

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 1

RUANGAN : MUKA DEPAN

Kadar boleh jangkitan COVID-19 di Lembah Klang menurun

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Kuala Lumpur: Kadar kebolehtjangkitan COVID-19 (Rt) bagi Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Selangor dan Negeri Sembilan merekodkan penurunan bawah 1.0 berbanding negeri lain, malah lebih rendah daripada kadar Rt kebangsaan iaitu 1.02.

Berdasarkan perkongsian oleh Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, Putrajaya merekodkan bacaan Rt paling rendah iaitu 0.78, diikuti Negeri Sembilan (0.82), Kuala Lumpur (0.84) dan Selangor 0.97 kelmarin berbanding 0.95 sebelum itu.

Melaka pula mencatatkan Rt 1.0, diikuti Pahang pada 1.1, iaitu di bawah purata Rt kebangsaan, manakala Labuan pula merekodkan hanya tiga kes baharu COVID-19 kelmarin. Ketika ini Labuan mencatatkan peratusan vaksinasi tertinggi dengan 92.9 peratus atau 63,663 penduduk dewasanya sudah menerima dos lengkap.

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Meningkatkan kadar vaksinasi di Selangor, Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya berjaya menampilkan hasil dengan penurunan Rt

Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah,
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan



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RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Pemuliharaan COVID-19



Kakitangan jabatan kesihatan merekod maklumat individu di perkhidmatan pandu lalu di Pusat Sehati Penilaian COVID-19 di pekarangan Stadium Tertutup Pasir Gudang, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

22,070 jangkitan baharu, 21,877 pulih

Lapan negeri catat kes empat angka, 339 kematian direkod

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Putrajaya: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) semalam, melaporkan sebanyak 22,070 kes positif baharu COVID-19, manakala sebanyak 21,877 kes sembuh daripada wabak itu.

Ketua pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata Malaysia sehingga semalam, merekodkan 1,662,913 kes jangkitan COVID-19 sejak Januari tahun lalu dengan 265,695 daripadanya adalah kes aktif.

Beliau berkata, lapan negeri mencatat kes empat angka, didahului Selangor dengan 5,920 kes jangkitan baharu disusuli Sabah dengan 3,010 kes, Sarawak (2,224), Kedah (2,072), Pulau Pi-

lutan (1,829), Johor (1,809), Kuala Lumpur (1,068) dan Kelantan (1,051).

Negeri lain turut catat peningkatan kes iaitu Perak dengan 939 kes, Pahang (610), Melaka (589), Terengganu (488), Negeri Sembilan (338), Perlis (76), Putrajaya (39) dan lapan kes di Labuan.

Katanya, 22,070 kes penularan tempatan dengan 18,832 daripadanya adalah warganegara (85.4 peratus) dan 3,238 bukan warganegara (14.6 peratus), manakala 15 lagi adalah kes import iaitu lapan warganegara dan tujuh warga asing.

"Daripada 22,070 kes harian yang dilaporkan semalam, sebanyak 412 kes (1.9 peratus) adalah daripada kategori 3, 4 dan, 5 manakala sebanyak 21,658 kes (98.1 peratus) lagi kategori 1 dan 2.

"Secara keseluruhan, 17,029 kes (77.2 peratus) daripada jumlah kes dilaporkan pada hari ini tiada atau tidak lengkap vaksinasi," katanya dalam satu kenyataan media, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, 982 kes kini dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dengan 470 memer-

lukan bantuan pernafasan.

Beliau berkata, KKM juga merekodkan sebanyak 339 kes kematian akibat COVID-19 semalam, iaitu 289 warganegara dan 50 warga asing menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan kes kematian 15,550 setakat ini.

Katanya, 99 kes kematian di luar fasiliti kesihatan (BID) direkodkan membabitkan 74 warganegara dan 25 warga asing.

"Daripada 339 kes kematian, 103 kes di Selangor, 41 kes di Sabah, 40 kes di Kuala Lumpur, 38 kes di Pulau Pinang, 37 kes di Johor, 20 kes di Kedah, 15 kes di Perak, 13 kes di Negeri Sembilan, masing-masing lapan kes di Kelantan dan Pahang, enam kes di Melaka, lima kes di Terengganu, tiga kes di Sarawak serta dua kes di Perlis.

"Sebanyak 28 kluster baharu juga dilaporkan, termasuk sembilan kluster baharu yang dilaporkan di Sarawak," katanya.

Selain itu, beliau berkata, kluster komuniti baharu mencatatkan 15 kluster, diikuti kluster tempat kerja (12) dan satu kluster pusat tahanan.

60.2 peratus orang dewasa lengkap dos

Kuala Lumpur: Sebanyak 60.2 peratus atau 14,095,554 individu daripada populasi dewasa di seluruh negara sudah lengkap menerima dua dos vaksin COVID-19 setakat kelmarin.

Bagi dos pertama, 80.9 peratus atau 18,948,648 orang sudah menerimanya, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif pemberian vaksin menerusi Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kebangsaan (PICK) setakat semalam 33,044,202 dos.

Jawatankuasa Khas Jaminan Akses Bekalan Vaksin CO-

VID-19 (JKJAV) menerusi perkongsian di Twitter, memaklumkan Labuan terus merekodkan pemberian vaksin tertinggi dengan 92.9 peratus atau 63,663 individu daripada populasi dewasa sudah lengkap dua dos.

Ini diikuti Lembah Klang dengan 87.8 peratus atau 5,415,045 individu, Sarawak (86.3 peratus, 1,762,553), Negeri Sembilan (75.5 peratus, 614,523), Perlis (64.1 peratus, 116,221), Melaka (52.8 peratus, 357,358), Pulau Pinang (52 peratus, 711,454) dan Pahang (47.6

peratus, 560,105).

Selain itu, Terengganu (45.4 peratus, 366,941), Perak (45.3 peratus, 843,511), Johor (42.8 peratus, 1,160,219) dan Kelantan (42.2 peratus (521,942).

Sabah kekal negeri paling rendah menerima suntikan iaitu 35 peratus atau 966,363 individu selain Kedah dengan 41.3 peratus atau 635,656 individu.

Pemberian vaksinasi harian kelmarin adalah 408,295 dos membabitkan 155,669 dos pertama dan 252,626 dos kedua.

Lembah Klang berjaya capai imuniti kelompok

Dari Muka 1

Kedah dan Terengganu pula merekodkan Rt 1.03, diikuti Kelantan dan Perak (1.08), Johor (1.09), Pulau Pinang (1.14), Sabah (1.19), Sarawak (1.20) dan Perlis (1.23).

Bacaan Rt kebangsaan kekal 1.02 tiga hari berturut-turut sebelum dilaporkan turun kepada 1.01 pada Isnin berbanding 1.03 pada Ahad.

Selangor, Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya termasuk dalam pemantauan Pasukan Bertindak Khas Greater Klang Valley (GKVTf) yang diwujudkan 9 Julai lalu bagi menangani isu berkaitan COVID-19, seperti meningkatkan kadar vaksinasi dan berjaya menampakkannya hasilnya dengan penurunan Rt.

Lembah Klang juga berjaya mencapai imuniti kelompok dengan sekitar 87.8 peratus golongan dewasa berusia 18 tahun ke atas sudah menerima vaksinasi lengkap sehingga kelmarin.

