

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NASIONAL



Khairy menyampaikan replika kunci kepada Dr Ariza pada majlis penyampaian aset kepada Klinik Kesihatan Rembau, semalam. (Foto Mohd Amin Jalil/BH)

Penularan COVID-19

Sistem amaran kesan tanda awal lonjakan kes

KKM akan umum perincian dalam tempoh dua minggu lagi

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Rembau: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) akan memperkenalkan sistem amaran berisiko tinggi bagi mengesan tanda awal peningkatan kes COVID-19 dalam negara.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin, berkata menerusi sistem itu, KKM mencadangkan beberapa sektor diperketat jika

berlaku peningkatan kes, namun ia bukan sekatan pergerakan penuh.

Beliau berkata, perincian sistem itu akan diumumkan dalam tempoh satu atau dua minggu lagi.

"Walaupun sistem kesihatan awam belum mencapai tahap lumpuh, ada tanda yang membimbangkan ketika ini dan dikuatiri boleh menyebabkan situasi itu berlaku.

"Kita sangat bimbang kerana sudah nampak tanda awal (kes jangkitan tinggi). KKM nampak perkara ini dari tahun lalu dan ia memang berlaku."

"Jika boleh kita mahu elak sekatan pergerakan, sebab sekatan pergerakan ini bukan hanya mengganggu ekonomi tetapi memberi kesan yang lain, kesan

kesejahteraan keluarga dan kesihatan mental, saya rasa rakyat mungkin tidak boleh menghadapi satu lagi sekatan pergerakan.

"Justeru, KKM akan memperkenalkan sistem amaran tinggi dalam tempoh terdekat jika negara masuk dalam zon bahaya. Ada beberapa sektor yang akan diperketatkan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) jika keadaan ini berlaku," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas majlis penyampaian aset kepada Klinik Kesihatan Rembau, di sini, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Pengarah Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sembilan (JKKNS), Datin Dr Harlina Abdul Rashid dan Pegawai Kesihatan Daerah, Datin Dr

Ariza Zainuddin.

Mengulas lanjut, Khairy berkata, perkara yang dibimbangkan adalah peningkatan kes yang serius sehingga kemasukan ke hospital, terutama kes kritikal kategori empat dan lima.

"Jika kita hendak elak daripada gelombang keempat COVID-19, inilah masanya untuk kita terus patuh kepada SOP ditetapkan.

"Kita kena pastikan tingkah laku ini diubah, termasuk pastikan ambil dos penggalak, kalau kita tak hirau, maka kita akan berhadapan dengan gelombang ini," katanya.

Beliau meminta orang ramai yang mendapat janji temu supaya mengambil suntikan dos penggalak dan tidak memilih jenis vaksin yang diberikan KKM.

76.4 peratus populasi negara lengkap divaksinasi

Kuala Lumpur: Peratusan populasi negara lengkap divaksinasi kini mencecah 76.4 peratus atau 24,964,238 individu, setakat jam 11.59 malam kelmarin.

Berdasarkan data Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) melalui laman COVIDNOW, populasi dewasa lengkap divaksinasi pula mencapai 95.6 peratus atau 22,379,626 individu, manakala 97.8 peratus sekurang-kurangnya sudah mendapat satu dos.

Sementara itu, 82.1 peratus atau 2,584,612 kanak-kanak dan remaja berusia 12 tahun hingga 17 tahun sudah lengkap divaksinasi, manakala 87.4 peratus sudah mendapat satu dos.

Dalam pada itu, 105,103 dos suntikan vaksin diberikan kelmarin, membabitkan 16,848 suntikan dos lengkap, 6,549 menerima dos pertama dan 81,706 dos penggalak, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif pemberian vaksin bagi Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kebangsaan (PICK) kini meningkat kepada 51,842,386 dan dos penggalak sebanyak 1,407,762.

Tiada kematian juga dicatatkan kelmarin. Bagaimanapun, jumlah kematian dicatatkan negara ialah 29,978 orang.

