuching (3) dan PUI Melbourne (2). Seramai 1,476 individu telah disaring dalam lapan kluster tersebut.

Sementara itu, selepas beberapa hari, kes baharu positif Covid-19 kembali kepada satu digit dengan sembilan kes dilaporkan.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, pertambahan itu menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan sebanyak kes 8,840.



"Daripada sembilan kes baharu, enam adalah penularan dalam negara melibatkan empat rakyat tempatan di Sarawak," katanya.

Beliau berkata, dua kes penularan dalam negara melibatkan dua warga asing direkodkan di Kelantan dan Sabah.

"Jumlah kes aktif dan sedang dirawat di hospital adalah sebanyak 143 kes."

"Lima kes positif Covid-19 sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dan dua kes daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, KKM turut merekodkan lapan kes pulih dan dibenarkan discaj semalam.

"Jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya adalah 8,574 kes bersamaan 97 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes," katanya.

24 peratus individu HSO tidak guna Home Assessment Tool

PUTRAJAYA - Trend

kenaikan kes harian dan kewujudan beberapa kluster baharu besar kemungkinan disebabkan kelekaan serta ketidakpatuhan orang ramai terhadap arahan matupun nasihat kerajaan dalam menangani koronavirus (Covid-19).

"Ia merupakan satu ciri bagi individu menjalani penilaian kendiri yang perlu dilakukan setiap hari sepanjang tempoh kuarantin di rumah iaitu selama 14 hari.

"Setakat ini, bilangan pengembara yang pulang dari luar negara yang dikehendaki menjalani HSO adalah seramai 31,674 orang dan jumlah yang sudah tamat tempoh kuarantin adalah 18,416 orang," katanya pada sidang akhbar perkembangan Covid-19 di sini semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, sejak kebelakangan ini, tular di media sosial gambar beberapa individu di bawah Perintah Pengawasan dan Pemerhatian Di Rumah (HSO), namun didapati berada di tempat awam.

Katanya, analisis data ter-

kini melalui aplikasi MySejahtera menunjukkan dari 7

hingga 20 Julai lalu, sebanyak 24.8 peratus daripada jumlah

individu di bawah HSO tidak menggunakan fungsi Home

Assessment Tool.

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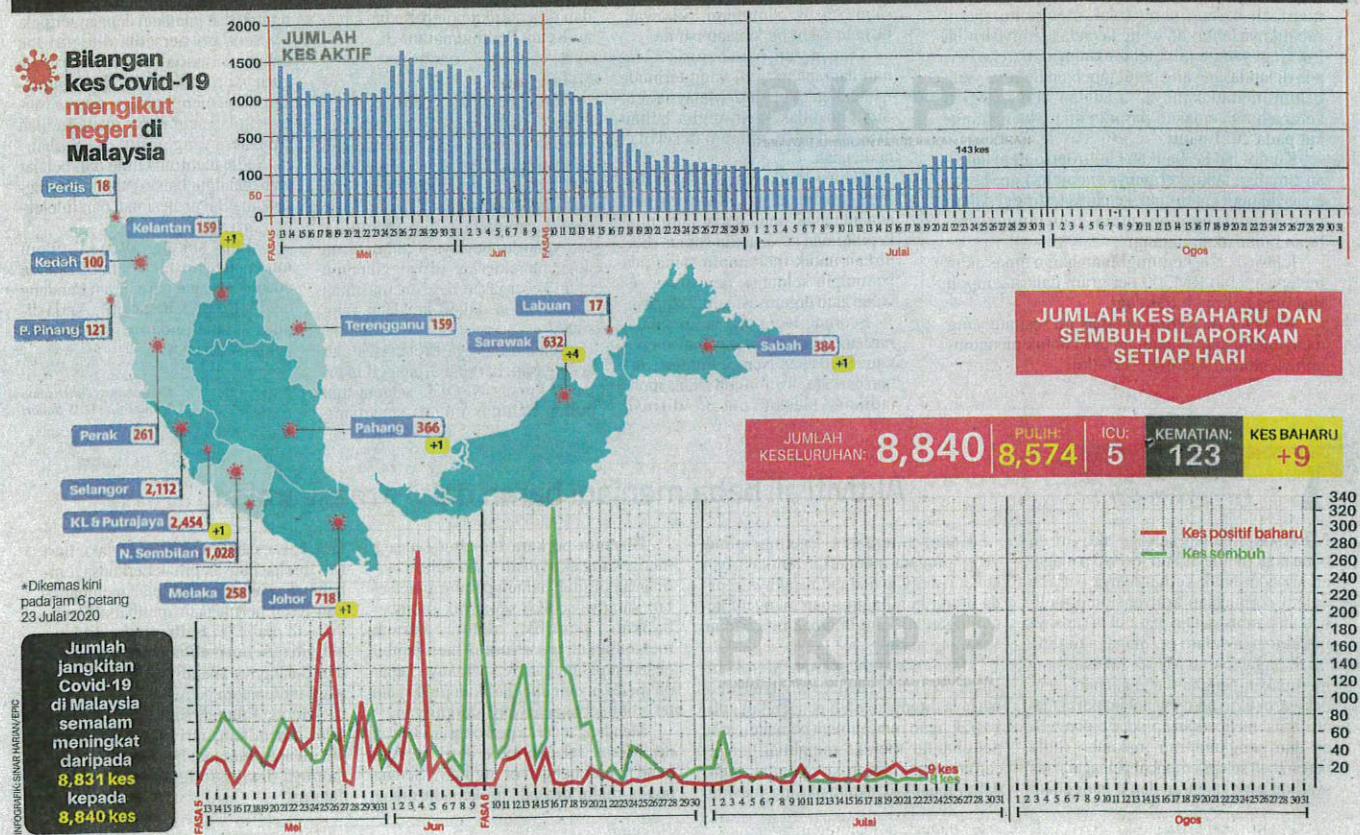
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Covid-19 di sini semalam.

SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM



AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : STORY OF THE DAY/NEWS

'Cases will spike if people ignore S.O.Ps'

PUTRAJAYA: The Health Ministry has warned that Malaysia will see a spike in Covid-19 cases if the public continue to ignore the standard operating procedures (SOPs) despite the current low number of active cases.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the infectivity rate, or RO (R-naught), was at 1.36 in the country.

He said this was an increase from the rate of 0.3 after the Movement Control Order (MCO) and Conditional MCO were enforced.

"If our RO continues to increase, we worry that more people will be infected. Right now, it is at 1.36, but once it goes above 1.6, there is a risk that cases may spike in the near future," he said at a press conference yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said before the MCO was implemented, the RO was 3.55, which meant that one person could infect 3.55 people.

"So for every 10 (positive individuals), they can infect 35.5 people."

The RO had improved from 3.55 to lower than 0.3 during the MCO and CMCO, he said, which brought the country to the recovery phase.

He said in the last three weeks, cases saw a decline, even recording zero local transmissions for three days straight.

"At the time, we had only 63 active cases left. Now, it has more than doubled to 143."

Dr Noor Hisham stressed that the public should continue adhering to the SOPs, including maintaining a safe distance from other people, wearing face masks and frequent hand-washing.

By practising social distancing and wearing face masks, the public can decrease infection risk by 65 per cent and 60 per cent, respectively, he said.

Dr Noor Hisham said nearly 25 per cent of people placed under the Home Surveillance Order (HSO) had failed to observe home quarantine SOPs.

He said analysis from the MySejahtera application found that between July 7 and Monday, up to 24.8 per cent of those under the HSO did not use the Home Assessment Tool feature in the app.

"The Home Assessment Tool is a feature for individuals to conduct self-assessment that must be done daily while being quarantined at home for 14 days."

He said to date, the total number of returnees or Persons Under Surveillance (PUS) required to undergo HSO was 31,674.

Of the total, 18,416 had completed their quarantine.

"However, 10 per cent did not undergo the Covid-19 test on the 13th day of their quarantine."

He said downloads of the MySejahtera app had increased in the last three weeks, the number of registrations or check-ins at restaurants, supermarkets and other premises had declined.

This showed that compliance with SOPs was decreasing, he said.

"Premises owners and the public are reminded to continue observing the SOPs to ensure that we can break the Covid-19 chain in the community."

"The public is also encouraged to be the eyes and ears of the authorities by reporting any incidence of SOP flouting to the police."

He said the ministry did not rule out the possibility of enforcing the Enhanced MCO if Covid-19 cases continued to show an upward trend in Sarawak.

Despite having a total of 10 clusters in the state, Dr Noor Hisham said the situation there remained under control.

"We have sent a team from the ministry to the field to strengthen and increase contact tracing for positive cases."

"If needed, we will enforce the EMCO in affected localities or on targeted groups. For now, we are still able to control it well."

Eight clusters in Sarawak are still active — Sentosa (eight cases), Stutong (seven), Kuching engineering (three), Mambong (five), Jupiter (three), Kuching medical centre (three), Kuching jetty (two) and Melbourne (two).

Nine new Covid-19 cases were recorded in the country up to noon yesterday, bringing the total to 8,840, with 143 active cases.

Dr Noor Hisham said of the nine cases, three were imported and six were local transmissions.



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DATUK DR NOOR HISHAM ABDULLAH
Health director-general

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NATION

King reminds Malaysians to observe SOP on Covid-19

KUALA LUMPUR: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong has reminded all to observe standard operating procedure (SOP) set by the government to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Comptroller of the Royal Household Datuk Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin said Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah expressed concern over the increase in the number of new

cases which rose to double digits and detection of new clusters.