Berdasarkan Model Pembendungan Risiko, Pendedahan dan Jangkitan (SEIR) Unjuran dan Pemerhatian Kes Harian COVID-19 yang dikongsi Dr Noor Hisham, Rt boleh melonjak lebih 1.2 dengan kes mencecah 24,000 jika berlaku pelanggaran prosedur operasi standard (SOP).

Mengikuti rekod Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) bagi tempoh dua bulan, Rt tertinggi pernah direkodkan negara ialah 1.16 pada 28 Julai lalu manakala Rt terendah 0.81 direkod 3 Mac.

Nilai Rt merujuk tahap kebolehan jangkitan sesuatu virus, iaitu jumlah ramai individu boleh dijangkiti satu kes positif.

Sebagai contoh, jika nilai Rt 1.5, bererti satu kes positif boleh menyebarkan kepada seorang atau dua yang lain.

Perkara berkenaan dikaitkan dengan kewajaran untuk kerajaan meneliti semula kelonggaran membenarkan individu lengkap vaksinasi makan di restoran atau Fasa 1 Pelan Pemulihan Negara (PPN) mulai 20 Ogos lalu.

Sidang Khas MKN pada 19 Ogos bersetuju memberikan kemudahan tambahan sektor sosial dan ekonomi kepada individu yang telah menerima vaksinasi lengkap bagi negeri-negeri dalam Fasa 1 PPN.

Ia termasuk makan di restoran, sukan dan rekreasi, perkhemahan dan berkelah serta

sektor perdagangan dan pengedaran.

Kelonggaran itu yang turut membenarkan operasi pasar minggu dan pasar malam, bagaimanapun mencetuskan perdebatan masyarakat apabila jumlah jangkitan terus meningkat, malah kelmarin, dua rekod tertinggi baharu dicatatkan apabila 24,599 jangkitan baharu dan 393 kematian dilaporkan.

Mengulas perkara itu, Dr Noor Hisham memberitahu BH semalam, keputusan dalam penatapan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) adalah hasil perbincangan bersama mesyuarat MKN dengan mengambil kira keadaan semasa pandemik COVID-19. "Perkara ini juga termasuk perubahan dalam kelonggaran SOP sedia ada. Ia adalah keputusan bersama MKN. Justeru tunggu saja mesyuarat MKN nanti," katanya.

Sementara itu, Profesor Epidemiologi dan Biostatistik, Kulliyah Perubatan Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (UIAM), Prof Dr Jamalludin Ab Rahman berpendapat, perkara paling penting dalam perang melawan COVID-19 adalah penguatkuasaan SOP yang dikeluarkan.

"Secara peribadi, saya tidak bersetuju kerajaan sering menukar SOP kerana perkara lebih mustahak adalah penguatkuasaan SOP yang dikeluarkan," katanya sambil menambah, kerajaan perlu mengkaji punca di sebalik lonjakan kes.

Katanya, ketika ini, puncanya tingkah laku masyarakat yang masih tidak memahami kepentingan penjarakan fizikal dan larangan daripada berhimpun. Namun ini sukar untuk diubah kerana naluri manusia yang suka bersosial.

Justeru, beliau meminta kerajaan menggandakan usaha memberi kefahaman kepada masyarakat serta mewujudkan alternatif, iaitu tidak hanya mengharapkan usaha KKM semata-mata dan pada masa sama, langkah penting adalah mempercepat pemberian vaksin.

"Bagaimanapun dalam menanganai COVID-19, kerajaan tiada banyak pilihan terutama apabila lonjakan kes disebabkan varian Delta.

"Oleh itu, amat penting masyarakat perlu memahami dan mematuhi SOP seperti penjarakan fizikal dan elak daripada berhimpun," katanya.

Terkini COVID-19 21,877 Pulih, dibenarkan keluar hospital, semalam **22,070** Kes baharu disahkan, semalam **15,550** Jumlah kematian dicatat **1,662,913** Jumlah kes disahkan positif **265,695** kes yang masih dirawat

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MUKA SURAT : 15

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

Hanya 396 guru enggan divaksinasi di Johor

383 lagi setuju daftar ketika pertemuan dengan Tunku Mahkota Johor

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Johor Bahru: Tunku Mahkota Johor, Tunku Ismail Ibrahim bertitah hanya 396 guru di negeri ini yang enggan mengambil vaksin COVID-19 berikutan keraguan terhadap suntikan berkenaan.

Tunku Ismail menerusi muat naik di akaun Facebook baginda bertitah, baki 383 guru mengambil pendirian untuk menangguk pengambilan vaksin buat masa ini, manakala sebilangan guru lagi bersetuju mendaftar untuk mengambil suntikan itu.

"Berbanding jumlah awal 779 guru yang dilaporkan enggan divaksin di negeri ini, hanya 396 yang enggan mengambil vaksin berikutan keraguan terhadap suntikan berkenaan.

"Baki 383 guru lagi mengambil pendirian untuk menangguk pengambilan vaksin buat masa ini kerana mempunyai alahan, mengandung ataupun keadaan kesihatan yang tidak mengizinkan.



Tunku Ismail berkenan menerima menghadap guru yang menolak vaksin COVID-19, di Bangunan Sultan Ibrahim, Bukit Timbalan, semalam. (Foto FB HRH Crown Prince of Johor)

"Namun, sebilangan guru lagi kini bersetuju mendaftar untuk mengambil vaksin," titah baginda.

Pertemuan bagi membincangkan isu berkenaan diadakan di Bangunan Sultan Ibrahim, Bukit Timbalan, semalam.

Ia disertai Setiausaha Kerajaan Johor, Datuk Azmi Rohani; Pengarah Kesihatan Johor, Datuk Dr Aman Rabu; Timbalan Setiausaha Kerajaan Johor (Pengurusan), Datuk Yahya Ahmad dan Timbalan Mufti Johor, Datuk Ahmad Faisal Mohamed. Mufti Johor, Datuk Yahya Ahmad menyertai pertemuan berkenaan secara maya.

Tunku Ismail turut mendengar ulasan guru yang hadir mengenai isu yang mereka hadapi berhubung penangguhan mengambil vaksin itu.

"Dalam perjumpaan ini juga, saya berkeinginan mengenai program vaksinasi di Johor dan situasi terkini pandemik COVID-19 di negeri ini.

"Saya berharap mereka sedar tanggungjawab untuk sentiasa mengengahkan pembangunan modal insan dengan menjadi teladan yang baik.

"Saya berharap mereka akan mengambil vaksin sebelum se-

kolah dibuka semula demi memastikan kesihatan dan kesejahteraan rakyat," katanya.

Isnin lalu, Tunku Mahkota Johor dilaporkan berkenan menerima menghadap Pengarah Pendidikan Johor dan kira-kira 779 guru yang menolak menerima vaksin COVID-19, bagi mencari penyelesaian isu itu.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pendidikan, Peperangan, Warisan dan Budaya Johor, Mazlan Buang, sebelum ini juga berkata, Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri (JPN) juga akan memanggil semua 779 guru berkenaan.

5 lokaliti di Sabah, Kelantan kena PKPD mulai esok

Kuala Lumpur: Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) akan dilaksanakan di lima lokaliti di Sabah dan Kelantan, selama 14 hari bermula esok hingga 11 September.