Sementara itu, di Johor, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar Johor, R Vidyantathan, berkata kira-kira 500,000 penduduk Johor akan selesai menerima dos penggalak, membabitkan petugas barisan hadapan, warga emas dan golongan komorbid menjelang awal tahun depan.

Katanya, sehingga Jumaat lalu, seramai 77,010 penduduk Johor sudah menerima dos penggalak sehingga Jumaat lalu.

Jangkitan baharu menurun kepada 4,854

Putrajaya: Angka harian kes COVID-19 terus menurun hingga bawah 5,000, dengan 4,854 jangkitan baharu dilaporkan setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata perkembangan itu menyaksikan jumlah kumulatif di negara ini sudah mencecah 2,586,601 kes.

"Daripada jumlah kes yang dilaporkan, sebanyak 98.2 peratus atau 4,768 kes dalam kategori satu dan dua iaitu tidak mempu-

nyai gejala dan bergejala ringan.

"Selain itu 1.8 peratus, iaitu 86 kes adalah pesakit kategori tiga hingga lima membabitkan individu mempunyai radang paru-paru, memerlukan alat bantuan pernafasan dan kritikal," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Sementara itu, sebanyak 5,255 kes sembuh dilaporkan semalam menjadikan sehingga kini sejumlah 2,487,809 individu sembuh sepenuhnya daripada jangkitan COVID-19.



Jumlah kumulatif kes COVID-19 di negara ini sudah mencecah 2,586,601 kes. (Foto hiasan)

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 5
RUANGAN : COVID-19

500k rakyat Johor terima dos penggalak

Iskandar Puteri: Kira-kira 500,000 rakyat Johor akan menerima dos penggalak yang pemberiannya sedang giat dilaksanakan ketika ini. Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar Johor, R Vidyantathan berkata, jumlah berkenaan mengambil kira barisan hadapan, warga emas dan golongan komorbid yang berada di negeri ini. Menurut, daripada jumlah itu, seramai 77,010

penduduk Johor sudah menerima dos penggalak sehingga Jumaat lalu. "Setakat Jumaat lalu, seramai 77,010 penduduk Johor sudah menerima dos penggalak membabitkan 27,089 barisan hadapan, 38,111 warga emas, 5,583 golongan komorbid dan 6,227 lagi golongan 40 tahun ke

atas dan lain-lain.

"Sehingga kini, golongan remaja dan pelajar sekolah belum disyorkan untuk menerima dos penggalak namun kerajaan Johor amat menggalakkan penerimaan dos penggalak ini dan mahu ia diperluaskan. "Ketika ini, dos penggalak diutamakan kepada anggota bari-

san hadapan (kesihatan dan keselamatan), warga emas berusia 60 tahun ke atas, individu berusia 40 tahun ke atas dan golongan komorbid berusia 18 tahun ke atas.

"Kerajaan Johor menyasarkan pemberian dos penggalak kepada 500,000 rakyat Johor yang layak akan diselesaikan pada awal tahun depan sebelum ia diperluaskan kepada semua penduduk yang lain," katanya.

77,010 penduduk Johor sudah menerima dos penggalak

560 staf JPJ positif sejak Mac tahun lalu

Kota Bharu: Seramai 560 pegawai dan anggota Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) dijangkiti Covid-19 sejak Mac tahun lalu sehingga semalam.

Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Pengurusan) JPJ Aminurrahim Mohamed berkata, daripada jumlah itu 531 kes adalah jangkitan tahun ini dan 29 kes tahun lalu. Katanya, lebih 50 peratus adalah jangkitan ketika bekerja termasuk kontak rapat dengan pelanggan di kaunter dan ketika bertugas termasuk dalam operasi penguatkuasaan manakala selebihnya adalah jangkitan dari luar.

"Walaupun dalam keadaan Covid-19, anggota dan pegawai kita tetap melakukan tugas untuk memenuhi keperluan masyarakat.

