

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

KKM anjak
sasaran satu
angka kes
baru
12 Mei depan

Putrajaya: Unjuran Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) untuk mencapai sasaran satu angka kes baru jangkitan COVID-19 terpaksa dianjakkan semula seminggu lagi, dari 5 Mei kepada 12 Mei ini.

Mengulas keupayaan itu, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata keputaan KKM kini adalah bagi memastikan penularan COVID-19 berada dalam keadaan terkawal, manakala semua kemudahan kesihatan berupaya menampung jumlah kemasukan pesakit baru.

"Sebelum ini, kita unjuran sasaran mencapai satu angka kes baru ditetapkan pada 5 Mei iaitu semalam, tetapi ia terpaksa dianjakkan seminggu lagi kepada 12 Mei."

"Sekarang ini, yang lebih penting adalah kita bersedia berdepan kemungkinan peningkatan kes kerana kadar penggunaan wad dan unit rawatan rapi (ICU) berkurban."

"Begini juga, kadar penggunaan alat bantuan pernafasan, justeru kita tukar daripada Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) kepada Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB)."

"Tetapi kejayaan PKPB ini tidak hanya terletak di bahu kerajaan dan KKM, sebaliknya mencapai peranan serta tanggungjawab rakyat Malaysia dalam mematuhi SOP ditetapkan," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan berasingan, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, KKM kini meneliti keberkesanannya 200.000 kit ujian pantas (RTK) antigen yang dibeli sebelum membuat tempahan tambahan produk berkenaan dari Korea Selatan.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya sedang mengumpulkan data kadar penggunaan 50.000 RTK yang sudah diagihkan di beberapa kawasan strategik bagi meningkatkan kemampuan mengendalikan ujian saringan.

Katanya, hasil penelitian terhadap kit ujian berkenaan akan dimaklumkan dalam tempoh terdekat, selain mempertimbangkan kemungkinan untuk membuat tempahan tambahan selanjutnya.

"Kita sudah agihkan RTK kepada semua, tetapi data berhubung kadar penggunaannya masih dikumpulkan, justeru ia akan dimaklumkan dalam sehari dua lagi."

"KKM nak lihat dulu pada 50.000 RTK yang digunakan, kaji keberkesanannya dan jika hasil bagus dari segi ketepatan, mungkin kita akan tempah lebih lagi," katanya.

Penularan COVID-19

Penularan dalam kalangan buruh warga asing serius

Faktor tempat tinggal, miliki pelbagai pekerjaan dedah kepada jangkitan

Putrajaya: Kes penularan pandemik COVID-19 dalam kalangan buruh warga asing di negara ini didapati semakin meruncing, berikutan beberapa faktor termasuk aspek kehidupan dan latar belakang pekerjaan mereka.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata kebanyakannya warga asing dikesan mendiami penempatan padat penghuni, selain mempunyai rekod pekerjaan lebih daripada satu sektor seperti pembinaan dan aktiviti jual beli di pasar borong.

"Oleh itu, kes membabitkan pekerja asing senang merebak berikutan faktor ini. Setakat ini, kita sudah laksanakan saringan terhadap 22,339 individu bukan warga negara dan yang positif adalah 986 orang, bersamaan dengan 4.4 peratus.

"Dalam rawatan kita untuk bukan warga negara ketika ini membabitkan 457 kes, merang-

kumi 46.3 peratus, manakala unit rawatan rapi (ICU) ada empat kes, iaitu 0.9 peratus.

"Jumlah warga asing yang sembuh pula adalah 525 orang, bersamaan 53.3 peratus, selain merekodkan empat kematian (0.4 peratus)," katanya dalam sidang media harian COVID-19 di sini, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, pihaknya dimaklumkan bahawa jumlah pekerja asing berdaftar di negara ini, adalah kira-kira 2.5 juta orang.

Sehubungan itu, beliau menyifatkan saringan terhadap semua pekerja asing adalah pendekatan mustahil kerana Malaysia ketika ini mempunyai kit ujian yang tidak mencukupi.

"Kalau nak kira cukup atau tidak kit saringan jika nak saring semua pekerja asing, memang tidak cukup, justeru kita kena laksanakan secara bersasar di kawasan pasarnya," katanya.

Rentetan daripada perangkaan semasa, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, KKM akan melaksanakan saringan secara bersasar terhadap individu bukan warga negara, terutama dari zon merah iaitu Se-

"Sekarang ini kita tumpukan saringan di tapak pembinaan dan kluster pasar borong iaitu menggunakan lokality serta dilaksanakan secara bersasar di kawasan pasarnya," katanya.