Ketua Pengarah Keselamatan Negara, Datuk Rodzi Md Saad, berkata keputusan itu dibuat selepas meneliti pembentangan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) mengenai penilaian risiko serta trend jangkitan COVID-19 di lokaliti terbabit.

"PKPD di Sabah membabitkan Kampung Debut, Ranau dan Kampung Tindai Kolopis, Penampang, manakala di Kelantan pula di Mukim Pasir Mas iaitu Kampung Bayu Lalang dan Kampung Banggol Kemian (sebahagian kampung), selain Mukim Gual Periok iaitu Kampung Repék (sebahagian kampung).

"Prosedur operasi standard (SOP) bagi semua PKPD sama seperti diumumkan sebelum ini," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Sementara itu, Rodzi berkata, PKPD di Kampung Brunei, Membakut, Beaufort dan Kampung Manggaris 2, Kota Marudu Sabah yang sepatutnya tamat hari ini, dilanjutkan bermula esok hingga 11 September.

Selain itu, katanya, sebanyak 14 lokaliti di Kelantan, Pahang dan Sabah dikenakan PKPD akan ditamatkan hari ini.

"Lokaliti berkenaan membabitkan Kampung Lela Jasa, Mukim Olak Jeram, Kuala Krai, Kelantan dan Jalan Blue Valley-Lojing, Cameron Highlands, Pahang.

"Di Sabah pula membabitkan Bandar Sinsuran, Kota Kinabalu; Kampung Siasai Dundau, Kota Belud; Rumah Kongsi Tapak Bina Prima Lumat, Beaufort; Projek Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) Sri Semarak, Tawau; Kampung Sembulan Tengah dan Lama, Kota Kinabalu serta Kampung Rancangan Kalabakan, Kalabakan.

"Selain itu, Lorong Mat Salleh Batu 2, Jalan Apas, Tawau; Kampung Contoh, Putatan dan empat di Kota Kinabalu iaitu Kampung Pulutan, Menggatal; Kampung Mansiang, Menggatal; Tapak Bina Hyatt Centric serta Kampung Darau, Menggatal," katanya.

Rodzi Md Saad



Rentas negeri punca utama kenaikan kes

Johor Bahru: Punca utama kenaikan mendadak kes COVID-19 di Johor dikesan kerana pergerakan rentas negeri yang masih berleluasa.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar Johor, R Vidyannanthan, berkata trend peningkatan kes di Johor dikesan sejak Julai lagi dengan jumlah tertinggi 2,785 kes dilaporkan kelmarin, manakala 1,228 kes lagi adalah kontak rapat positif.

"Punca utama penularan di antara negeri disebabkan masih ada pergerakan rentas negeri. Semalam (kelmarin) saja, terdapat 10 kluster baharu dilaporkan, iaitu lima kluster industri, dua kluster komuniti dan tiga kluster institusi membabitkan Johor Bahru, Kulai, Kota Tinggi dan Kluang," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Vidyannanthan berkata, Kluster industri menyumbang sebanyak

72 peratus daripada kluster yang masih aktif, membabitkan sebanyak 12,201 kes COVID-19 yang masih aktif, manakala kluster komuniti juga semakin kerap dilaporkan yang menyumbang 10 peratus kepada kluster aktif semasa membabitkan 1,246 kes.

"Bilangan kontak rapat positif yang tinggi menunjukkan kelemahan dalam pematuan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) sedia ada di kalangan masyarakat," ka-

tanya menambah, Johor juga masih dalam Fasa Satu Pelan Pemulihan Negara (PPN), sekali gus belum beralih ke fasa yang seterusnya.

"Kita perlu mengurangkan pergerakan atau aktiviti menziarahi keluarga bagi mengekang penularan di kalangan komuniti," katanya.

Di Kota Bharu, Pengarah Pusat Kuarantin dan Rawatan COVID-19 Berisiko Rendah (PKRC) Kelantan, Dr Mohd Zurairie Mohd Zubir

berkata, peningkatan kes di Kelantan sejak lebih sebulan lalu menyebabkan kadar penggunaan katil klinikal di situ bertambah dan melebihi 90 peratus.

"Penggunaan katil klinikal bertambah lebih sebulan lalu. Setakat ini, terdapat 108 katil klinikal di tiga PKRC dan penggunaannya lebih 90 peratus kerana kemasukan pesakit bertambah. Kita merancang membuka semula PKRC di dewan Kampus Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Kubang Kerian yang juga PKRC ke-17 minggu hadapan.

"PKRC itu akan dapat menampung 156 pesakit katil biasa dan 50 katil klinikal," katanya semalam sambil menambah, penggunaan katil di 16 PKRC juga di antara 70 hingga 80 peratus, manakala jumlah keseluruhan pesakit di PKRC sehingga kini adalah 2,500 individu daripada kapasiti 3,150 orang.

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R Vidyannanthan,
Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar Johor



AKHBAR : KOSMO
 MUKA SURAT : 2
 RUANGAN : NEGARA

80 kes bunuh diri direkod di Perak sepanjang PKP

IPOH – Sebanyak 80 kes bunuh diri dilaporkan di Perak sepanjang tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) bermula Mac 2020 sehingga akhir bulan lalu.

Sebanyak 33 kes berpunca daripada tekanan jiwa, tidak diketahui punca (24 kes), masalah kewangan (13 kes), penyakit (empat kes), manakala masing-masing tiga kes berkaitan dadah dan sakit mental.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Kebajikan Masyarakat negeri, Datuk Dr. Wan Norashikin Wan Noordin berkata, sebanyak 66 kes melibatkan lelaki dan 14 lagi wanita.

Menurutnya, berdasarkan statistik Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri (JKN) Perak pula, bilangan pesakit mental yang didaftar dan mendapat rawatan di klinik ialah 5,213 orang sepanjang tahun lalu serta 4,559 orang untuk tempoh enam bulan pertama tahun ini.

"Langkah pencegahan yang diambil kerajaan negeri dengan melibatkan kerjasama bukan sahaja Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) dan Jabatan Pembangunan Wanita (JPW), malah JKN, Jabatan Agama Islam Perak serta Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia. "Antara langkah pencegahan termasuklah mewujudkan

Talian Kasih 15999 oleh JKM, manakala JPW bersama kerajaan negeri menubuhkan Skwad Waja (Wanita antiJenayah) Perak bagi memperkasakan komuniti melalui bimbingan psikososial dan aktiviti dalam komuniti," katanya.

Beliau menjawab soalan lisan Datuk Mohd. Azhar Jamaluddin (**BN-Changkat Jong**) pada sidang Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Perak di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, bagi menangani isu kesihatan mental dalam situasi pandemik, JKN melaksanakan perkhidmatan kesihatan mental dan sokongan sosial pada peringkat negeri dan daerah termasuk di hospital dan klinik.



WAN NORASHIKIN bercakap pada sidang DUN Perak semalam.

AKHBAR : KOSMO
 MUKA SURAT : 4
 RUANGAN : NEGARA

Jumlah individu meninggal dunia masih tinggi walaupun pesakit di ICU berkurang **339 kematian, 99 kes BID dicatatkan**

Oleh SITI A'ISYAH SUKAIMI

PUTRAJAYA – Kes kematian dalam negara semalam masih mencatatkan jumlah melebihi angka 300 apabila sebanyak 339 pesakit dilaporkan meninggal dunia akibat pandemik Covid-19.

