

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

971 kes positif ada sejarah rentas negeri

18 kluster dicatatkan juga terbabit dengan aktiviti sama

Putrajaya: Sebanyak 971 kes positif COVID-19 atau kira-kira 14.1 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes positif mempunyai sejarah rentas negeri.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, sebanyak 18 kluster daripada jumlah keseluruhan 49 kluster yang pernah dicatatkan, juga berkaitan dengan aktiviti merentas negeri.

"Sepuluh daripada kluster itu masih aktif," katanya di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan khuatir dengan peningkatan pergerakan dan perjalanan individu merentas negeri, teru-

tama menjelang perayaan yang bakal tiba.

"Kementerian Kesihatan menghargai usaha dan berterima kasih atas tindakan penguatkuasaan oleh pihak polis bagi memastikan pematuhan masyarakat kepada syarat-syarat Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat terus kekal tinggi.

"Ini penting supaya orang ramai tidak menyalahgunakan ke-longgaran yang diberikan oleh kerajaan," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, kes pulih kini mencapai 80.8 peratus dengan penambahan 59 lagi kes dan dibenarkan discaj, semalam. Beliau berkata ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih se-



Dr Noor Hisham pada sidang media harian berkaitan jangkitan COVID-19 di Putrajaya, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

penuhnya daripada COVID-19 dan discaj dari wad ialah 5,571 kes.

"Sehingga jam 12 tengah hari ini (semalam), terdapat 22 kes baharu dilaporkan. Oleh itu, jumlah kes positif COVID-19 sebanyak 6,894 kes dan jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehhajatan ialah 1,210 kes.

"Ingin dimaklumkan daripada 22 kes baharu dilaporkan, lima ialah kes import yang mendapat jangkitan di luar negara, manakala 17 kes adalah penularan tem-

Ini penting supaya orang ramai tidak salah gunakan kelonggaran yang diberi kerajaan.

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan

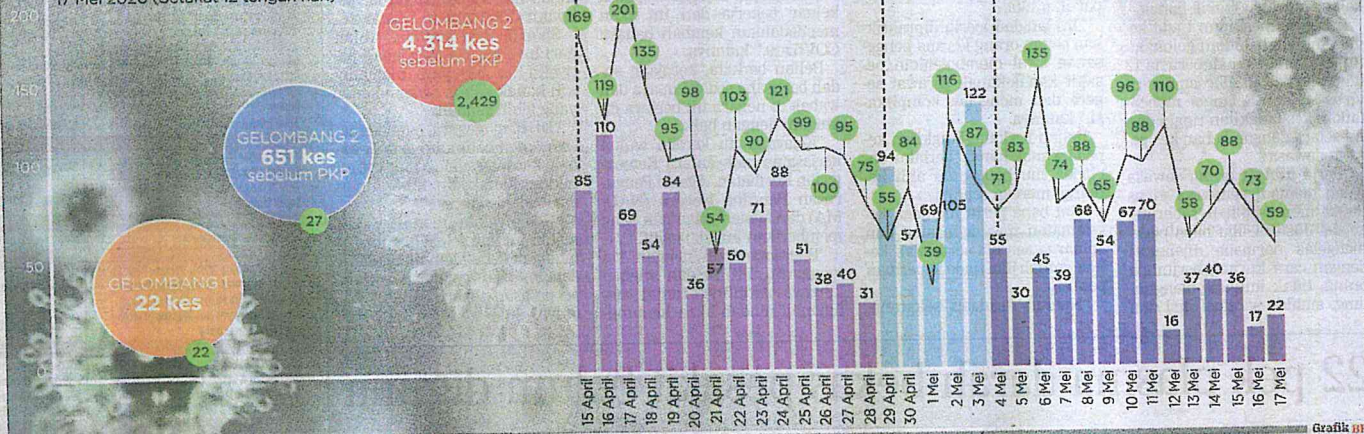
patan dengan sembilan kes bukan warganegara," katanya.

Beliau berkata, terdapat 13 kes positif COVID-19 yang sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU), dengan tujuh kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

"Tiada kes kematian berkaitan COVID-19. Jumlah kumulatif kes kematian COVID-19 kekal sebanyak 113 kes atau 1.64 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes," katanya.