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Dr Noor Hisham pada sidang media harian COVID-19 di Kementerian Kesihatan, Putrajaya, semalam.
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langor dan Kuala Lumpur.

Beliau berkata pendekatan secara bersasar itu dipilih kerana zon hijau setakat ini tidak merekodkan sebarang kes positif membabitkan rakyat Malaysia atau bukan warga negara.

"Fokus kita adalah tertumpu kepada zon merah untuk bukan warga negara dulu, iuri yang kita akan laksanakan dalam tempoh terdekat," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan berasingan, Dr Noor Hisham mengesahkan, 147 warga asing yang

didapati meloskan diri dari pada beberapa pusat kuaranin, disahkan negatif jangkitan COVID-19.

"Setakat ini, mereka yang lari ada 147 orang, iaitu terdiri daripada kumpulan pembinaan dan tujuh kes dikuarantin, tetapi semua adalah negatif."

"Bagaimanapun, mereka perlu menjalani tempoh kuaranin selama 14 hari," katanya sambil menyerahkan kepada polis untuk menjalankan usaha mengesahkan selesa laporan dibuat.

Pesakit pulih tiga kali ganda kes positif

Putrajaya: Sebanyak 135 kes COVID-19 pulih dan dibenarkan diseara semalam, tiga kali ganda lebih banyak berbanding 45 kes positif baru, yang dilaporkan kepada Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM).

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata dengan itu, jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya dan dibenarkan keluar daripada wad sebanyak 4,702 kes atau 73.15 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Beliau berkata, sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam, hanya 45 kes baru yang dilaporkan, menjadikan jumlah kes positif COVID-19 di Malaysia adalah sebanyak 6,428 kes.

Katanya, jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan COVID-19 adalah 1,619 kes, setakat ini dan mereka sudah diasingkan dan diberi rawatan.

"Ingin dimaklumkan bahawa diuripada 45 kes baru yang dilaporkan hari ini, satu kes import dilaporkan. Ini bermakna, kes pe-



Anggota polis dan tentera mengawal laju keluar dan masuk di sekitar kawasan Taman Wilayah Selayang ketika timjauan, semalam.
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nularan tempatan adalah sebanyak 44 kes, dengan satu kes dikehaskan dari kluster dan lokality bawah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD).

"Sehingga kini, seramai 22 kes positif COVID-19 sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dan daripada jumlah itu, sembilan kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya di sini, semalam.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Pusat Kesiapsiagaan dan Tindakan Cepat Krisis Kebangsaan (CPRC) Kebangsaan, menerima laporan mengenai satu lagi kes kematian berkaitan COVID-19.

Katanya, dengan kematian terbaru itu, setakat ini sebanyak 107 kes atau 1.66 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes kematian dicatatkan di Malaysia akhir

bat COVID-19.

"Kes kematian ke-107 membabitkan lelaki warga Malaysia berusia 51 tahun dan mempunyai latar belakang penyakit kencing manis, darah tinggi dan penyakit buah pinggang."

"Beliau dirawat di Hospital Sungai Buloh (HSB) pada 22 April dan disahkan meninggal dunia pada jam 2.53 petang semalam (5 Mei)," katanya.

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Duta Kesatuan Eropah puji rawatan untuk pesakit Covid-19 di Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR - Rakyat Eropah yang berkongsi pengalaman ketika menjalani rawatan koronavirus (Covid-19) di Malaysia menyatakan mereka menerima layanan baik dan memuaskan, kata Duta dan Ketua Delegasi Kesatuan Eropah (EU) ke Malaysia, Maria Castillo Fernandez.

"Kami hanya mendengar perkara yang baik-baik sahaja daripada warga Eropah yang telah menerima rawatan Covid-19 di Malaysia," katanya.

Fernandez mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) dan kakitangan hospital di negara ini di samping menghargai semua maklumat serta penerangan yang diberikan kementerian.

"Nasib baik tiada korban jiwa dalam kalangan kumpulan ini (warga Eropah). Saya ingin menzahirkan ucapan terima kasih kepada semua petugas hospital yang berdedikasi," katanya menerusi e-mel semalam.

Menurutnya, kini tiada rakyat EU yang dirawat akibat Covid-19 di

hospital di sini tetapi dalam tempoh beberapa minggu yang lalu tiga atau empat warga EU dirawat termasuk seorang wanita hamil.