Kematian itu melibatkan 289 warga Malaysia dan 50 warga asing dengan 193 daripadanya lelaki, manakala baki 146 wanita. Selain itu, sebanyak 99 kes dilaporkan meninggal dunia di luar hospital atau *brought-in-dead* (BID), menjadikan jumlah kes kematian sebanyak 15,550 kes.

Dalam pada itu, pesakit sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) semalam semakin berkurangan dengan 982 kes selain 470 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Kelmarin, pesakit di ICU merekodkan sebanyak 990 kes dan 487 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan, manakala kali terakhir angka pesakit di unit rawatan tersebut dilaporkan melebihi 1,000 ialah pada 25 Ogos lalu iaitu sebanyak 1,003 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, sebanyak 412 kes (1.9 peratus) kategori tiga, empat dan lima, manakala sebanyak 21,658 kes (98.1 peratus) kategori satu dan dua berdasarkan keadaan



PENGARAH Hospital Pulau Pinang (HPP), Datuk Dr. Teo Gim Sian (kiri) menerima sumbangan kontena sejuk beku untuk penyimpanan mayat Covid-19 di HPP, George Town semalam.

klinikal kes semasa baharu didiagnosis Covid-19.

"Secara keseluruhan, 17,029 kes (77.2 peratus) daripada jumlah kes tersebut tiada atau tidak lengkap vaksinasi. Dapatkan vak-

sin Covid-19 bagi mengurangkan risiko jangkitan yang serius dan diharapkan akan mengurangkan jangkitan di dalam negara, terutama kes di kategori tiga hingga lima," katanya dalam kenyataan

semalam.

Ujarnya, sebanyak 155 kes kategori lima dengan 145 kes tiada atau tidak lengkap vaksinasi dilaporkan semalam, 80 kes kategori empat dengan 65 kes ti-

COVID-19	
Angka terkini kes Covid-19 di Malaysia sehingga semalam	
	Jumlah
Kes baharu	22,070
Import:	15
Tempatan:	22,055
Pulih	21,877
Kematian	339
Masih dirawat	265,695
Jumlah kes sembuh	1,381,668
Jumlah Kematian	15,550
Jumlah kes keseluruhan	1,662,913

da atau tidak lengkap vaksinasi serta 177 kes kategori tiga dengan 136 kes tiada atau tidak divaksin.

"Sebanyak 11,805 kes kategori dua dengan 9,151 kes tiada atau tidak lengkap vaksinasi, manakala 9,853 kes kategori satu dengan 7,532 kes tiada atau tidak lengkap vaksinasi," jelasnya.

Tambah beliau, sebanyak 28 kluster baharu dikenal pasti terdiri daripada 15 kluster komuniti, 12 kluster tempat kerja dan satu kluster pusat tahanan.

Katil ICU HPP sudah penuh

GEORGE TOWN – Penggunaan katil di wad Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) Hospital Pulau Pinang (HPP), di sini bagi merawat pesakit Covid-19 sudah mencapai 100 peratus berikutan peningkatan kes yang berlaku di negeri ini.

Menurut Pengarah HPP, Datuk Dr. Teo Gim Sian, pihaknya dalam perancangan untuk menggunakan katil di unit atau wad lain bagi menampung jumlah pesakit Covid-19 yang memerlukan rawatan rapi.

Dalam masa sama, katanya, HPP juga akan menggunakan katil-katil di wad lain untuk merawat pesakit biasa Covid-19 berikutan peningkatan jumlah pesakit itu ketika ini.

"Kita akan berusaha keras dan tidak akan berputus asa dalam menghadapi gelombang kes pesakit Covid-19 yang sedang meningkat di negeri ini.

"Kita telah membuat perediaan dan akan memperuntukkan sebanyak mungkin katil untuk pesakit Covid-19 termasuk menggunakan katil

di wad-wad sedia ada di HPP," katanya semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika menerima sumbangan kontena sejuk beku bagi menyimpan mayat oleh pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO), One Hope Charity & Welfare (One Hope) di Jabatan Forensik HPP, di sini.

Kontena bernilai RM90,000 itu diserahkan Pengerusi One Hope, Datuk Chua Sui Hau dan turut dihadiri Ketua Jabatan Perubatan Forensik HPP, Datuk Dr. Zahari Noor.

Dalam pada itu, Gim Sian turut berterima kasih kepada Kerajaan Negeri Pulau Pinang yang membuka Kompleks Masyarakat Penyayang di sini sebagai pusat rawatan pesakit Covid-19.

Jelasnya, pusat itu yang dijangka mula beroperasi minggu depan mampu menempatkan sehingga 100 pesakit Covid-19 sekali gus dapat mengurangkan kesesakan dan memberi kelegaan kepada HPP dalam merawat pesakit berkenaan.

AKHBAR : KOSMO
 MUKA SURAT : 8
 RUANGAN : NEGARA

Lima syarikat rugi RM128,498 terpedaya sindiket jual minyak precatoria

Ditipu beli vaksin organik Covid-19

Oleh NOR AZIHAN MD. GHAZALI

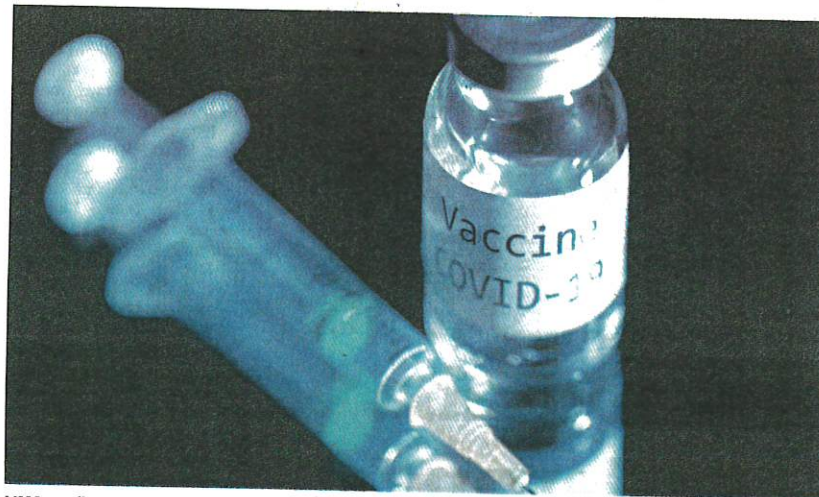
KUALA LUMPUR – Gara-gara mahu menghasilkan vaksin Covid-19 sendiri menggunakan minyak precatoria, lima syarikat mengalami kerugian RM128,498 selepas menjadi mangsa penipuan sindiket dalam talian.

Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Bukit Aman, Datuk Mohd. Kamarudin Md Din berkata, modus operandi digunakan sindiket adalah dengan menghantar e-mel kepada syarikat yang disasarkan sebelum menawarkan penjualan bahan organik tersebut.

Menurutnya, mana-mana syarikat yang berminat kemudiannya diminta untuk membuat pembayaran ke dalam akaun yang diberikan bagi tujuan membeli sampel.

"Bagaimanapun, selepas membuat pembayaran, mangsa (syarikat) tidak menerima sebarang sampel yang dijanjikan dan ahli sindiket gagal dihubungi.