TABURAN KES COVID-19

17 Mei 2020 (Setakat 12 tengah hari)



Elak bawa kanak-kanak, warga emas tempat awam

Putrajaya: Tindakan orang ramai yang mula berkunjung ke pasar raya, khususnya dalam membuat persiapan menyambut Aidilfitri disifatkan sebagai membimbangkan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata tindakan ingkar terhadap pematuhan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) penjarakan sosial se-

panjang Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) boleh menyebabkan jangkitan terus menular.

"Perkara ini memang merisaukan, Kementerian Kesihatan merayu kepada individu dan keluarga supaya patuh walaupun kita ada di dalam kedai.

"Pastikan kita ada SOP... ini adalah untuk melindungi kita da-

ripada jangkitan... kalau kita dapat jarakkan sekurang-kurangnya satu meter, kita tidak dijangkiti.

"Guna *hand sanitizer* dan pakai *mask* di tempat awam, kita harap ia boleh dipatuhi di semua tempat," katanya pada sidang media, di sini semalam.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham



menasihatkan ibu bapa untuk tidak membawa kanak-kanak di bawah usia 12 tahun ke tempat tumpuan awam serta hospital bagi mengurangkan risiko jangkitan kepada anak masing-masing.

Beliau berkata warga emas berumur bawah 60 tahun juga perlu mengelak berada di tempat

orang ramai.

"Risiko lebih tinggi kepada kanak-kanak bawah 12 tahun, di hospital pun kita tak galakkan bawa. Kita bimbang ada jangkitan kuman.

"Kalau boleh, jangan bawa kanak-kanak dan warga emas berumur 60 tahun datang ke tempat awam seperti di hospital dan pasar raya. Elakkan," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : A5

RUANGAN : LOKAL

KKM sokong letak had umur

Putrajaya: Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) menyokong usaha pasar raya tertentu yang meletakkan syarat had umur untuk memasuki premis mereka dalam usaha mencegah golongan berisiko tinggi terdedah kepada jangkitan Covid-19.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, golongan berisiko tinggi adalah warga emas dan kanak-kanak.

Katanya, definisi warga emas adalah golongan yang berusia 60 tahun ke atas dan sekiranya mempunyai sakit kronik akan menyebabkan lebih tinggi risiko maut jika dijangkiti virus pandemik itu.

“Penyakit kronik contohnya kencing manis, darah tinggi dan sakit jantung, risiko lebih tinggi. Untuk golongan kanak-kanak pu-

la adalah yang berusia di bawah 12 tahun.

“Jika kita lihat di hospital pun pelawat berusia bawah 12 tahun tidak dibenarkan. Ini kerana kita bimbang ada jangkitan kuman di klinik atau hospital. Kalau boleh jangan bawa kanak-kanak yang berusia 12 tahun ke bawah dan warga emas berusia 60 tahun terutamanya berpenyakit kronik ke atas datang di tempat awam contohnya di hospital atau pasar raya,” katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian dalam sidang media harian perkembangan terkini Covid-19 di sini, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham memberikan reaksi terhadap soalan wartawan berhubung ada pasar raya tertentu meletakkan syarat umur untuk pelanggan yang dibenarkan masuk ke premis mereka.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : LOKAL



PKP PENTADBIRAN DI PUDU

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Penduduk perlu membuat perancangan keperluan harian yang mahu dibeli bagi mengurangkan kekerapan keluar rumah "

CPRC

Pihak berkuasa membenarkan hanya seorang wakil dari setiap unit rumah dalam kawasan pagar kawat duri yang dikenakan kawalan secara pentadbiran di sekitar Jalan Pudu, Kuala Lumpur, keluar untuk membeli barangan keperluan.

Pusat Kesiapsiagaan dan Tindakan Cepat Krisis Kebangsaan (CPRC) Jabatan Kesihatan Wi-

layah Persekutuan dan Putrajaya menerusi notis pekeliling dikeluarkan di kawasan berkenaan memaklumkan wakil itu

perlu disahkan bebas daripada jangkitan Covid-19.

"Mereka (wakil) perlu memakai pelitup muka selain mengamalkan penjarakan sosial. Pastikan tangan sentiasa dibasuh menggunakan air dan sabun.

"Penduduk perlu membuat perancangan keperluan harian yang mahu dibeli bagi mengurangkan kekerapan keluar rumah bagi tujuan itu," katanya.