Mereka semua telah sembuh sepenuhnya dan merakamkan penghargaan atas kecekapan kakitangan hospital dan kualiti penjagaan diberikan untuk membantu mereka pulih dengan cepat," katanya.

Duta itu turut merakamkan penghargaan kepada pihak berkuasa Malaysia atas usaha menghantar pulang warga EU yang terkandas akibat krisis Covid-19 termasuk Kementerian Luar, Kementerian Pengangkutan, Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Jabatan Imigresen serta pihak berkuasa lapangan terbang dan Malaysia Airlines.

Terdapat kira-kira 1,500 warga EU yang masih terkandas tetapi jumlah itu berkurangan setiap hari kerana ada yang dapat pulang ke negara asal mereka.

Setakat ini, kedutaan sudah mengatur lima penerbangan untuk menghantar pulang rakyat EU. - Bernama

KKM lapor polis

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Dr Noor Hisham (kiri) pada sidang media di Putrajaya semalam.

147 warga asing yang lari dari pusat kuarantin telah jalani saringan

Oleh NURUL HUDA HUSAIN dan TUAN BUQHAIRAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN

PUTRAJAYA

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) telah membuat laporan polis berhubung tindakan 147 warga asing yang melarikan diri dari pusat kuarantin.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kesemua warga asing tersebut telah menjalani saringan dan didapati negatif wabak koronavirus (Covid-19).

"Kalau kita lihat gelombang pertama pun kita (ada kes) warganegara China yang lari dari pusat kuarantin tapi apa yang pasti mereka bukan positif tetapi mereka ini dikuarantinkan sebab ada terdedah kepada kes positif."

"Jadi setakat ini kita maklum dan buat laporan polis dan polis sedang ambil tindakan ke atas mereka yang lari dari pusat kuarantin tersebut," katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Dr Noor Hisham

turut menegaskan insiden pekerja asing yang melarikan diri dari pusat kuarantin bukan bersabit dengan pelaksanaan prosedur operasi standard (SOP).

"Seramai 147 warga asing iaitu daripada kumpulan tapak pembinaan dan tujuh kes sedang dikuarantin tetapi kesemuanya mereka adalah negatif, namun mereka perlu menjalani kuarantin wajib selama 14 hari," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, tempat tinggal warga asing yang ramai penghuni dan sesak menjadi faktor sasaran Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) memerangi penularan Covid-19.

Katanya, mereka bekerja dalam pelbagai sektor dan tinggal bersama.

"Tempat tinggal yang padat mendong KKM membuat saringan terhadap kumpulan itu dan kita akan melakukan ujian bermula di zon merah di Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur," katanya.

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 22,339 saringan telah dilakukan terhadap warga asing.

"Daripada jumlah itu, 986 disahkan positif dan 457 masih menerima rawatan termasuk empat di unit rawatan rapi," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, seramai 525 warga asing yang dijangkiti telah pulih sepenuhnya.

"Setakat ini empat kematian dilaporkan," katanya.

MKN perkemas SOP di pusat kuarantin

PUTRAJAYA - Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) akan meneliti prosedur operasi standard (SOP) sedia ada berhubung kes warga asing yang melarikan diri dari pusat kuarantin pada Isnin lalu.

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, setakat ini Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) sedang memburu tujuh warga asing yang lari dari pusat kuarantin di sebuah institut pendidikan di Kuala

Lumpur.

"Jika dahulu ada warga asing di bangunan Selangor Mansion melarikan diri dan polis berjaya menjelajak dan menangkapnya, perkara sama akan dilakukan."

"Kita akan tengok SOP dan semak bagaimana mereka boleh melarikan diri dari kawasan tersebut. Insya-ALLAH kita akan melihat perkara yang boleh kita perkemas dan perketatkan," katanya di sini semalam.

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MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

Laporan TUAN BUQHAIRAH
TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN
dan NURUL HUDA HUSAIN

Kluster Sri Petaling rekod 24 kes baharu

Kes jangkitan baharu itu melibatkan generasi kedua dan ketiga

PUTRAJAYA

Kluster terbesar jangkitan Covid-19 di negara ini, kluster Perhimpunan Sri Petaling merekodkan pertambahan 24 kes baharu positif pandemik itu.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, jangkitan baharu itu melibatkan generasi kedua dan ketiga.