"Kita tidak menolak kemungkinan terdapat sindiket penipuan



LIMA syarikat rugi selepas terpedaya dengan sindiket yang menjual minyak precatoria didakwa untuk menghasilkan vaksin Covid-19. – GAMBAR HIASAN

yang cuba untuk menanggung di air keruh dengan menjadikan

isu-isu berkaitan Covid-19 seba-

gai modal untuk meraih keuntungan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Justeru itu, beliau menasihatkan orang ramai untuk sentiasa berhati-hati dan berwaspada



MOHD. KAMARUDIN

dengan kegiatan terbabit bagi mengelak daripada menjadi mangsa.

"Harus juga diingat bahawa pihak kerajaan sentiasa memberi keutamaan dalam sebarang inisiatif menangani Covid-19 sama ada dari segi pemberian vaksin mahupun kajian berkenaan pembangunan vaksin.

"Jadi mana-mana individu mahupun syarikat yang ingin terlibat, perlu merujuk kepada agensi kerajaan yang berkaitan terlebih dahulu sebelum membuat keputusan," ujarnya.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN
 MUKA SURAT : 10
 RUANGAN : VAKSIN UNTUK RAKYAT

22,070 kes baharu positif Covid-19

Lapan negeri catat empat angka kes positif, 339 kematian

Oleh **TUAN BUQHAIRAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN**

PUTRAJAYA

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) melaporkan 22,070 kes baharu positif Covid-19 pada Khamis.

Lapan negeri yang merekodkan kes mencecah empat angka ialah Selangor (5,920), Sabah (3,010), Sarawak (2,224), Kedah (2,072), Pulau Pinang (1,829), Johor (1,809), Kuala Lumpur (1,068) dan Kelantan (1,051).

Empat negeri melaporkan jangkitan tiga angka iaitu Perak (939), Pahang (610), Melaka (589) dan Negeri Sembilan (338), sementara Perlis (76), Putrajaya (39) dan Labuan (lapan).

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, daripada jum-



Seorang Jemaah masjid menunjukkan sijil vaksinasi penuh kepada ahli jawatankuasa masjid untuk menunaikan solat Jumaat di Masjid Al Syaikhin, Gombak pada Jumaat.

lah yang dilaporkan, sebanyak 412 kes adalah daripada kategori tiga hingga lima.

"Sebanyak 21,658 kes pula adalah kategori satu dan dua," katanya.

Menurutnya, secara keseluruhan, 17,029 kes atau 77.2 peratus daripada jumlah kes yang dilaporkan tiada atau tidak lengkap vaksinasi.

Beliau berkata, peningkatan kes itu menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan jangkitan Covid-19 di negara ini adalah 1,662,913 kes.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, KKM merekodkan 339 kes kematian membabitkan 289 rakyat

tempatan dan 50 warga asing. "Daripada jumlah kes kematian itu, terdapat 99 kes kematian di luar fasiliti kesihatan (BID) iaitu 74 rakyat tempatan dan 25 warga asing," katanya.

Ujarnya, sebanyak 21,877 kes sembuh harian turut dilaporkan menjadikan jumlah keseluruhannya 1,381,668 kes.

Sementara itu, sebanyak 28 kluster baharu dikenal pasti KKM membabitkan 15 kluster komuniti dan 12 kluster tempat kerja serta satu kluster pusat tahanan.

"Jumlah keseluruhan kluster adalah 4,611 yang mana 3,144 daripadanya diisytiharkan tamat.

"Bakinya, 1,467 kluster masih aktif," katanya.

Khairy respons isu dihalang rakaman video suntikan

PUTRAJAYA - Menteri Kesihatan yang baharu, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar tidak menunggu lama untuk terus memberi respons terhadap isu berbangkit di kementeriaannya.

Selepas sejam diumumkan menjawat jawatan itu pada Jumaat, Khairy terus membuat ciapan di Twitternya dan memuat naik video seorang lelaki yang sedang menerima vaksin dengan ciapan 'Assalamualaikum'.

Lelaki itu mendakwa dia dihalang membuat rakaman video ketika divaksin.

Pengguna akaun Twitter berkenaan pada Rabu memuat

naik video yang menunjukkan tangan pegawai bertugas menghalang rakaman berkenaan.

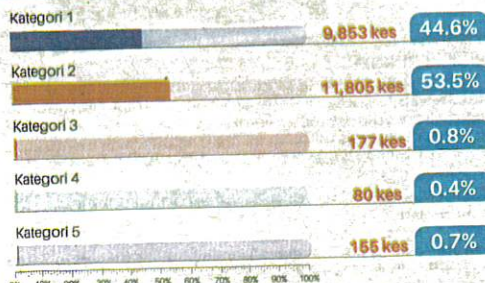
Dakwanya, jururawat yang melakukan suntikan terhadapnya membenarkan dia membuat rakaman video namun seorang pegawai bertindak menutup rakaman tersebut dengan alasan Khairy Jamaluddin telah meletak jawatan.

Sebelum ini, Khairy Jamaluddin atas kapasitinya sebagai Menteri Sains Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) membenarkan rakaman video dibuat susulan timbulnya isu-isu berkaitan suntikan seperti picagari kosong.

MENDEPANI KRISIS COVID-19: APA TINDAKAN KITA?

SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA

KES BAHARU MENGIKUT KATEGORI



Kategori 1 Tanpa gejala
Kategori 2 Gejala ringan
Kategori 3 Jangkitan paru-paru
Kategori 4 Jangkitan paru-paru memerlukan oksigen
Kategori 5 Ada jangkitan paru-paru dan memerlukan alat bantuan pernafasan

Sumber: CPRC Kebangsaan & Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia



Bilangan kes Covid-19 mengikut negeri di Malaysia



*Dikemas kini pada jam 12 tengah hari 27 Ogos 2021

JUMLAH KES BAHARU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI

JUMLAH KESELURUHAN	PULIH	ICU	KEMATIAN	KES BAHARU	SUDAH DIVAKSIN
1,662,913	1,381,668	982	15,550	22,070	33,044,202

INFOGRAFIK: SINAR HARIAN/EPIC

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 26

RUANGAN : SINAR NEGERI

Tidak dibenarkan pulang punca pesakit Covid-19 bertindak agresif



Video tular kejadian di Hospital Sungai Buloh pada 23 Ogos lalu.

SUNGAI BULOH - Permintaan untuk pulang ke rumah ditolak antara punca seorang pesakit Covid-19 bertindak agresif mencederakan petugas Hospital Sungai Buloh sebelum cuba melarikan diri dalam kejadian 23 Ogos lalu.

Pengarah Hospital Sungai Buloh, Dr Kuldip Kaur berkata, ketika kejadian lelaki berkenaan ditempatkan di wad aras lima selepas disahkan positif Covid-19.

Menurutnya, permintaan pesakit itu ditolak disebabkan berada dalam kategori 3A yang masih memerlukan rawatan dan perhatian lanjut.

"Pesakit berkenaan turut bertindak mencederakan seorang jururawat ser-

ta cuba mencederakan pesakit-pesakit yang sedang menerima rawatan di dalam wad aras sama.

"Ketika pesakit itu duduk di bingkai tingkap hospital, beberapa petugas hospital termasuk pekerja pembersihan dan pengawal keselamatan telah berusaha menariknya ke dalam namun pesakit berkenaan jatuh dan mengalami kecederaan," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Jumaat.