Dalam notis itu juga memaklumkan peniaga kawasan terabit perlu menjalankan proses sanitasi sekiranya premis mereka terdapat kemungkinan

jangkitan Covid-19.

"Peniaga perlu bertanggungjawab menjalankan proses sanitasi di kawasan masing-masing jika perlu.

"Namun proses itu perlu dijalankan mengikut prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ditetapkan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM)," katanya.

Makluman CPRC itu dinyatakan menerusi notis pekeliling yang ditampal anggota penguat kuasa Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) di beberapa premis di Jalan Pudu, semalam.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

22 kes baharu direkodkan semalam

PUTRAJAYA - Sebanyak 22 kes baharu jangkitan wabak koronavirus (Covid-19) direkodkan semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes positif di Malaysia meningkat kepada 6,894 orang.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, daripada 22 kes baharu itu, lima melibatkan kes import dan selebihnya adalah penularan tempatan.

"Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) ingin memaklumkan bahawa terdapat 59 kes yang telah pulih dan dibenarkan discaj hari ini (semalam).

"Ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes yang telah pulih sepenuhnya daripada Covid-19 adalah sebanyak 5,571 kes," katanya di sini semalam.

Beliau turut memaklumkan tiada kematian baharu direkodkan semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes kematian Covid-19 di Malaysia kekal sebanyak 113 kes.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham menjelaskan penggunaan ubat antiviral, Remdesivir yang diberikan oleh Pertubuhan Kesihatan Dunia (WHO) untuk rawatan Covid-19 dilihat tidak mendatangkan apa-apa masalah kepada pesakit.

"Setakat ini, kita ada sembilan hospital yang telah masuk dalam kumpulan kajian dan ubat itu kita terima untuk 100 pesakit tapi sekarang ini pesakit kita semakin kurang dan ubat ini kita gunakan untuk pesakit kategori empat dan lima sahaja.

"Kita sudah memulakan terhadap pesakit kita di Hospital Sungai Buloh dan sembilan lagi masih kita laksanakan ujian ubat itu tapi masih dalam proses penggunaan.

"Setakat ini tidak ada apa-apa masalah dari segi penggunaan ubat tersebut," katanya.

KKM khuatir aktiviti rentas negeri meningkat

Terdapat kes positif Covid-19 yang berkait rapat dengan aktiviti rentas negeri

Oleh NURUL HUDA HUSAIN

PUTRAJAYA

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) khuatir melihat peningkatan pergerakan dan perjalanan individu merentas negeri terutama menjelang perayaan yang bakal tiba ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, terdapat kes-kes positif wabak koronavirus (Covid-19) yang berkait rapat dengan aktiviti rentas negeri.

"Kes-kes positif Covid-19 yang

berkait rapat dengan aktiviti merentas negeri adalah amat membimbangkan terutamanya sekiranya ia terus menerus berlaku walaupun selepas penguatkuasaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB).

"Masyarakat harus waspada semasa tempoh perayaan yang bakal tiba ini mungkin menjadi pemangkin kepada penularan Covid-19 ke kawasan-kawasan yang kini telah mencapai status hijau.

"Merentas negeri (memang) kita tidak benarkan tetapi apa yang penting lagi dalam negeri tersebut kalau boleh kita kurangkan merentas daerah dan juga hadkan kunjung-mengunjung di dalam musim perayaan ini," katanya di sini semalam.



DR NOOR HISHAM

Menurutnya, kepatuhan rakyat terhadap prosedur operasi standard (SOP) amat penting dalam usaha untuk menjayakan misi memutuskan rantaian Covid-19.