"Sebanyak 19 kes positif dikesan membabit-

Kes Kematian Baharu COVID-19 Di Malaysia					
Kes Kematian	Kes	Jantina	Umur (tahun)	Hospital	Latar Belakang
107	2380	Lelaki	51	Hospital Sungai Buloh	Mengalami penyakit kerongkong menular, darah tinggi dan penyakit buah pinggang.

107 Kematian
(Kadar kematian 1.66%)

Satu lagi kematian Covid-19 direkodkan di Malaysia setakat semalam.

kan generasi kedua manakala lima disahkan positif daripada generasi ketiga kluster ini," katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, setakat ini 2,311 kes disahkan positif Covid-19 daripada 36,797 individu yang diperiksa.

"Sebanyak 767 kes positif dikesan daripada individu yang hadir pada perhimpunan tersebut (kes indeks) dan seramai 807 individu daripada generasi pertama telah dijangkiti wabak berkenaan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, sera-

mai 660 individu generasi kedua disahkan positif Covid-19 dan 63 kes dalam generasi ketiga.

"Generasi keempat dan kelima masing-masing mencatatkan tujuh kes positif," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham memaklumkan sebanyak 45 kes baharu positif Covid-19 direkodkan semalam.

Katanya, daripada jumlah itu hanya satu kes import dikesan daripada rakyat negara ini yang pulang dari luar negara.

"Ini bermakna 44 kes ialah penularan tempatan dan satu daripadanya dikesan daripada kluster dan lokaliti di bawah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD)," katanya.

Masih terlalu awal isytihar bahaya Covid-19 rendah

PUTRAJAYA - Masih terlalu awal untuk mengisytiharkan bahaya Covid-19 kini berada pada tahap rendah walaupun kes positif baharu semakin menurun di Malaysia.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah menegaskan, penurunan jumlah kes tidak seharusnya menjadikan masyarakat alpa dan terlalu mengambil mudah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) yang sedang dilaksanakan.

"Masyarakat diseru untuk terus mengekalkan usaha memerangi virus ini bersama kerajaan," katanya di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, susulan tindakan agresif kerajaan menggunakan pendekatan tertumpu, lebih banyak kes telah dapat dikenal pasti.

"Ini boleh dicapai dengan mematuhi PKPB, mengamalkan tahap kebersihan yang optimum setiap masa seperti kerap mencuci tangan dengan menggunakan air dan sabun, mengamalkan jarak sosial selamat sekurang-kurangnya satu meter dan mengamalkan normal baharu dalam kehidupan sehari-hari," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, kes penularan tempatan wabak Covid-19 di Malaysia masih terkawal dan KKM mengambil pendekatan tertumpu melibatkan tiga kumpulan sasar.

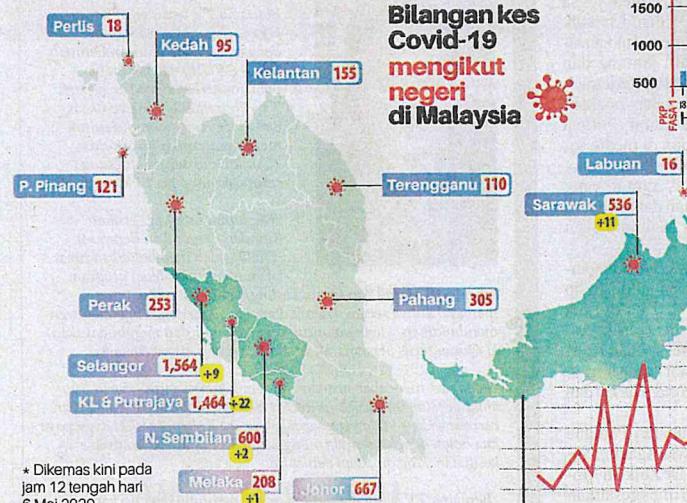
Katanya, tiga kumpulan itu ialah perhimpunan Sri Petaling, sekolah tahtif dan warga asing.

"Kita akan mengenal pasti lokaliti dan tindakan kepada pengesanan kes di lokaliti dan kumpulan sasar," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, beliau yakin kes akan terus berkurangan dalam tempoh seminggu akan datang.

