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# Lebih banyak sektor bukan ekonomi dibuka

## Susulan trend jangkitan virus dalam kalangan rakyat berkurangan

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**Putrajaya:** Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) memberi komitmen lebih banyak sektor akan dibuka dalam masa terdekat bukan saja ekonomi, tetapi diperluas kepada sosial, sukan dan pendidikan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata ini selepas trend jangkitan COVID-19 dalam kalangan rakyat berkurangan biarpun kelegaran diberi sebelum ini untuk keseluruhan sektor ekonomi

dibuka ketika Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB).

Beliau berkata, pengenalan garis panduan dan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) sepanjang PKPB turut membantu menurunkan kes jangkitan kepada satu angka dalam kalangan jangkitan memabatkan rakyat Malaysia.

“Dalam seminggu lagi dalam unjuran kita, (kes mungkin) kekal satu angka, tetapi kita perlu kenal pasti dan kena pertingkatkan lagi kepatuhan dalam kalangan bukan warga negara.

“Tindakan juga sudah diambil, kita sudah ada jawatankuasa untuk melihat kepatuhan dalam ka-

langan warga asing. Mereka kena patuh SOP,” katanya pada sidang media harian COVID-19 di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, tahap pematuhan SOP dalam kalangan warga asing amat penting dan menjadi keutamaan pemantauan agensi penguat kuasa ketika ini bagi menghentikan penularan jangkitan di negara ini.

Katanya, KKM menjangkakan akan berlaku peningkatan kes secara mendadak selepas musim perayaan Aidilfitri, tetapi ia tidak berlaku, sebaliknya apa yang berlaku adalah peningkatan jangkitan di Depoh Tahanan Imigresen (DTI).

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, mana-mana warga asing yang didapati positif selepas ujian saringan kedua juga sudah diasingkan dan



Dr Noor Hisham pada sidang media harian COVID-19 di Putrajaya, semalam. (Foto Luqman Hakim Zubir/BH)

dirawat di Pusat Kuarantin dan Rawatan COVID-19 di Taman Ekspo Pertanian Malaysia Serdang (MAEPS).

“Tindakan kita terkawal kerana mereka dalam DTI, tetapi apa yang pasti kita perlu meningkatkan lagi protokol dan kawalan penyakit berjangkit di DTI.

“Kita juga perlu melihat di pusat tahanan lain dikendalikan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) dan di penjara. Ini kawasan yang kita tumpu dan sasaran untuk dilaksanakan pemantauan kelak,” katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, SOP untuk perniagaan gunting rambut sedia ada dan pihaknya kini akan memantau pelaksanaan serta pematuhan terhadap garis panduan berkenaan. Katanya, dengan pembukaan

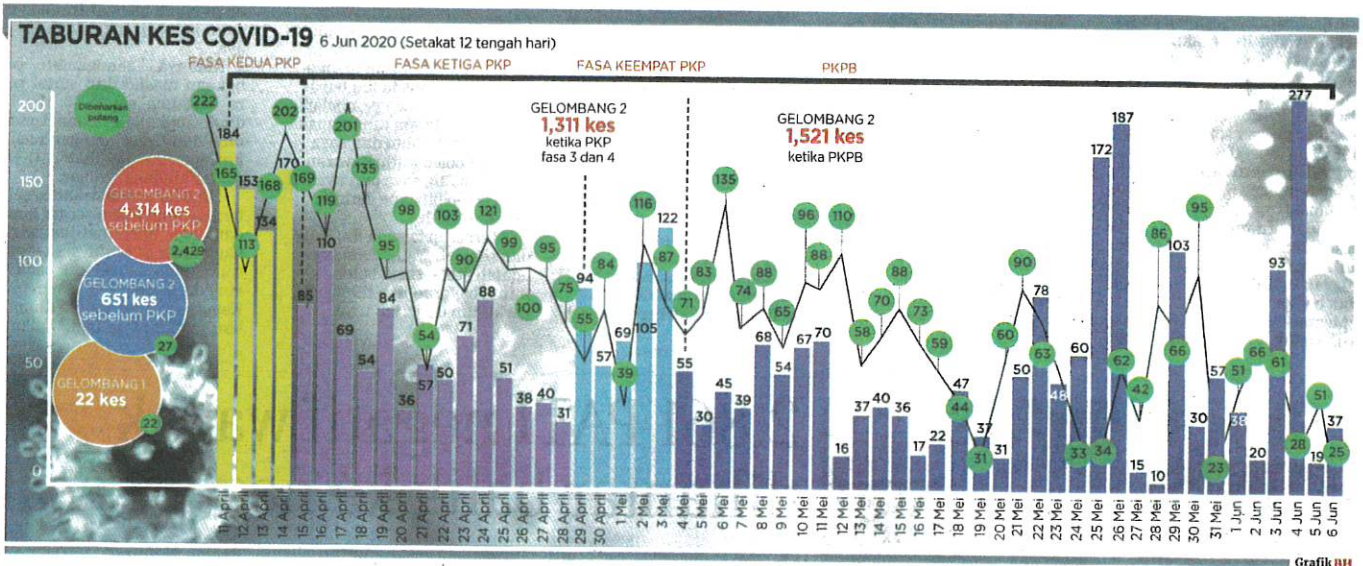
perniagaan gunting rambut pada Rabu ini, KKM akan memantau jika ada peningkatan kes positif.