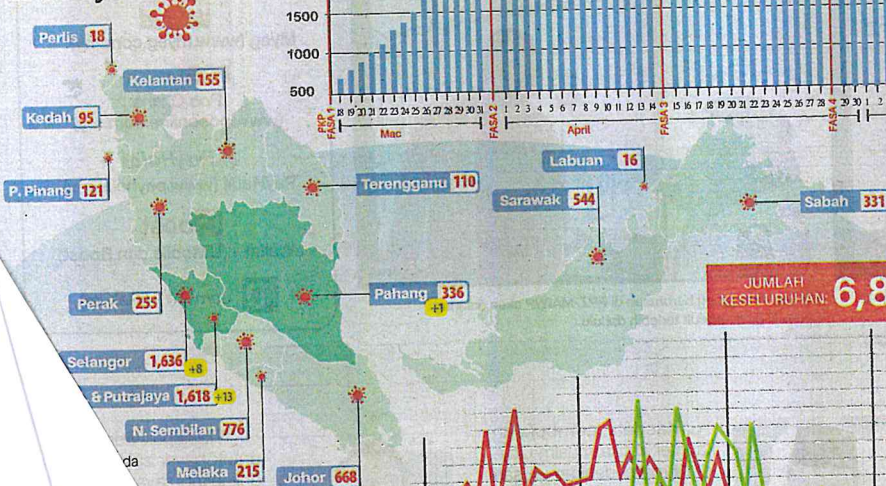
Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, KKM akan mengadakan perbincangan dengan Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) untuk memperketatkan penguatkuasaan di kawasan yang menjadi tumpuan ramai untuk membeli kelengkapan Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

"Sekarang ini kita sudah ada SOP dan apa yang pasti kita kena patuh kepada SOP tersebut.

"Kalau SOP tidak dipatuhi kita mungkin akan jalankan penguatkuasaan dan perkara ini kita akan bincang bersama dalam mesyuarat dengan MKN," katanya.

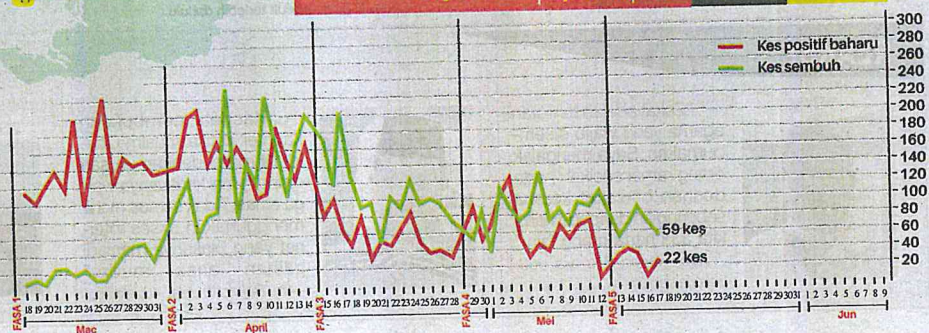
SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM

Bilangan kes Covid-19 mengikut negeri di Malaysia



JUMLAH KES BAHARU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI

JUMLAH KESELURUHAN: **6,894** | PULIH: **5,571** | ICU: **13** | KEMATIAN: **113** | KES BAHARU: **+22**



AKHBAR : NATION/NEWS

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NATION/NEWS

DAILY UPDATE

22 NEW COVID-19 CASES, NO DEATHS

59 more discharged
from hospital, says
Health D-G

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THE Health Ministry registered 22 new cases of Covid-19 up to noon yesterday, bringing the tally of infections in the country to 6,894.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the new cases raised the total number of active cases to 1,210.

"Of the 22 new cases, five are imported and 17 are local. Of the 17 cases, nine are foreigners," he said at his daily press conference.

Dr Noor Hisham said 59 cases had recovered and were discharged yesterday, raising the cumulative number of recovered cases to 5,571, or 80.8 per cent.

He said there were 13 Covid-19 cases being treated at Intensive Care Units (ICUs), with seven requiring breathing assistance.

He noted that no new deaths were reported yesterday and the number of Covid-19 fatalities remained at 113 (1.64 per cent).

Dr Noor Hisham also said four new cases were detected among Malaysians who had just returned from abroad, bringing the total number to 369.

He said the four individuals returned from the United Kingdom, the United States, Egypt and India.

From April 3 to May 17, he said, 36,900 individuals returned from abroad and were placed under the mandatory 14-day quaran-

tine, of which 28,984 had completed the quarantine.

He said the ministry had so far screened 26,425 foreigners, 1,307 (or 4.9 per cent) of whom tested positive for Covid-19.

"Of those, 458 foreigners (35 per cent) are undergoing treatment for the coronavirus, three (0.6 per cent) have been warded in ICUs, and four deaths (0.3 per cent) have been recorded among this group."

Dr Noor Hisham also said there was no new case at the Jalan Othman market area, which is under the Enhanced Movement Control Order. The number of positive cases remained at 28, and 21 of these were foreigners.