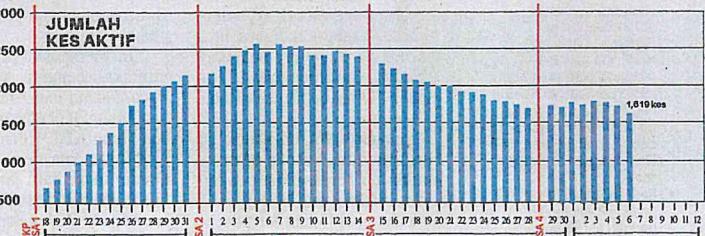
SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM

JUMLAH KESELURUHAN: 6,428 | PULIH: 4,702 | ICU: 22 | KEMATIAN: 107 | KES BAHRU +45

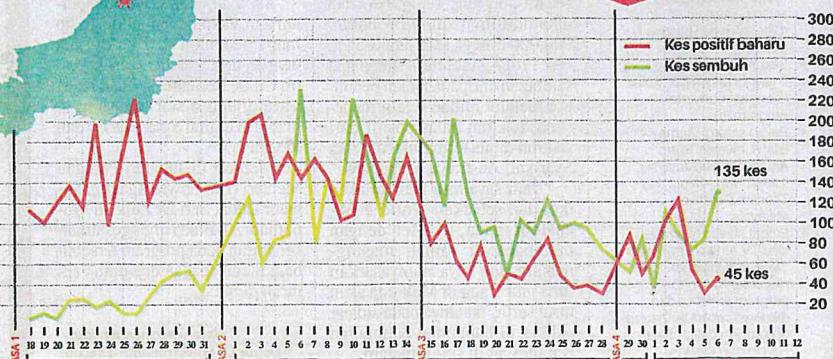


Jumlah jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia semalam meningkat daripada 6,383 kes kepada 6,428 kes

INFOGRAFIK: SINAR HARIAN/EPIC



JUMLAH KES BAHRU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI



AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NEWS/NATION

BANKS

ACCRUED INTEREST ON LOANS WAIVED

This applies to hire-purchase loans and fixed-rate Islamic financing, says minister

KUALA LUMPUR

BANKS have given in to appeals not to impose accrued interest on hire-purchase (HP) loans and fixed-rate Islamic financing.

Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz yesterday said the banking sector had agreed to waive the accrued interest.

This would apply to conventional and syariah loans, he said.

"An agreement has been reached that the amount of monthly instalments for the hire-purchase loans (conventional and shariah financing) will not be changed throughout the loan tenure."

"This means that there will be

no additional charge during the (six-month) moratorium. The government hopes this decision will ease the burden of the people during this challenging time," Tengku Zafrul added.

He said borrowers would need to continue with their repayments based on the terms of agreement with their banks.

This includes an additional six months for the entire financing schedule if borrowers choose to accept the moratorium.

"Further information is available from borrowers' banks."

He had urged banks to consider abolishing the accrued interest on these loans during the six-month moratorium on repayments in the wake of public concerns about the matter.

The banking sector came under fire when Bank Negara allegedly backpedalled on its decision to allow the deferral of HP loans and fixed-rate Islamic financing for six months without any additional interest.



Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz

The central bank's announcement last Thursday caught the public off-guard and created uneasiness and tension.

This was given that they were facing severe hardship due to the Movement Control Order (MCO) in place since March 18.

Putra Business School business development manager Associate Professor Dr Ahmed Razman Abdul Latiff lauded the banking sector's gesture.

"I support the decision to waive accrued interest on HP and fixed-rate Islamic loans because this is in line with the government's original intention of giving a moratorium to individuals and businesses affected by the MCO."

"The moratorium is supposed to allow individuals whose incomes were reduced or did not have any income during the MCO to use their savings on necessary expenses without having to worry about paying the financial commitments to banks."

Razman said the purpose was



Bank Negara had earlier announced that accrued interest would be charged to those who took the six-month loan payment moratorium.

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defeated when Bank Negara announced that the accrued interest would be charged to those who took the moratorium.

"People would not take the moratorium, or worse, take the moratorium and have to bear the additional charges."

"This caused a burden to borrowers."

"Therefore, this latest develop-

ment is welcomed by all."

"I hope the government will come to some agreement with the banking sector to mitigate the potential modification loss suffered by banks due to this moratorium."

He added that a tax exemption could be given to these banks to cushion the modification loss in their profit and loss account.

COVID-19

45 new cases and 1 death reported

PUTRAJAYA: The number of Covid-19 cases has remained in the double digits, with 45 new cases and one fatality reported yesterday.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said out of the 45, one was an imported case.

He said 135 patients were discharged yesterday, bringing the accumulated number of recoveries to 4,702.

The death toll is 107.