Video kejadian tersebut sebelum ini tular di media sosial memaparkan situasi pesakit tersebut yang duduk di bingkai tingkap hospital dan cuba diselamatkan petugas hospital namun tidak berjaya menyebabkan mangsa terjatuh ke bawah.

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

Covid-19: 339 maut, jangkitan baharu 22,070 kes

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia merekodkan angka kematian harian akibat pandemik Covid-19 sebanyak 339 kes semalam dengan jangkitan baharu ialah 22,070 kes.

Selangor terus menjadi negeri tertinggi menyumbang kes kematian Covid-19 dengan mencatatkan 103 kes daripada jumlah keseluruhan iaitu 339 kes semalam sekali gus merekodkan kumulatif kes kematian meningkat kepada 15,550 orang setakat ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan,

Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, jumlah kematian turut disumbang 41 kes di Sabah, 40 kes di Kuala Lumpur, 38 kes di Pulau Pinang, 37 kes di Johor, 20 kes di Kedah, 15 kes di Perak, 13 kes di Negeri Sembilan, masing-masing lapan kes di Kelantan dan Pahang, enam kes di Melaka, lima kes di Terengganu, tiga kes di Sarawak serta dua kes di Perlis.

"Kematian melibatkan lelaki mencatatkan jumlah terbanyak iaitu 193 orang dan 146 wanita dengan 50 warga asing."

"Seramai 99 orang meninggal dunia di rumah sebelum dibawa ke hospital (BID) termasuk 25 adalah warga asing manakala 261 daripada 339 orang mempunyai pelbagai latar belakang penyakit," kata beliau dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Menurut Noor Hisham, Malaysia mencatatkan penurunan kes positif Covid-19 iaitu 22,070 kes berbanding kelmarin, 24,599 kes sekali gus mengatasi kes sembuh iaitu 21,877 kes dengan 982 kes di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) selain 470

kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan dan 265,695 kes aktif.

Kata beliau, Selangor terus menjadi penyumbang terbesar jangkitan apabila merekodkan sebanyak 5,920 kes diikuti Sabah (3,010), Sarawak (2,224), Kedah (2,072), Pulau Pinang (1,829), Johor (1,809), Kuala Lumpur (1,068) dan Kelantan (1,051).

"Lima negeri mencatatkan kes tiga angka iaitu Perak (939), Pahang (610), Melaka (589), Terengganu (488) dan Negeri Sembilan (338).

"Perlis mencatatkan 76 kes dan Putrajaya, 39 kes manakala Labuan hanya lapan kes," katanya.

Mengulas mengenai 28 kluster baharu, beliau berkata, komuniti mencatatkan jumlah terbanyak iaitu 15 kluster diikuti 12 kluster tempat kerja dan satu kluster di pusat tahanan.

"Kluster komuniti didominasi Sarawak dengan tujuh kluster, lima di Kelantan manakala Terengganu, Pahang, Johor, masing-masing satu kluster," katanya.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NEWS/NATION

CALLING ON PUTRAJAYA

CHOW: HELP STATES SEEING SPIKE

Penang CM hopes PM, new ministers will take action to curb pandemic from worsening further

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THE Penang government has urged Putrajaya, particularly Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin and other related ministers, to reach out to states seeing a spike in Covid-19 cases.

Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow said this could be done by accelerating the vaccination drive in these states, taking public health measures to address the spike in infections and ensuring public healthcare facilities were adequate to meet the rise in cases. "And also bearing in mind the



Chow Kon Yeow

higher death rate.

"All these are our concerns right now and there is no more time to wait.

"Hopefully, the prime minister and his new cabinet ministers will take appropriate actions to control the (Covid-19) situation," he said yesterday.

Earlier yesterday, Ismail Sabri announced his cabinet line-up, naming Khairy as the new health minister.

Penang is one of the few states that has been seeing a spike in Covid-19 cases in recent weeks.

On Thursday, the state saw a record 2,078 Covid-19 infections and 31 deaths.

The first time Penang broke the 2,000-mark in daily new Covid-19 cases was on Tuesday, logging 2,054 infections that day.

On a related matter, Chow thanked Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari for contributing 20,000 doses of Covid-19 vaccine to Penang.

"I hope the vaccine contribution will accelerate the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme



A woman receives a vaccine dose during a mobile vaccination drive in Bukit Mertajam on Thursday. PIC BY DANIAL SAAD

(NIP) in the state.

"The Penang government extends our appreciation to Bagan member of parliament Lim Guan Eng for his initiative to obtain the 20,000 doses from the Selangor menteri besar."

On the loan of 200,000 doses of Covid-19 vaccine from Selangor as announced by state Health Committee chairman Dr Norlela Ariffin, Chow said the move was still awaiting approval by the Sci-

ence, Technology and Innovation Ministry.

He said the Penang state secretary had written to the ministry's secretary-general on Thursday regarding the approval for the loan and subsequent return of Covid-19 vaccines.

"I will be holding a virtual discussion with the Selangor menteri besar this afternoon (yesterday) and hope that it will lead to good things for people in both states."

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60pc of adults in country fully vaccinated

KUALA LUMPUR: Sixty per cent of the country's adults have completed two doses of Covid-19 vaccine up to Thursday, according to the Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee Special Committee.

An infographic shared on the committee's official Twitter page yesterday showed that 18,948,648 people, or 80.9 per cent of the adult population, had received the first dose of vaccine and 14,095,554 people, or 60.2 per cent of the adult population, had received both doses.

Up to Thursday, 33,044,202 vaccine doses have been administered under the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme (NIP).

As for the total population, 58 per cent have received the first dose, while 43.2 per cent have received both doses.

A total of 408,295 vaccine doses were administered on Thursday, with 155,669 being the first dose and 252,626 the second.

The NIP was launched on Feb 24 to provide vaccinations to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. **Bernama**

RISING INFECTIONS

Red alert as ICU beds full at Penang Hospital

GEORGE TOWN: The usage of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds for Covid-19 patients at Penang Hospital has hit 100 per cent due to the sharp rise in infections in recent weeks.

Penang Hospital director Datuk Dr Teo Gim Sian said plans were in place to use beds from other units or wards to meet the needs of Covid-19 patients who require intensive care treatment.

She said the hospital would also use beds from other wards to treat non-critical Covid-19 patients.

"We will work hard and not give up in facing the increasing wave of Covid-19 cases in the state.

"We have made the necessary preparations and will allocate as many beds as possible for Covid-19 patients, including beds in other wards at the hospital."

She was speaking after witness-

ing the handover of a 40ft container for the storage of bodies from non-governmental organisation One Hope Charity & Welfare to Penang Hospital's Forensic Department here yesterday.

The container, which costs RM90,000, was presented by One Hope Charity & Welfare chairman Datuk Chua Sui Hau.

Present was Penang Hospital Forensic Department head Datuk Dr Zahari Noor.

Dr Teo thanked the state government for turning the Caring Society Complex here into a Covid-19 treatment centre.

She said the centre was expected to begin operations next week and it could house up to 100 Covid-19 patients, thus reducing congestion at Penang Hospital.