He said Covid-19 tests had been carried out at 350 wet markets nationwide, involving 37,133 traders and workers, and 29,594 samples (79.7 per cent) were screened and tested.

Blood plasma from recovered Covid-19 patients available

PUTRAJAYA: Nine patients who have recovered from Covid-19 infection have donated blood plasma for research and for use by patients.

Health director general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said three patients donated twice and the Health Ministry had 22 plasma packs available now.

These plasma packs have also been distributed to Sabah and Sarawak. However, none of them have been used yet.

Plasma from patients who have recovered from Covid-19 contain antibodies that can help critically ill patients.

"If there's a need to use the plasma, we will, especially in patients who have poor immune response because the plasma from infected patients has a high antibody response."

He said the response had been good as there were another 10 recovered patients willing to do-

nate their plasma.

Commenting on the use of the drug Remdesivir on Covid-19 patients, Dr Noor Hisham said it was being used on patients at stages 4 and 5.

Malaysia is among the countries selected by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to carry out clinical trials on the use of the novel antiviral drug.

On May 5, it was reported that a patient at Sungai Buloh Hospital had become the first in Southeast Asia to be administered the antiviral drug to gauge its efficacy in the war against Covid-19. In Malaysia, nine hospitals are involved in the trial.

"There have been no problems with the use of the medicine. It is one way to treat patients, but we are using other medicines as well."

Remdesivir is meant for research and is being used in line with protocols provided by WHO.



Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NATION/NEWS



Hari Raya Aidilfitri will be celebrated in a low-key and moderate fashion due to the Covid-19 pandemic. FILE PIC

TAKING PRECAUTIONS

FAMILIES PUT SAFETY FIRST

This year will see Muslims staying put for Hari Raya and celebrating only with their immediate family

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THIS year's Hari Raya celebration will see a marked difference for Muslims as it will not only be a low-key event but will also be confined to immediate family members.

Freelance writer Syarizuan Abdul Rashid said Hari Raya this year would be just him, his mother and aunt. They will be celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri in Shah Alam.

He said the initial plan was to have the Hari Raya do at his sister's house in USJ, Subang Jaya.

"It is a tradition for us to gather at her house and cook Hari Raya dishes together.

"However, as Covid-19 cases in the country have yet to subside and after several discussions among us, we decided to celebrate Hari Raya this year at our own homes," he said when contacted.

Syarizuan said his mother, Aishah Abdul Aziz will turn 72 soon, while his aunt Azizah Abdul Aziz just turned 67.

"At such an age, both of them are at greater risk of getting infected, and what scares us the most is being asymptomatic

among us if we were to proceed with our Hari Raya do at my sister's house."

He said it was not easy to explain to his mother that she would be celebrating Hari Raya with just her sister and her son, while her two other children would be celebrating at their respective homes.

"At first, she was sad when we told her that we will be celebrating Hari Raya on our own.

"For her, Hari Raya is all about togetherness. But I told her that *Insha Allah* (God willing), we can gather during Hari Raya Aidiladha."

Syarizuan said he had informed other relatives and neighbours that he would not be receiving guests.

"They were okay with it and they, too, will not risk the possibility of getting infected or infecting others with Covid-19."

He added that Hari Raya must go on even if it was being held on a moderate scale.

"We will be preparing extra Hari Raya dishes and sending them to neighbours staying on the same floor on the day."

Retiree Noraini Harun said she, too, would not be receiving guests.

"This year Hari Raya will be a moderate one for us as the Covid-19 outbreak is still ongoing and at this age, my husband and I are at risk of getting infected.

"I have already informed my relatives and neighbours that we will not be accepting guests and hope to see them during Hari Raya Aidiladha."

She added that she would be cooking extra dishes and sending them to her neighbours.

Noraini, 60, said the family would usually travel to her husband's hometown in Kota Baru for Hari Raya but would have to

stay put this year due to the interstate travel ban.

She is looking forward to celebrating Hari Raya with her grandson, who turned two recently.

"My son and daughter-in-law, who are staying nearby, will come and visit us on the first day of Hari Raya."

On May 15, Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah had advised Muslims to celebrate Hari Raya at home, in a closed-door fashion, to protect their families from the coronavirus.