He said Sultan Abdullah wanted the people not to lose focus and to always be vigilant and disciplined in playing their roles by complying with the SOP, including quarantine orders and the new normal.

"His Majesty also reminded the people about the success of the government, the Health Ministry and

all relevant agencies, especially that of the frontliners in curbing the spread of the pandemic.

"These efforts will not mean a thing if the country has to face a second wave and the reimposition of the movement control order that can affect the people's safety and well-being, as well as the country's economy," he said in a statement yesterday.

Ahmad Fadil said Sultan Abdullah was also concerned about the possible surge in dengue cases in the country.

"His Majesty wants the people to continue taking preventive measures as advised by MOH and the relevant authorities to ensure that their houses and surrounding areas are free of Aedes breeding areas.

"Sultan Abdullah also advised the

people to take preventive measures when doing outdoor and indoor activities by using repellent and aerosol sprays, and to seek immediate treatment if they had symptoms of dengue fever," he said.

Ahmad Fadil said Sultan Abdullah wanted curbing the Covid-19 pandemic and combating dengue to be a collective effort of the government and people. — Bernama

'Public apathy led to increased cases'

DG: More people going out now but not 'checking in' on MySejahtera as required

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PETALING JAYA: The increasing Covid-19 cases as well as the emergence of new clusters are due to public complacency and non-compliance with standard operating procedure (SOP) to curb the spread of the disease, says Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Dr Noor Hisham said since July 1, the ministry had recorded 15 new clusters.

In contrast, he noted that the country recorded low numbers of new cases for several days in a row three weeks ago.

On July 1, Malaysia recorded only one new Covid-19 case, with no local transmission of the virus.

However, he said case numbers

have since increased, with double digit figures seen recently.

According to data obtained through the MySejahtera app from July 7 to 20, it was found that 24.8% of the individuals who have been placed under the Home Surveillance Order (HSO) did not use the Home Assessment Tool function.

"Currently, the number of travellers returning from overseas, Persons Under Surveillance (PUIs) who are required to undergo the HSO, is 31,674, and those whose quarantine period have expired are 18,416 persons.

"Of this total, 10% were found to have not undergone their Covid-19 screening on the 13th day," he said during a press briefing in Putrajaya yesterday.

The Home Assessment Tool is for individuals to undergo self-assess-



ment during the 14 days of home quarantine.

Based on his observation, Dr Noor Hisham said more people were dining in restaurants, shopping at the supermarkets, as well as returning to work.

Despite this, he said that analysis of data from the MySejahtera app

showed that even though user registration on the app has increased in the last three weeks, those who "checked-in" at business premises such as restaurants, supermarkets, and others have shown a downward trend.

"This shows that compliance with the SOP is declining," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham advised businesses and the public to comply with the SOP to break the Covid-19 infection chain in the community.

There are currently 19 active clusters in the country, with four clusters, including the Stutong and Sentosa clusters in Sarawak, recording almost daily infections this week.

The country recorded nine new Covid-19 cases yesterday, bringing total infections in the country to 8,840.

Out of the nine new cases, Dr Noor Hisham said three were imported while the rest were local transmissions.

He noted that the three imported cases involved a Malaysian and two foreigners.

Of the six local transmission cases, four were detected among Malaysians from the Sarawak clusters, while two were foreigners.

"There were five positive Covid-19 cases who are being treated in the intensive care units, with two cases requiring ventilator support," he said, adding that eight patients have been discharged, bringing the cumulative number of discharged cases to 8,574.

He also added that there were 143 active cases, and no new death was recorded, with the death toll remaining at 123 cases.

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New Covid-19 cases back to single digit

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PETALING JAYA: The number of new Covid-19 cases dropped to a single digit again yesterday. As of noon, nine cases were reported, bringing the national tally to 8,840.

However, it was no cause for celebration. A downward trend in the use of the MySejahtera app at eateries and supermarkets could send the numbers up again.

Health director-general Datuk Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah told a press conference yesterday both patrons and owners of such

outlets should abide by the standard operating procedures to break the chain of infection.

He said while more people have registered for the MySejahtera app, the number of people using it had dropped.

Data from MySejahtera taken from July 7 to July 20 showed that 24.8% of those undergoing home quarantine did not use the home assessment tool and 10% of them failed to show up for a second screening on the 13th day of their quarantine period as required.

As of yesterday, the number of active cases climbed to 143, with five in intensive care and two requiring ventilator support.

Meanwhile, eight patients had recovered and were discharged from hospital yesterday, raising the number of recoveries to 8,574. The death toll remains at 123.

Of the nine new cases, three were imported. All six locally transmitted infections were from Sarawak. Four of them were Malaysians.

Three of them are believed to have picked up the infection in three known clusters in Kuching.

The two foreigners who picked up the infection locally are detainees in prisons in Kelantan and Sabah. One of the three imported cases is Malaysian.