"We are working together with four other private hospitals where



Penang Hospital director Datuk Dr Teo Gim Sian (left) and Penang Hospital Forensic Department head Datuk Dr Zahari Noor checking the cold storage container for bodies donated by One Hope Charity & Welfare at the hospital in George Town yesterday. PIC BY MIKAIL ONG

non-Covid-19 patients will be sent to for treatment."

Dr Zahari said the container donated by One Hope Charity & Welfare could store up to 50 bodies.

This was the second container donated to the state's hospitals.

The first one, donated by preacher Ebit Lew last week, was given to Kepala Batas Hospital.

"For now, we have ample storage for bodies at Penang and Kepala Batas Hospitals. But we need to take a leaf from what happened in

Kuala Lumpur and Selangor and prepare ahead," Dr Zahari said.

Penang logged a record 2,078 new Covid-19 cases and 31 deaths on Thursday, the highest the state has seen since the pandemic first struck in March last year.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : NEWS/NATION

VIRUS UPDATE

DAILY COVID-19 DEATHS RISE TO 339

99 of the total are B.I.D. cases, while Selangor records highest daily fatality rate at 103

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MALAYSIA'S grim Covid-19 fatality numbers continued for the second day running, with the pandemic claiming 339 lives yesterday.

This pushed the overall death toll to 15,550 since the pandemic began in March last year.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, in a statement yesterday, said from the 339 fatalities, 99 were brought in dead cases, comprising 74 Malaysians and 25 foreigners.

He said 261 deaths involved those with underlying illnesses.



A health officer checking the Covid-19 vaccination registration of individuals in Pasir Gudang yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

From the total deaths, 103 were reported in Selangor, 41 in Sabah, 40 in Kuala Lumpur, 38 in Penang, 37 in Johor, 20 in Kedah, 15 in Perak, 13 in Negri Sembilan, eight each in Kelantan and Pahang, six in Melaka, five in Terengganu, three in Sarawak and two in Perlis.

A total of 982 patients were

warded in Intensive Care Units nationwide, with 470 requiring intubation.

New Covid-19 cases saw a slight decline, with 22,070 new infections recorded over the past 24 hours. This marked a slight drop from the 24,599 cases registered on Wednesday, which remains the highest single-day total.

There are currently 265,695 active cases nationwide.

Dr Noor Hisham said the country also saw 21,877 recoveries yesterday.

He said Selangor continued to log the highest number of Covid-19 cases among all states with 5,920, followed by Sabah with 3,010.

Sarawak reported 2,224 cases followed by Kedah with 2,072, Penang with 1,829, Johor with 1,809, and Kuala Lumpur with 1,068.

States that logged three-digit cases were Perak with 939, Pahang with 610, Melaka with 589, Terengganu with 488, and Negri Sembilan with 338.

Perlis and Putrajaya, he said, logged 76 and 39 cases, respectively, while Labuan recorded eight new infections.

He said the majority of the cases, namely 98.1 per cent (21,658 cases), were under Category 1 and 2 cases.

"The remaining 1.9 per cent (412 cases) were under Category 3, 4 and 5."

"Overall, 17,029 cases of today's (yesterday's) cases had yet to be

vaccinated or fully vaccinated."

On the country's Covid-19 infectivity rate, Dr Noor Hisham said the country's R-naught (Rt) value was at 1.02.

"Perlis reported the highest Rt value at 1.23, followed by Sarawak at 1.20, Sabah at 1.19, Penang at 1.14, Johor at 1.09, Kelantan and Perak at 1.08, Kedah and Terengganu at 1.03, Pahang at 1.01, Melaka at 1.00, Selangor at 0.97, Kuala Lumpur at 0.84, Negri Sembilan at 0.82 and Putrajaya at 0.78.

"Labuan's Rt value stood at 0," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham said 28 new Covid-19 clusters were reported yesterday, bringing active clusters to 1,467.

Of the new clusters, 15 were community-linked, with seven in Sarawak, five in Kelantan, and one each in Terengganu, Pahang, and Johor, he said.

"A total of 12 workplace-linked clusters were recorded with four in Penang, three in Selangor, two each in Sarawak and Pahang, and one in Johor.

"One detention centre-linked cluster was uncovered in Selangor."

UNTIL SEPT 11

5 areas in Sabah, Kelantan under EMCO

KUALA LUMPUR: Five localities in Kelantan and Sabah will be placed under a two-week Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) from tomorrow to stem Covid-19 outbreak at these areas.

National Security Council (NSC) director-general Datuk Rodzi Md Saad said the two affected localities in Sabah are Kampung Debut in Ranau, and Kampung Tindai Kolopos in Penampang.

Three more EMCO areas in Kelantan are Pasir Mas Kelantan, namely Kampung Bayu Lalang, a part of Kampung Banggol Kemian and a part of Kampung Repek.

"The same EMCO standard operating procedures will be implemented in the affected areas and will be enforced until Sept 11," he said in a statement yesterday.

Rodzi also said the authorities had extended the EMCO at two localities in Sabah until Sept 11.

The localities are Kampung Brunei, Membakut in Beaufort, and Kampung Manggaris 2 in Kota Marudu.

The NSC, he said, had ended the EMCO at 12 localities in Sabah and one each in Pahang and Kelantan.

The localities in Sabah are Bandar Sinsuran, Kampung Sebulan Tengah and Lama, Kampung Puluhan, Kampung Mansiang, Hyatt Centric construction site and Kampung Darau — all in Kota Kinabalu.

The other areas in Sabah which will also see the end of EMCO are Kampung Sasai Dandau in Kota Belud, Rumah Kongsi Tapak Bina Prima in Beaufort, Sri Semarak People's Housing Project in Tawau, Kampung Rancangan Kalabakan, Lorong Mat Salleh Batu 2 in Tawau, and Kampung Contoh in Putatan.

"The remaining areas are Kampung Lela Jasa in Kuala Krai Kelantan, and Jalan Blue Valley-Lojing in Cameron Highlands, Pahang.

"The EMCO in these areas will end tomorrow (today)," he said.

NEW HEALTH MINISTER

MMA looking forward to forge closer cooperation with ministry

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) is looking forward to forge a closer working relationship with the Health Ministry under its new minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

Its president, Datuk Dr Subramaniam Muniandy, regarded the Health Ministry as the most important ministry as the country struggles to overcome the pandemic.

"We are looking forward to fresh, new and innovative ideas to be executed by the ministry under his leadership.

"We also hope that one of the minister's top agendas would include setting up a health commission to steer Malaysia out of the pandemic," he said yesterday.

Dr Subramaniam hoped that Khairy would be able to resolve longstanding issues in the

healthcare ecosystem, including the issue of permanent positions for contract doctors.

"We also look forward to meeting him soon and to sit through regular engagements with the ministry on health-care policies."

He said MMA hoped for a greater recognition of the importance of primary care in the nation's healthcare ecosystem and the need for an increased public-private cooperation and collaboration in the management of healthcare.

In the new cabinet line-up announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri

Yaakob earlier yesterday, Khairy switched portfolios with former Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba, who is now Science, Technology and Innovation Minister.