"Oleh itu, saya merayu pelanggan yang mahu hadir berurusan di kaunter JPJ mempunyai kontak rapat dengan mana-mana indivi-

du yang dijangkiti Covid-19 supaya tidak hadir berurusan dengan kami untuk mengelak jangkitan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui selepas menyampaikan sumbangan menerusi Badan Khairat Kematian JPJ Malaysia (Baq) berjumlah RM10,000 kepada waris Siti Saraf Ismail, 25. Siti Saraf yang bertugas sebagai Pembantu Tadbir (Pengeranian/Operasi) yang meninggal dunia akibat pendarahan di dalam otak selepas sehari berkahwin.

Sumbangan itu disampaikan kepada ibu mangsa, Mek Limoh Ismail, 64, dan suami, Mohamad Amirul Akmal Aziz, 25, di Kampung Banggu, Binjai di sini, semalam.

Aminurrahim berkata, pada masa yang sama, empat kematian direkodkan dalam kalangan pegawai dan anggota JPJ termasuk tiga yang mendapat jangkitan di tempat kerja.

"Dalam keadaan Covid-19, anggota dan pegawai kita tetap melakukan tugas"
 Aminurrahim

LANGGAR SOP PRN MELAKA

Ahmad Zahid, Ab Rauf dikompaun RM10,000

Kuala Lumpur: Pengerusi Barisan Nasional (BN) Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi dan calon Dewan Undangan Negeri Tanjung Bidara Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh masing-masing dikompaun RM10,000 kerana melanggar prosedur operasi standard (SOP) Pilihan Raya Negeri (PRN) Melaka.

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) dalam kenyataan semalam berkata, kompaun itu dikeluarkan berikutan pelanggaran SOP pencegahan Covid-19 PRN Melaka ke-15.

Menurut kenyataan terbabit, kesalahan itu merujuk kepada video yang tular menunjukkan dua ahli po-

litik terbabit melakukan kempen ziarah rumah ke rumah dan tidak memakai pelitup muka.

"Siasatan yang dijalankan oleh KKM mendapati berlaku pelanggaran SOP semasa tempoh PRN Melaka oleh kedua-dua individu itu pada 19 November di kawasan Masjid Tanah.

"Justeru, satu kompaun mengikut Peraturan 16 PU(A) 293/2021, Peraturan-Peraturan Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit (Langkah-Langkah Di Dalam Kawasan Tempatan Jangkitan (Pelan Pemulihan Negara) 2021 bernilai RM10,000 bagi setiap individu dikeluarkan," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 6
RUANGAN : NEGARA

1,187 pesakit Covid-19 dimasukkan ke hospital

PUTRAJAYA – Jumlah terkini pesakit Covid-19 yang dimasukkan ke hospital di seluruh negara merekodkan seramai 1,187 orang, berdasarkan data COVIDNOW sehingga kelmarin.

Maklumat yang dikongsikan pada laman web itu menunjukkan, kadar penggunaan katil secara keseluruhan adalah sebanyak 67.3 peratus, manakala sebanyak 39.8 peratus melibatkan pesakit Covid-19.

Berdasarkan pecahan negeri, pesakit Covid-19 yang dimasukkan ke hospital melibatkan Selangor (254 kes), Johor (168 kes), Sabah (123 kes), Sarawak (121 kes), Kelantan (110 kes), Perak (70 kes), Terengganu (70 kes) dan Pulau Pinang (56 kes).

"Seterusnya, Pahang (48 kes), Negeri Sembilan (40 kes), Kuala

Lumpur (38 kes), Kedah (29 kes), Melaka (26 kes), Putrajaya (19 kes), Perlis (13 kes) dan Labuan (dua kes)," demikian laporan data tersebut semalam.

Bagi kadar penggunaan Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) di seluruh negara merekodkan 65.2 peratus secara keseluruhan, manakala 47.1 peratus melibatkan pesakit Covid-19.