Selain itu, Akta Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit 1988 (Akta 342) akan terus digunakan bagi memantau pematuhan rakyat terhadap SOP pencegahan pandemik COVID-19.

Akta itu juga digunakan sebagai pengawasan apabila lebih banyak sektor ekonomi dibuka selepas 10 Jun ini.

“Akta 342 bagi kawalan dan pencegahan penyakit berjangkit akan terus diguna pakai sebagai pemantauan dan pengawasan apabila lebih banyak sektor dibuka.

“Jika ada wabak atau peningkatan kes di sesuatu lokaliti atau kumpulan sasar kita akan laksanakan PKPD atau PKPB,” katanya.



## KKM sukar sah punca kematian 117 individu positif COVID-19

**Kuala Lumpur:** Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) menjelaskan sukar untuk mengesahkan punca kes kematian 117 individu setakat ini, sama ada disebabkan penyakit COVID-19 atau komplikasi daripada virus berkenaan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata ada individu yang meninggal dunia disebabkan seran-

gan virus berkenaan ke jantung.

“Contohnya, pesakit positif COVID-19, tetapi virus sudah sampai ke jantung menyebabkan pembekuan darah di jantung dan menyebabkan mati sebagai sakit jantung.

“Persoalannya sekarang ini mati sakit jantung atau sakit disebabkan COVID-19. Mati sebab sa-

kit, kita ada kerumitan untuk lihat punca kematiannya.

“Kalau dia COVID-19 positif, tetapi dia membunuh diri, yang itu kita boleh asingkan atau kalau dia positif terbabat dalam kemalangan jalan raya, sebab kematian adalah kemalangan jalan raya,” katanya pada sidang media harian COVID-19 di Putrajaya, semalam.

Sementara itu, sebanyak 37 kes baharu COVID-19 dilaporkan semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes positif, setakat ini adalah 8,304 kes.

Beliau berkata, daripada 37 kes dilaporkan, lapan kes adalah kes import yang mendapat jangkitan di luar negara.

“Daripada (baki) 29 kes penularan di dalam negara, 19 kes bu-

kan warganegara dan 10 kes adalah dalam kalangan warganegara,” katanya turut memaklumkan lima kes positif sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU).

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, 25 kes sembuh direkodkan menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya dari COVID-19 dan discaj daripada wad adalah 6,635 kes atau 79.9 peratus.

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STILL CURBING NEW INFECTIONS

# MALAYSIA NOT READY FOR 'EXIT STRATEGY'

We are now entering 'recovery phase' where monitoring and control are needed

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**M**ALAYSIA is not yet ready to execute the "exit strategy" from measures implemented in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, as the country is still curbing new infections.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said as the number of cases remained in two digits, low compliance rate among immigrants to the standard operating procedure (SOP) had become an issue that needed to be addressed.

He said as more sectors were slated to reopen on June 10 covering social, education and sports, it was important for the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Act 342) to be continuously enforced for monitoring and control purposes.

"We are currently not ready for an exit strategy. We are now en-

tering a 'recovery phase' where monitoring and control press the need for Act 342 to be taken.

"Act 342 will be used for monitoring and control, ensuring that individuals and businesses comply with the SOPs."

Dr Noor Hisham said the police, armed forces, the People's Volunteer Corps and other enforcing agencies also had the authority to enforce the act.

He said border control would continue to be tightened, with foreigners still restricted from entering the country and Malaysians not allowed to travel overseas.

He said the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) had proven to be effective, where Malaysia had successfully managed to contain the spread of the disease and brought down the number of cases to two digits.