"Twenty-two patients are in the intensive care unit (ICU) while nine of them require breathing aid," Dr Noor Hisham said, adding that 217 patients were being treated at the makeshift hospital for Covid-19 cases at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park (Maeps).

He said since the hospital at Maeps became operational, Kuala Lumpur Hospital was able to proceed with other services,

such as elective surgeries.

Commenting on the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), Dr Noor Hisham reminded the public to practise all recommendations made by the Health Ministry, such as observing social distancing, wearing face masks and washing hands frequently.

He said there was a decline in the number of cases since the CMCO was enforced, but urged the public to not take things for granted.

"The situation keeps changing and it is too early for us to declare that the Covid-19 danger is at a low level."

"People must help the government's efforts in fighting the virus."

The ministry had screened 22,339 foreigners, with 986 cases detected, he added.

He said 457 foreigners were under treatment while 525 had recovered.



Health Ministry personnel in Personal Protective Equipment conducting a census in Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur, to get information on locals and foreigners during the CMCO yesterday. PIC BY HAZREEN MOHAMAD

Four deaths had been recorded in this group, while another four had been warded in the ICU, he said.

He said the problem lay with the foreign labourers' cramped living conditions.

"They may work in multiple sectors, whether in markets or construction, but they all live together in one house or flat that is very small and crowded."

Foreign workers are one of the target groups identified by the ministry for Covid-19 screening

and detection, besides tabligh schools and those connected to the Sri Petaling tabligh gathering.

He said records showed there were an estimated 2.5 million registered foreign workers in the country. The Health Ministry did not have the capacity to test such a large number of people due to the lack of test kits, he added.

Therefore, he said, the authorities focused on foreign workers in hot spots or red zones, starting with those in Kuala Lumpur and

Selangor, for example.

"We go by target group and locality. The target group is foreign workers and the locality is hotspots or red zones. For this, we have the capacity."

In areas under the Enhanced Movement Control Order such as Pusat Bandar Utara and around the KL Wholesale Market in Selangor, foreigners accounted for 108 of the 181 cases detected.

In Selayang Baru, they made up 36 of the 52 cases detected, he said.

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NST POSTER

WORLDWIDE
(UP TO YESTERDAY)

CORONAVIRUS CASES

3,743,654

RECOVERED

1,248,705

DEATHS

258,846

GLOBAL COVID-19 CASES

UNITED STATES
Recorded cases 1,237,761
Deaths 72,275

Updates: Researchers said a newly-revised coronavirus mortality model had estimated that nearly 135,000 Americans will die of Covid-19 by early August, almost double the previous projections. The estimate is based on rising mobility in most states, and easing of business closures and stay-at-home orders.

SPAIN
Recorded cases 250,561
Deaths 25,613

Updates: Madrid's Municipal Police Force have opened investigations into a street party by a group of 20 people in three districts of the capital. A viral video showed the suspects singing 'I'm not staying indoors'. Spain remains in a state of emergency even as lockdown restrictions are being eased over the weekend.

ITALY
Recorded cases 213,013
Deaths 29,315

Updates: The country partially lifted its lockdown on Monday as it entered a second phase of Covid-19 measures to gradually resume social and economic activities. Italy maintained a declining trend in active cases up to yesterday. Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said citizens have shown great sense of responsibility since the country was put under lockdown on March 10.

UNITED KINGDOM
Recorded cases 194,990
Deaths 29,427

Updates: The government launched its first test for a coronavirus contact tracing app this week on the Isle of Wight. Using bluetooth technology, the app was developed by the digital technology unit of the National Health Service. It will alert users if they have been near someone who reported having symptoms of the virus or a positive test result.

FRANCE
Recorded cases 170,551
Deaths 25,531

Updates: A hospital retested old samples from pneumonia patients and discovered that it had treated a man with Covid-19 as early as Dec 27, nearly a month before the government confirmed its first cases. Experts said the study may be important in assessing when and where the new coronavirus emerged.

GERMANY
Recorded cases 167,007
Deaths 6,993

Updates: A German study of a small district found that one in five people infected with Covid-19 will show no symptoms, and that will affect disease containment measures. The study involved 919 people in Gangelt, near the border with the Netherlands, which has one of Germany's biggest virus clusters following a carnival attended by infected people.

RUSSIA
Recorded cases 165,929
Deaths 1,537

Updates: Russia maintained its place as Europe's highest number of new Covid-19 infections on Tuesday as the figure soared past 155,000. Health officials reported 10,102 new cases between Monday and Tuesday, which was fewer by 531 new cases reported on Sunday's record surge.