Untuk alat bantuan pernafasan pula merekodkan kadar penggunaan 38.8 peratus dan ia termasuk kes bukan Covid-19.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kes harian negara kembali di bawah 5,000 dengan 4,854 kes dilaporkan semalam, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif sebanyak 2,586,601 kes.



PESAKIT Covid-19 yang bergejala berat akan dibawa untuk menjalani rawatan di hospital. – GAMBAR HIASAN

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA
MUKA SURAT : 10
RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

KKM dijangka umum sistem amaran jika kes Covid-19 naik

REMBAU: Kementerian Kesihatan akan mengumumkan satu sistem amaran berisiko tinggi dalam masa terdekat sekiranya berlaku gelombang peningkatan kes Covid-19 sehingga ke tahap kritikal.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, sistem amaran itu dijangka diumumkan dalam satu hingga ke dua minggu lagi.

“Saya hendak mengumumkan dalam masa terdekat dalam masa satu hingga dua minggu lagi satu sistem yang dinamakan Sistem Amaran Berisiko Tinggi. Hampir semua negeri berada di fasa empat dan mereka tidak boleh berpatah balik.

“Saya telah maklumkan kepada jawatankuasa pengurusan pandemik. Sekiranya ada tanda sudah rasa masuk dalam keadaan bahaya saya akan mengumumkan

sistem amaran ini,” katanya selepas melawat Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah Rembau, di sini semalam.

Pada lawatan tersebut, beliau yang juga Ahli Parlimen Rembau menyerahkan aset untuk kegunaan pejabat kesihatan berkenaan termasuk sebuah van, kenderaan pacuan empat roda dan 10 buah komputer.

Dalam pada itu, Khairy memberitahu, kerajaan memberi jaminan tidak akan melaksanakan sekatan penuh pada masa akan datang namun memaklumkan terdapat beberapa sektor yang diperketat operasinya.

Sementara itu, beliau menyarankan mana-mana penerima vaksin Sinovac untuk mengambil dos penggalak vaksin Covid-19 terutama dalam kalangan warga emas.



KHAIRY Jamaluddin (dua dari kanan) menyerahkan replika kunci kenderaan semasa Majlis Penyampaian Aset Kepada Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah Rembau di Rembau, Negeri Sembilan semalam. - UTUSAN/MOHD. SHAHJEHAN MAAMIN.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 7

RUANGAN : STORY OF THE DAY / NEWS

WAITING LIST

Private clinics: Many eager to get Covid-19 booster dose

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WHILE it has been reported that those who get a vaccine booster appointment do not show up, many who are yet to get one are eagerly looking forward to it.

Several private clinics involved in the administration of Covid-19 boosters, when contacted, said they received many inquiries from those interested in getting the jab.

These people have yet to get an appointment via MySejahtera, or do not fall in any category for a booster dose.

An assistant at a clinic in Shah Alam, who declined to be named, said they received many inquiries from those seeking to get a booster dose.

"Our priority are those with MySejahtera appointments and we do not accept walk-ins. However, those seeking to get a boost-



A man receiving a Covid-19 booster shot at a health facility in Kuala Lumpur recently. PIC BY AZHAR RAMLI

er dose can give their names to be put on the waiting list.

"If there is a no-show by the designated recipient, or they decide to postpone or change the date, only then will we give it to those on the waiting list rather than the doses go to waste," she said, adding that according to the procedure, the remaining doses need to be discarded.

She said those interested in getting the booster dose must be fully vaccinated for at least six months for Pfizer recipients and three months for Sinovac recipients.

She also said many of those on the waiting list were Sinovac recipients.

Calls made to other clinics offering booster shots also showed

that although their clinics did not accept walk-ins, those interested could register to be included in the waiting list.

"There are days when the designated booster dose recipients do not turn up, so rather than let the doses go to waste, we will contact those who have registered their names.

"If there is a slot available due to a no-show, we will contact them," said another clinic assistant.