"Among Malaysians (new cases), we have achieved single-digit cases. Based on our projection for another week, this single-digit will remain.

"But we also identified the need to ensure compliance (to the SOPs) among immigrants.

"Action has been taken with a committee set up to oversee this."

He also said the protocol for managing infectious diseases at immigration depots would be tightened and the authorities would monitor the situation at

prisons and police departments.

The Health Ministry registered 38 new cases of Covid-19 up to noon yesterday, bringing the tally of infections in the country to 8,303.

Dr Noor Hisham said the new cases raised the total number of active cases to 1,552.

"Out of the total 37 new cases, eight are imported and 29 are local. Of the 29 cases, 19 are foreigners and 10 are Malaysians."

He said 25 patients recovered and were discharged yesterday, raising the cumulative number of recovered cases to 6,635, or 79.9 per cent.

He said five Covid-19 cases were being treated at Intensive Care Units and one death reported to the Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre up to noon yesterday, increasing the death toll in Malaysia to 117 (1.41 per cent).

Dr Noor Hisham added that the latest death was case 2296, a 79-year-old woman who was admitted to Hospital Sungai Buloh on March 26 after showing symptoms since March 18.

On the actual causes of deaths involving 117 Covid-19 cases recorded in the country so far, he said they could be due to the virus itself or complications caused by it.

"For example, a patient tested positive for Covid-19, but the virus caused blood clots in the



Taman Langat Utama and Taman Langat Murni in Banting have been put under semi-Enhanced Movement Control Order since a new Covid-19 cluster involving workers of a cleaning company in the area was detected on Thursday. PIC BY LUOMAN HAKIM

heart and caused death from a heart attack. It is difficult to determine the real cause of death," he said, adding that more data was needed to reflect these.

Dr Noor Hisham also said the authorities were not expecting to see another spike in Covid-19 cases as screenings of undocumented migrant workers and personnel in charge at the four immigration depots were almost completed.

"We are not expecting to see

another spike in cases (like the 277 cases recorded on Thursday)," he said here yesterday.

He said 4,908 individuals had been screened from the immigration depot cluster and only two individuals from the Bukit Jalil depot were awaiting their test results up to yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said the Immigration Department had been advised to repatriate the foreigners who have been tested negative to their home country.

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# 'More sectors to open soon'

## Dr Noor Hisham: Infection trends are good amid close monitoring

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**PUTRAJAYA:** With no spike in Covid-19 cases after Hari Raya Aidilfitri, it is time for more sectors to reopen, says Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

The Health director-general said the ministry was expecting a rise in cases after the holiday period but the data showed otherwise.

"Besides the economic sector, we will open up others including sports, social and education.

"Currently, the conditional movement control order (MCO) is working as we have been able to control

the rate of infection to double digits.

"As for infections among Malaysians, it is registering only a single digit," he said during his daily briefing yesterday.

But Dr Noor Hisham said the compliance rate of conditional MCO among foreigners should be increased.

"Action has been taken and we have a committee looking into how we can improve the rate," he said.

On the announcement that barber shops, hair salons and beauty parlours would be allowed to resume operations on June 10, he said the ministry would monitor the situation closely.



On the latest statistics, Dr Noor Hisham said there were 37 new cases and 25 new recoveries from the disease over the past 24 hours.

Of the total, eight were imported cases. From the 29 local cases, 19 involved foreigners.

He said there was one new death – a 79-year-old local woman, bringing the death toll to 117.

On the clusters at Immigration depots, he said only the results of two detainees at the Bukit Jalil depot were still pending.

"We don't expect another spike in such cases. Those who tested negative should be deported," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham added that infectious disease protocols needed to be improved at depots and other holding areas under the police and Prisons Department.

## Sabah awaits childcare centre reports

**TAWAU:** The state government is awaiting reports and a study from the Sabah State Health Department on the reopening of childcare centres, said Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Christina Liew.

"This is in relation to standard procedures based on Federal guidelines and in keeping with the current situation in the state, before allowing nurseries to operate in Sabah.

"We understand that nurseries in the peninsula have been open since May 2 and Sarawak, set to open on June 9," she told reporters yesterday after donating face masks to NGOs and food packets to mosques here.

— Bernama



## Keeping apart

Crowd queuing to go into a furniture mart in Kota Damansara yesterday. The MCO entered its 81 day yesterday as people grow more accustomed to the 'new normal'.  
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