He said the move, although unprecedented, would help to keep families protected, especially the elderly, handicapped, and those with comorbidities.

A tour guide, who wanted to be known only as Ayuni, said she would be receiving guests on the first day of Hari Raya.

"Just a small gathering on the first day of Hari Raya for my relatives staying in the vicinity since we cannot go back to Johor and for close friends, who are stranded here as the interstate travel ban is still in force."

Ayuni said she would come up with a time arrangement and inform her by invitation-only guests a day before Hari Raya so that there were only a certain number of guests at her home at one time.

She added that there would be a break of 30 minutes before the next batch of guests, to allow her to disinfect the surfaces.

Ayuni said she would be taking precautions by providing hand sanitisers and face masks, in case her guests turn up without one.

"Of course, there will be no *salam* and no kissing too. This is our new normal and we need to stay vigilant and not let our guard down."

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NATION

Covid-19: Current situation globally

(As of 7pm May 17, 2020)

Malaysia

New cases

22

Total cases

6,894

Total deaths

113

Total recovered

5,571

Asean+	India	China	Singapore	Indonesia	Japan	Philippines	S. Korea	Thailand	Vietnam	Myanmar	Brunei	Cambodia	Laos
Confirmed cases	91,314	82,947	28,038	17,514	16,237	12,513	11,050	3,028	318	182	141	122	19
Deaths	2,897	4,633	22	1,148	725	824	262	56	0	6	1	0	0
Recovered	34,581	78,227	8,342	4,129	10,338	2,635	9,888	2,856	260	96	136	122	14
Global Top 10	US	Russia	Spain	UK	Brazil	Italy	France	Germany	Turkey	Iran			
Confirmed cases	1,507,798	281,752	277,719	240,161	233,511	224,760	179,365	176,244	148,067	118,392			
Deaths	90,113	2,631	27,650	34,466	15,662	31,763	27,625	8,027	4,096	6,937			
Recovered	339,232	67,373	195,945	N/A	89,672	122,810	61,066	153,400	108,137	93,147			

Experts divided over mass testing

Basic education on preventive measures a better bet, says task force

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PETALING JAYA: Health experts are divided over the effectiveness of conducting mass testing on workers before they return to their workplace during the conditional movement control order (MCO).

Mass testing will create a false sense of security as a negative test will not mean much as a person can get infected over the course of a few days, said University Malaysia Medical Centre (UMMC) Covid-19 task force chair Datuk Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman.

"It will create a false sense of security for the employee as well as the employer, not to mention the cost these tests incur."

"What would be more appropriate is to have a system in place and have workers report to their supervisors daily on the presence or absence of symptoms."

"Also, test only those who are symptomatic, isolate and contact trace as appropriate," she said.

Dr Adeeba, who is also a Selangor Covid-19 task force member, said it



was important to educate workers on Covid-19, adding that it must be in a language that they understand.

"This is the basic education on Covid-19 - how it is transmitted and how to prevent it."

"Unless you have this and workers take some personal responsibility, I don't see how we are going to test ourselves out of this. We also have to address the living and working environment of the workers," she said.

She noted that whether a worker was Malaysian, a foreigner or an undocumented migrant should be put aside, as everyone share the

same risk of getting infected and transmitting the virus to others.

As for Covid-19 clusters emerging from wet markets, Dr Adeeba attributed this to the crowded and dirty conditions, saying all that was needed was for a few people to be infected for it to spread.

"We must take this opportunity to do something more long term. Closing the markets for a brief period for cleaning is well and good but, ultimately, what is needed is a market that is better designed to ensure cleanliness and better crowd movement."

"Yes, it is going to cost more, but if we are serious about preventing and containing pandemics, I don't think we can allow them to continue the way they have been functioning all these years," she said.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the ministry had screened 424,306 individuals as of May 15, out of whom 6,855 were tested positive.

This works out to 1.62% of positive cases.

Statistics showed that 13 in every 1,000 population have been tested.

Malaysia takes a targeted approach of screening for the virus, with high-risk groups being prioritised.

Dr Noor Hisham explained that Malaysia was focusing on mass testing on targeted groups.

There are eight targeted groups identified by the ministry.

These are the Masjid Jamek Seri Petaling tabligh gathering cluster, tahfiz, areas under enhanced MCOs, markets related to the Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur, old folks homes, foreign workers at construction sites, healthcare workers and Malaysian citizens returning from abroad.