The booster dose programme began nationwide on Oct 13 for senior citizens with comorbidities, frontliners, individuals with low immunity, as well as those living and working at long-term care centres.

However, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin recently said around 40 per cent of those who got a vaccine booster appointment did not show up.

On Nov 16, the Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force-Booster (CITF-B), in a statement, said starting today, those eligible for

Covid-19 booster shots could walk in, call in or email to any private vaccination centre (PPV) to put their names on a waiting list.

CITF-B said the registration also would be opened to those who wanted to get their booster shot earlier than their MySejahtera vaccine appointments.

Apart from the eligible vaccine recipients, it said, the waiting list was also for those who had yet to receive the first or second dose of the vaccine.

CITF-B, however, reiterated that booster shots were prioritised to people who fell under six categories, namely healthcare, security and defence frontliners; individuals aged 18 and above with comorbidities; individuals aged 40 and above; long-term healthcare centre workers and residents; pregnant mothers; and, those who need to travel overseas.

Up to noon on Saturday, a total of 1,407,762 boosters had been administered.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : NEWS / STORY OF THE DAY

ICU UTILISATION AT 65.2pc

38 COVID-19 DEATHS LOGGED

4,854 new cases reported, the fourth straight day of decline in infections

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COVID-19 claimed 38 lives on Saturday, bringing the national death toll to 29,978. Based on data shared on CovidNow and GitHub, five of the fatalities were brought-in-dead cases.

Most of the deaths were reported in Terengganu with 12, followed by Perak with five. Kedah, Sarawak and Selangor reported four deaths each; Sabah three; Melaka two; and Johor, Kelantan,

Pahang and Kuala Lumpur reported one death each.

No deaths were reported in Negri Sembilan, Perlis, Penang, Labuan and Putrajaya.

Over the past two weeks, 16 Covid-19 deaths were reported per million people in Malaysia. Terengganu is the highest among the states with 48 deaths per million.

Terengganu and Melaka reported the highest bed utilisation rate at 84.6 per cent (70 admissions) and 81.2 per cent (26 admissions).

Up to noon yesterday, 4,854 cases were reported.

This marks the fourth consecutive day that the country registered a downward trend in new infections since the country logged 6,380 cases on Thursday.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, in a tweet, said the total cases stood at 2,586,601.

The country's infectivity rate or R-naught (Rt), up to Saturday stood at 1.01.

Putrajaya recorded the highest Rt at 1.17, followed by Labuan at 1.16, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Kelantan at 1.08; Negri Sembilan and Pahang at 1.06; Kedah at 1.05; Penang and Johor at 1.03; Perak at 1.02; Terengganu at 1.01; and Melaka at 1.0.

Sabah, Perlis and Sarawak are the only states where the infectivity was below Rt1.0 at 0.98, 0.9, and 0.84, respectively.

The Rt value has been on a downward trend since Nov 16.

Up to Nov 19, 76.4 per cent of the population had been fully vaccinated, while 78.5 per cent had received one dose.

There are 24,964,238 fully vaccinated people, 693,112 partially vaccinated and 7,317,045 unvaccinated.

Malaysia will reach 80 per cent, or 26,125,920 people to be fully vaccinated, by June 25 next year

— 216 days more to go.

In terms of age group, 95.6 per cent of adults are fully vaccinated while 82.1 per cent of adolescents are fully vaccinated.

A total of 51,842,386 vaccine doses have been administered up Nov 19, while 1,407,762 are booster shots.

The utilisation rate of intensive care units for Covid-19 cases in four states was above the 80 per cent mark up to Saturday.

Putrajaya tops the utilisation rate with 95 per cent (seven cases) followed by Negri Sembilan with 93.4 per cent (23 cases).

The other two states above 80 per cent ICU utilisation are Kuala Lumpur with 83.3 per cent (34 cases) and Selangor with 80.3 per cent (83 cases).

The country's ICU utilisation stood at 65.2 per cent overall with 529 active cases.