Datuk Dr Subramaniam Muniandy

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NATION

Covid-19 Current situation		Malaysia: New cases	Total cases	Total deaths	Total recovered	VACCINATED IN MALAYSIA	TOTAL DOSE 1 & DOSE 2 ADMINISTERED	FIRST DOSE TOTAL	SECOND DOSE TOTAL						
		22,070	1,662,913	15,550(+339)	1,381,668(+21,877)	As at 11:59pm Aug 26 (Daily figures in brackets)	33,044,202 (408,295)	18,948,648 (155,669)	14,095,554 (252,626)						
Perlis	Kedah	Penang	Perak	Selangor	Kelantan	Terengganu	Pahang	N. Sembilan	Melaka	Johor	Sabah	Sarawak	K. Lumpur	FT Putrajaya	FT Labuan
+76	+2,072	+1,829	+939	+5,920	+1,051	+488	+610	+338	+589	+1,809	+3,010	+2,224	+1,068	+39	+8

200,000 vaccine doses a loan from S'gor

GEORGE TOWN: Penang is expecting to receive 220,000 doses of vaccine from Selangor.

State health committee chairman Dr Norlela Ariffin said 225,226 of the state's adult population had not received their first dose.

"Besides loaning us 200,000 shots of vaccine, the Selangor government will also donate another 20,000 doses to us.

"With the vaccines, the state can achieve its target of seeing 100% of its adult population getting at least one dose by the first week of September.

"By the end of August, more than 50% of the adult population in Penang will be fully vaccinated.

"Our current daily vaccination rate is about 35,000 doses," she said

when contacted yesterday.

Norlela said Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari was expected to hand over the vaccines to Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow in Penang on Tuesday morning.

The state, she said, had received 1.1 million and 917,000 doses of vaccine in July and August respectively.

She added that the next batch of vaccines is expected on Sept 3.

On another matter, Norlela said 70% of Covid-19 infections were reported in workplaces, mainly factories, since the National Recovery Plan was announced in June.

"Although our daily Covid-19 cases are high, about 98% of them have shown no symptoms.

"For now, we have about 8,000 people on home quarantine," she revealed.

Norlela said she had launched a Covid-19 Emergency Response Team with the head of the Caring Society Complex Covid-19 treatment and quarantine centre (PKRC) to attend to emergency cases.

The PKRC is equipped with oxygen facilities for categories 3 and 4 patients.

"We have started training 24 volunteers at the Pintar Taman Guar Perahu Hall in Penanti.

"I have proposed that a common private PKRC be set up and monitored by general practitioners. This will help to reduce the burden on our state Health Department," she added.

New cases by category for Aug 27

TOTAL CASES 22,070

Category 1	9,853 cases
Asymptomatic (no symptoms)	44.6%
Category 2	11,805 cases
Mild symptoms	53.5%
Category 3	177 cases
Pneumonia (inflammation of the lungs)	0.8%
Category 4	80 cases
Pneumonia and require oxygen	0.4%
Category 5	155 cases
Pneumonia and need ventilator support	0.7%

Source: Health Ministry

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Frontliners beg all to follow SOP

Authorities warn those already jabbed can still catch and transmit virus

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PETALING JAYA: With Covid-19 cases still above the 20,000-mark, frontliners are pleading with all Malaysians, even those who have been fully vaccinated, to strictly follow the standard operating procedure to reduce transmission of the virus.

Health authorities have warned that those who are immunised can still be infected and pass on the virus, especially to those who have yet to be vaccinated.

As such, Malaysians must continue to adhere to the SOP that calls for the wearing of masks, the practice of physical distancing and the avoidance of social gatherings.

A doctor at one of the Covid-19 treatment hospitals in the Klang Valley said with the current Covid-

19 wave, hospitals could still face a shortage of medical supplies.

"We are getting younger patients who are very ill. Being vaccinated is not a free pass to flout the SOP," said the doctor, who wished to remain anonymous.

"If you look at the daily figures, you can see a small number of vaccinated people in categories 3, 4 or 5.

"Who is to say that these ward patients didn't get infected by their family members or friends who had already been fully vaccinated?" he said.

Patients in Category 5 are considered critical cases requiring ventilator support. Category 4 cases require oxygen while Category 3 patients experience lung inflammation.

On Thursday, new infections hit a record high with 24,599 and 393

"Being vaccinated is not a free pass to flout the SOP."

Doctor

deaths, including 100 brought-in-dead cases, bringing the cumulative number of cases to 1,640,843.

A total of 80.33% of the new cases involved not fully vaccinated individuals.

The doctor added that frontliners were stressed and exhausted.

"The situation remains critical because we are unable to give patients optimal care. When a bed in the ICU opens up, it means that

the patient has died.

"People should be extremely careful, more so with the highly infectious Delta variant," he said.

A nurse at a Covid-19 treatment hospital in the Klang Valley urged the people to get vaccinated as soon as possible and to strictly follow the SOP as it takes a minimum of 14 days after the second dose to get optimal protection.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, she said if those who are fully vaccinated get infected with the Delta variant, they are likely to be asymptomatic or just mildly symptomatic.

They could, however, still pass on the virus, causing a full-blown effect especially on those yet to be vaccinated and who have underlying health issues.

"Don't do whatever you want after getting your jab. Even after

you are fully vaccinated, you can still infect others.

"You might be protected but think about others, especially the elderly and frail, disabled, pregnant women and children," she said.

The nurse added that it was heartbreaking to hear of unvaccinated patients who had gotten infected and died after being visited at home by vaccinated relatives, who were carriers of the virus.

Another doctor at a Covid-19 treatment hospital said while vaccination is one way to slow down the spread of the virus, it would take months to see "real changes".

"Patients are dying every day and we have been working without a break for a year and a half.

"Please help us by sticking to the SOP. Don't go out unnecessarily," said the doctor who also requested anonymity.

Labuan records single-digit figures, Selangor still tops list

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia saw a slight decline in new Covid-19 cases, with 22,070 new infections recorded over the past 24 hours.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah (pic) said Selangor continued to log the highest number of cases with 5,920.

This was followed by Sabah with 3,010. Sarawak had 2,224 cases, followed by Kedah (2,072), Penang (1,829), Johor (1,809), and Kuala Lumpur with 1,068. Labuan was the only locality to record single-digit figures with eight new Covid-19 cases.

From the total daily cases recorded, 21,658 (98.1%) involved those in categories One and Two, he said in a statement yesterday.

Category One comprises asymptomatic patients, two (mild symp-

toms), three (experiencing pneumonia), four (have pneumonia and require oxygen), and five (critical stage, requiring ventilator support).

The cumulative number of cases nationwide stood at 1,662,913.

On Thursday, Malaysia recorded an all-time high of 24,599 cases.

Dr Noor Hisham said a total of

21,877 recoveries were reported, bringing the cumulative figure for recoveries to 1,381,668.

The number of active cases stood at 265,695.

The number of fatalities was 339, bringing the death toll to 15,550. There were 21,877 recoveries.

This means 1,381,668 have recov-



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Fully vaccinated adults at 60%

KUALA LUMPUR: About 60.2% of the country's adult population or 14,095,554 people have completed both doses of the vaccine.

The Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee Special Committee said 18,948,648 people or 80.9% had received the first dose, bringing the cumulative total of vaccine administered under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (PICK) to 33,044,202 doses as of Thursday.

In terms of percentage, 58% had received the first dose while 43.2% had completed both doses.

On the daily vaccination rate, a total of 408,295 doses were administered with 155,669 being the first dose and 252,626 the second dose. — Bernama