TURKEY
Recorded cases 129,491
Deaths 3,520

Updates: A Covid-19 drug called TR-C 19, developed by Turkey's Health Sciences University and VSY Biotechnology company, will be administered to patients soon. The university's rector, Cevdet Erdol, said the drug is ready to be tested on volunteer patients. Approvals for the drug's licensing will be carried out soon.

BRAZIL
Recorded cases 115,953
Deaths 7,958

Updates: Sao Luis became the first major city in the country to enforce lockdown on Tuesday, a measure that underscores widespread fears that health services across the country could soon collapse under the pressure of the pandemic. The city is the capital of Maranhao state, which has 4,227 Covid-19 cases and 249 deaths.

IRAN
Recorded cases 99,970
Deaths 6,340

Updates: A BBC News Arabic investigative report revealed how Iran's largest airline, Mahan Air, continued to fly despite a ban on flights by the government. This contributed to a spread of Covid-19 in the Middle East. Sources told BBC that dozens of Mahan Air's cabin crew had shown symptoms of Covid-19, but were silenced when they tried to speak out.

POLICE-APPROVED SCHEDULE FOR INTERSTATE TRAVELLING

There is no need to apply for a permit at police stations if registration has been done through the Gerak Malaysia app. Travelling to designated destinations can proceed at the fixed dates.

SCHEDULE FOR INTERSTATE TRAVEL

- MAY 7:** Kuala Lumpur
- MAY 8:** Perak, Johor and Kelantan
- MAY 9:** Perlis, Kedah, Penang, Melaka and Pahang
- MAY 10:** Selangor, Negeri Sembilan and Terengganu



LIST OF FAKE NEWS

DEBUNKED BY THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA COMMISSION

1 THE Johor Health Department has denied allegations circulating on social media that there is a Covid-19 positive patient at the Sentral clinic in Bandar Utama Segamat.

2 THE Econsave supermarket management denied rumours that one of its employees at the Alam Jaya branch in Puncak Alam, Selangor, had tested positive for Covid-19. The management has given its assurance that disinfection is always carried out at its supermarkets for the safety of its workers and customers.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NATION

Health DG: 147 fled quarantine centres

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PETALING JAYA: A total of 147 people have run away from quarantine centres here, says Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Most of them were from the construction sector, he said.

"All of these people tested negative but they are still required to be quarantined for 14 days," he said during his daily briefing yesterday.

He also said that such incidents does not mean there were shortcomings in the standard operating procedures involving quarantine centres.

"This is not a problem with SOP. If we look at the first wave, we had Chinese nationals who also ran away from a quarantine centre.

"But what is certain is that these people were not positive. They were quarantined because they were exposed to a positive case," he said.

In January, the parents of a toddler, who was then quarantined at a Johor hospital, took off and tried to get back to China.

The family of three was however detained at the Senai airport.

Meanwhile, Kuala Lumpur police chief Comm Datuk Seri Mazlan Lazim said police are tracing the

whereabouts of nine foreign men who had run away from a quarantine centre at the Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Bahasa Antarabangsa.

"All of them are construction workers who were quarantined at the centre," he said in a statement yesterday.

He said they had all gone through screenings for Covid-19 but tested negative.

They were supposed to be under quarantine until today.

Their disappearance was detected on Monday morning when doctors made their rounds.

Sources said the escapees were previously living with those who were suspected positive with the virus at Selangor Mansion, Menara City One and Kampung Baru.

Comm Mazlan said police had also stepped up security at the quarantine centre and have increased the number of personnel on duty there.

"The fence that was damaged by the foreigners before they escaped had also been reinforced with barbed wire," he said.

Comm Mazlan urged those with information to contact the KL police hotline at 03-21159999, or any nearest police station.

Police are also tracing the whereabouts of 134 workers who ran away from a construction site.

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 5
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Those in red zones targeted

Ministry aims to screen foreign workers in Selangor and KL

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PUTRAJAYA: The Health Ministry has set its sights on screening foreign workers based in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur for Covid-19, particularly those in "red zones".

This was part of the ministry's "targeted approach" in conducting Covid-19 screening and testing on the public, said Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

"There are about 2.5 million registered foreign workers, so obviously it would be difficult to test all of them. So our targeted approach will focus on foreign workers in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, and for that, we have the capacity (to screen them)."