Page 1 pic: People relaxing outside Suria KLCC yesterday.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 9

RUANGAN : NATION

Health DG: Recoveries outnumber new cases

KUALA LUMPUR: Covid-19 recoveries outnumbered new cases in the latest tally.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the daily update recorded 5,525 recoveries to 4,854 new cases.

Overall, the country has 2,487,809 recoveries and 2,586,601 cases.

"There are 541 cases requiring treatment in intensive care. Of these,

121 cases are suspected, probable or still under investigation.

"A total of 267 cases require ventilator support," he said in a statement yesterday.

He added that of the new 4,854 daily cases, 86 cases (1.8%) were of Categories 3, 4 and 5 while 4,768 cases (98.2%) were of Categories 1 and 2.

Category 1 means a patient is

asymptomatic; Category 2 is for those with mild symptoms; Category 3 cases experience pneumonia; Category 4 patients have pneumonia and require oxygen supply; and Category 5 are critical cases requiring ventilator support.

Of the new 4,854 cases, Dr Noor Hisham said 12 were imported and the rest were local infections. Active clusters stands at 235.

The latest data by the Health Ministry also showed that the Covid-19 infectivity rate or R-nought (Rt) in Malaysia was 1.01 with Putrajaya showing the highest at 1.17, followed by Labuan (1.16) while Kuala Lumpur, Kelantan and Selangor registered 1.08.

The states with the lowest Rt were Sabah (0.98), Perlis (0.90) and Sarawak (0.84).

New cases continue to drop in Sarawak

KUCHING: The number of new Covid-19 cases in Sarawak continues to drop with 245 cases reported yesterday.

On Saturday, there were 255 new infections.

The State Disaster Management Committee, in a statement, stated that of the total daily cases yesterday, only five cases involved lung infection and required respiratory assistance, while the remaining cases were either asymptomatic or those with mild symptoms.

"A total of four new fatalities due to Covid-19 were recorded in Sarawak from Nov 16 to 20," it said, adding that the cases involved those aged between 39 and 62, and had history of asthma, cancer and high blood pressure.

According to the committee, only six clusters were still active in the state. — Bernama

MOH to introduce 'heightened alert system' for early detection

REMBAU: Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said that the Health Ministry (MOH) will introduce a heightened alert system to detect early signs of an increase in Covid-19 cases in the country.

He said through the system, the MOH proposed that measures in some sectors would be tightened if there was an increase in cases, but it would not be a "total lockdown".

"I will announce the matter, including details of the situation on how this system will be applied ... maybe in a week or two.

"If we can, we want to avoid a lockdown, because lockdowns not only disrupt the economy, but has other effects - family well-being and mental health. I think the people may not be able to go through another lockdown," he said after presenting assets to the Rembau District Health office yesterday.

Khairy, reported Bernama, said that so far the MOH's health system was still under control but he reminded the public not to be too complacent as states transition to Phase Four of the National Recovery Plan (NRP).

"We are very worried because we have seen the early signs (of high infection cases). However, it has not reached the level of paralysing the health system," he said.

He said his concern was the increase in serious cases up to hospitalisation, especially critical cases in Categories 4 and 5.

Citing Negri Sembilan as an example, he said the number of hospital admissions doubled in a month; on Oct 25, only 35 patients needed oxygen assistance statewide, but yesterday the figure stood at 70.

"If this trend continues, we will have to provide beds for critical treatment in the intensive care unit (ICU) and oxygen supply to treat patients," he said.

On the booster dose, Khairy once again called on the public who have received an appointment for the booster dose to get the injection, and not choose the type of vaccine given by the MOH.

Khairy said that the ministry would conduct an investigation if there were any serious side effect cases among the recipients.



Extra aid:

Khairy presenting a mock key for a van to district health officer Datin Dr Ariza Zainuddin (right) at the clinic in Rembau. Looking on is Negri Sembilan health director-general Datin Dr Harlina Abdul Rashid (left). — Bernama

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 10
RUANGAN : NATION

Booster doses given to Johoreans since Oct 13

ISKANDAR PUTERI: A total of 77,010 people in Johor have received their booster shots, says state health and environment committee chairman R. Vidyanathan.