Universiti Malaysia virologist Prof Dr Sazaly Abu Bakar did not dispute that a person could get infected anytime but he believed that it was a good idea to do mass testing.

Dr Sazaly said for those who had not been exposed to the virus, it was good to be screened before returning to work as many workers were all coming back at the same time.

"The idea of screening is so that we do not have a massive outbreak happening at the same time."

"If you have a massive outbreak at the same time, it will stretch the ministry's capacity and capability to do contact tracing."

"That is the reason why mass testing is necessary before everyone is released back to work," he said.

Dr Sazaly said mass testing was also necessary for those living in the red zones before they report for work.

Universiti Sains Malaysia medical epidemiologist and biostatistician Assoc Prof Dr Kamarul Imran Musa said people returning to work must be tested.

But he noted that it was "not necessary to test every worker."

"Focus the test on those who work in groups or have frequent meetings or significant social interactions."

"There is tremendous benefit in testing these groups because a large proportion of Covid-19 patients either do not have symptoms or have mild symptoms."

"So, the only way to know if a worker is infected, he must be tested," he said.

Police: Near-perfect compliance in PJ Old Town

PETALING JAYA: There has been 99% compliance to the enhanced movement control order (MCO) at the Jalan Othman Market area.

Petaling Jaya OCPD Asst Comm Nik Ezanee Mohd Faisal said the over 2,600 residents were very disciplined and did not create any problems or commit any crime.

He said police only received complaints regarding food aid and applications to go out for emergency cases such as doctor's appointment or dialysis treatment.

"The residents did not cause any problems, there was sufficient food

supply and Covid-19 screenings were completed during the last two days."

"Food was contributed by the Social Welfare Department, non-governmental organisations and the people's representative, helped by the army and Rela," he said yesterday, adding that the police were waiting for the order to end the enhanced MCO.

Parts of Petaling Jaya Old Town have been put under enhanced MCO since May 10 after the authorities found 26 Covid-19 positive cases. — Bernama



Life goes on: Residents of PJ Old Town getting their daily needs during the enhanced MCO. — Bernama

Health DG warns public against balik kampung

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PUTRAJAYA: With the Hari Raya festivities just around the corner, the Health Ministry has warned of the risk of spreading Covid-19 if people travel interstate.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said at least 14% of Covid-19 cases in Malaysia, or 971 infections, had a history of interstate travel.

"Some 18 clusters from a total of 48 clusters recorded in the country have to do with activities which involved crossing interstate borders and 10 of these clusters are still

active," he said at the daily Covid-19 press briefings here yesterday.

He said such cases were a cause of concern, as some had taken place even under the implementation of the conditional movement control order (MCO).

"Checks by the police on May 15 found that a total of 508 motorists had tried to cross interstate borders with the excuse of wanting to balik kampung."

"This number increased on May 16 to 1,248 vehicles that tried to cross interstate borders," he said.

He cautioned Malaysians not to slacken in adopting preventive measures, especially with Hari Raya

celebrations around the corner.

"The public must be more careful during the festive season because it may cause the spread of infections, especially in green zone areas."

"We look at the experience of other countries such as Iran."

"When they had a festival and many returned to their hometowns, the number of infections spiked."

Dr Noor Hisham also said there were now 22 blood plasma packs donated by former Covid-19 patients for treatment and further research.

"There have been nine patients who donated their blood plasma, three of whom have donated twice," he said.

He added that the blood plasma packs had not yet been used, but distributed in Kuala Lumpur and places in Sabah and Sarawak.

"The only question is when to use this. If there is an indication of (the need) to use this plasma, we will, especially for patients who have poor immune response," he said.

Meanwhile, only two Members of Parliament did not go for the Covid-19 tests as they are currently under quarantine.

"Ten people did not attend the testing, eight of whom are Parliament staff members."

"The remaining two are MPs who did not do so as they are under

quarantine due to close contact with Covid-19 patients," he said.

He added that those who went for the tests before the one-day Parliament sitting numbered 950, and their results were negative.

The country reported 22 new Covid-19 cases yesterday, with 59 patients who recovered and were discharged.

There are still 1,210 active cases, with 13 being treated in the intensive care unit.

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