"It will take time, surely. Our target groups are foreign workers working at construction sites as well as markets. The wholesale market is already identified as a cluster. So what we are going after here are specific localities and targeted groups," said Dr Noor Hisham at the



ministry's daily Covid-19 press conference.

Dr Noor Hisham said one of the issues related to foreign workers are those living in cramped homes and apartments.

"There are some who work at markets and some who work at construction sites but live together in cramped homes."

"So we need to screen all of them."

"Our target is on foreign workers in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur, particularly those in red zones. This is because we have not found cases involving foreigners in green zones in other states," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham said so far, the ministry has screened a 22,339 non-Malaysians and found 986 who were positive for Covid-19.

Some 457 are still being treated at health facilities while 525 have

recovered and have been discharged.

Four non-Malaysians have died so far while four are currently in intensive care units.

Earlier, Dr Noor Hisham announced 45 new Covid-19 cases yesterday, bringing the total number of Covid-19 infections in the country to 6,428.

He also said 135 more patients have been discharged, which means 4,702 patients have recovered from Covid-19 in Malaysia since the outbreak began.

He also announced one death – a 51-year-old man with a history of hypertension, diabetes and kidney disease who died at 2.53pm on Tuesday.

The deceased had been receiving treatment at the Sungai Bulon Hospital since April 22.

The Covid-19 death toll is now 107.

With that, there are only 1,619 active cases being treated at the country's health facilities at present.

On another matter, Dr Noor Hisham said Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL) can resume the majority of its services including elective surgeries,

as the Quarantine and Low-Risk Covid-19 Treatment Centre at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (MAEPS) is now in operation.

He said the centre was built as part of the preparatory efforts to enhance the capacity of the ministry's facilities to treat Covid-19 patients.

MAEPS started operations on April 21 and had received low-risk or no symptom positive Covid-19 patients.

According to Dr Noor Hisham, the services provided at MAEPS include clinical services such as inpatient wards for Covid-19 patients, resuscitation space, ambulance, x-ray, and pathology laboratory services.

Till May 5, Dr Noor Hisham said the cumulative positive Covid-19 cases that are being treated at the centre was 217 cases, in which 65 patients have been discharged and 152 still being treated.

Watch the video
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Most Malaysians wearing face mask in public

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PETALING JAYA: Most Malaysians are wearing face masks in public during the conditional movement control order (CMCO) period, says Datuk Dr Amar-Singh HSS.

The senior consultant paediatrician at a hospital in Ipoh said that, 95% of Malaysians were wearing face masks in public.

Dr Amar-Singh made his observation by watching images and videos of the public posted on May 4 on mainstream media and social media, of which 355 individuals can be seen clearly and analysed.

"While it is encouraging that the vast majority – 95% – had masks on, 3% did not use them correctly and another 3% were touching the outer surface of the mask," he said.

He added that 68% used the three-ply surgical or disposable masks, but noted that this should be of concern.

"While three-ply surgical masks

are more protective than cloth masks, they do not last as long – usually lasting between one and two hours – and once damp need to be changed.

"Excessive use by the general public of surgical masks will also deplete an important resource for healthcare professionals (HCPs)," he said. Some Malaysians were also leaving their nose exposed while wearing a mask, which Dr Amar said defeated the purpose of wearing a mask.

The World Health Organisation's (WHO) stance on masks was that it was "critical" that N95 respirators and surgical face masks be prioritised for the use of medical and healthcare workers.

The organisation also recommended face masks to be used by individuals showing symptoms of Covid-19 and caregivers or those sharing a living space with individuals with Covid-19 symptoms.

WHO also urged those who show

Types of face masks

	Surgical or disposable face masks	N95 respirators	Cloth face masks
Material	Usually made from non-woven fabric	Non-woven polypropylene fibre	Made of cloth (such as cotton) and can be made at home
Fitting	Loose-fitting	> Tight-fitting > Respirators are properly-fitted to a wearer to achieve a fit	Loose-fitting
Leakage	Leakage can occur on the edges of the mask when wearer inhales	When properly fitted and worn, minimal leakage occurs around the edges	Leakage can occur
Usage limit	One-time use, must be changed whenever it becomes damp	One-time use	Can be washed and reused

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symptoms of Covid-19 to self-isolate.

The Health Ministry strongly encourages the use of face masks when out in a public setting.

Health Ministry director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

said that apart from wearing face masks in public, Malaysians should also maintain social distancing of one metre from each other and to observe good personal hygiene, such as frequent hand-washing.