Vidyanathan said the booster shots were administered to those who had been fully vaccinated since Oct 13.

"At the moment, the booster shots are being administered to Comirnaty vaccine recipients who received their second dose at least six months ago, and Sinovac vaccine recipients who received their second dose at least three months ago.

"Booster shots are prioritised for frontliners, both medical and security, as well as senior citizens who are 60 years old and above, those 40 years old and above and 18 years old and above, with comorbidities," he said.

He said this in response to questions from Jimmy Puah Wee Tse (PH-Bukit Batu), Ng Yak Howe (PH-Bentayan), Dr Faizul Amri Adnan (PH-Serom), Yeo Tung Siong (PH-Pekan Nanas) and Cheo Yee How (PH-Perling) who asked for updates on the booster shots.

Vidyanathan also said private clinics were administering the shots for frontliners, those aged 40 and above and 18 and above, with comorbidities.

"Government facilities are administering the doses for frontliners at their respective facilities. The health facility of the Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM) is administering the doses for ATM frontliners.

"Those who are eligible for the booster shots will be notified through the MySejahtera app and a text message," he said.

AKHBAR : THE SUN ON MONDAY

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS

Booster shots given to 77,000 in Johor

ISKANDAR PUTERI: A total of 77,010 residents in Johor have received booster doses as of Nov 19, the Johor state assembly was told yesterday.

State Health and Environment Committee chairman R. Vidyannathan said administering of the booster shots was carried out beginning Oct 13 using the Cominarty vaccine (Pfizer).

"Currently, the booster dose is given to recipients of the Cominarty vaccine at least six months from the second dose, and individuals who have completed two-doses of the Sinovac vaccine at least three months ago.

"Priority for the booster dose is given to frontliners (health and security), senior citizens aged 60 and above, individuals aged 40 and above and those aged 18 and above who have comorbidities," he said at the fourth session of the state assembly yesterday.

However, Vidyannathan said (MIC-Kahang)

administering of the booster dose will be expanded to all residents upon reaching the recommended period after receiving initial full vaccination.

"For now, teenagers and students are not recommended for the booster shots."

Vidyannathan said the administration of the booster shots in the state will be done by private doctors under the coordination of ProtectHealth Corp Sdn Bhd.

He said the use of private clinics should be given priority to ensure that the facilities of the Health Ministry can provide health services which have been disrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

He was responding to oral questions on the status of administering of booster doses for Johoreans by Jimmy Puah Wee Tse (PH-Bukit Batu), Ng Yak Howe (PH-Ng Yak Howe), Dr Faizul Amri Adnan (PH-Serom), Yeo Tung Siong (PH-Pekan Nanas) and Cheo Yee How (PH-Perling). - Bernama

560 RTD staff afflicted by Covid-19 since last year

KOTA BARU: A total of 560 Road Transport Department (RTD) personnel have contracted Covid-19 since March last year.

RTD deputy director-general (Management) Aminurrahim Mohamed said of the total, 29 cases were recorded last year, while the remaining 531 cases occurred this year.

He added that over 50% of the infections involved personnel on duty during enforcement operations and those who had contact with customers at service counters, while the rest of the cases were from after work hours activities.

"We encourage online transactions and those with

symptoms should avoid counter service," he said after presenting RTD death benefit assistance to the next-of-kin of Putrajaya RTD administrative assistant Siti Sarah Ismail at Kampung Karang, Banggu yesterday.

Siti Sarah, 25, died due to cerebral haemorrhage after her wedding day last month.

Aminurrahim said RTD also recorded four deaths due to coronavirus among its personnel and officers, including three who were infected at work.

He said more than 99% of the 8,700 RTD personnel and officers nationwide have completed their vaccination. - Bernama