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Penularan COVID-19

# Petugas kesihatan mula ambil dadah, pil tidur

**Tabiat tidak sihat akibat gangguan emosi, kelesuan melampau kesan bebanan tugas**

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Ada petugas kesihatan yang terdesak akibat gangguan emosi disebabkan pandemik, mengambil dadah dan pil tidur bagi mengurangkan tekanan.

Segelintir daripada mereka juga memulakan tabiat yang tidak sihat seperti merokok dan mengambil kopi berlebihan untuk mendepani kelesuan melampau atau *burnout* berikutnya peningkatan beban tugas akibat pandemik COVID-19.

Presiden Persatuan Kesihatan Mental Malaysia (MMHA), Prof Datuk Dr Andrew Mohanraj, berkata keadaan itu membimbangkan dan petugas kesihatan terbabit berisiko berdepan gangguan stres pasca trauma (PTSD) seperti dialami bekas tentera yang pernah turun ke medan pe-

rut," katanya kepada *BH*.

"Petugas kesihatan ini menghubungi kami dan mengaku terpaksa mengambil AST (amphetamine type stimulant), iaitu dadah jenis syabu atau *ice*, kerana mahukan keyakinan serta tenaga supaya tidak tertidur ketika bertugas.

"Jumlah yang mula merokok juga ketara. Ada yang minum kopitiam antara lima hingga enam cawan sehari berbanding hanya satu cawan pada waktu pagi sebelum lonjakan kes COVID-19.

"Ada yang terpaksa makan pil tidur kerana tidak dapat tidur akibat gangguan emosi ketika pandemik. Ini berbahaya kerana pengambilannya antara satu hingga tiga minggu secara berturut-tu-

rut," katanya kepada *BH*. Terdahulu, *BH* melaporkan lebih 70,000 petugas Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) berdepan pelbagai gangguan emosi seperti stres, kemurungan dan kecelaruan, serta kelesuan melampau selepas 20 bulan melawan pandemik COVID-19 secara berterusan.

Ada kakitangan kesihatan yang ditemui bual *BH*, mengaku menanggung setiap hari selama sebulan apabila pulang ke rumah, stres, berasa tidak berguna kerana tidak dapat menyelamatkan pesakit, selain kemanusiaan diri tercabar apabila terpaksa memiliki pesakit yang perlu 'dilepaskan' setiap hari.

Mengulas lanjut mengenai PTSD, Dr Andrew, yang juga Perunding Kesihatan Mental dan Pe-

nyalahgunaan Bahan, Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO) Asia Pasifik Barat, berkata petugas yang mengalami PTSD mungkin menjadi resah atau takut apabila menghampiri wad unit rawatan rapi (ICU) tempat mereka bertugas ketika COVID-19.

"PTSD ini sama seperti dialami tentera di medan perang, yang mungkin pernah menembak musuh atau melihat rakan sendiri meninggal dunia di hadapan mata.

"PTSD bahaya kerana ia boleh membawa kepada hasrat untuk bunuh diri, selain menjadikan hubungan dengan rakan dan keluarga," katanya.

Beliau berkata, jumlah petugas kesihatan awam yang menghubungi MMHA untuk mendapat

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perkhidmatan sokongan psikologi meningkat dengan ketara.

"Sebanyak 18 peratus daripada 1,470 panggilan telefon dan per tolongan dalam talian di antara Januari hingga Jun lalu, adalah petugas kesihatan awam.

"Ini jumlah yang amat signifikan kerana sebelum pandemik, kami tidak pernah menerima panggilan daripada petugas kesihatan awam," katanya.

Berikut itu, Dr Andrew menyarakkan KKM mewajibkan proses *debriefing* dalam kala ngan petugas kesihatan sebelum dan selepas menjalankan tugas, selain memperluas aktiviti per tolongan cemas psikologi (PFA).

Katanya, proses *debriefing* dalam tempoh tiga hingga lima minit, membolehkan setiap petugas berkongsi keresahan atau apa juga pengalaman dilalui ketika bertugas.

"KKM juga boleh melaksanakan sistem *buddy*, iaitu setiap petugas sama ada doktor atau jururawat digandingkan dengan seorang rakan dan mereka perlu bertanya situasi pasangan mereka setiap hari," katanya.

## KKM pertimbang beri cuti tambahan, elak tekanan

**Putrajaya:** Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) sedang mempertimbangkan untuk memberi cuti tambahan kepada petugas kesihatan dalam menangani tekanan terhadap mereka ketika membendung wabak COVID-19.

Menyokong Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin, berkata selain cu ti tambahan itu, pihaknya juga

akan mengerakkan unit psikologi untuk melaksanakan sesi kaunseling kepada mereka yang tertekan.

"Kita akan lihat bagaimana untuk kurangkan beban mereka (petugas kesihatan). Namun, jika dilihat kejayaan di Lembah Klang apabila vaksinasi dah berjaya, kita mula lihat kapasiti pesakit kritikal di

hospital agak menurun dan memberikan kelegaan kepada petugas barisan hadapan.

"Jadi kita akan meneruskan usaha dalam Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kebangsaan (PI-CIK) dan kesihatan awam, yang mampu menyumbangkan penurunan (jumlah kes) dan (ku rangkan) tekanan terhadap petugas kesihatan," katanya

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## Kedah catat penggunaan katil di ICU tertinggi

**Putrajaya:** Penggunaan katil di wad unit rawatan rapi (ICU) hospital COVID-19 di Kedah adalah yang tertinggi setakat kelmarin, diikuti Pulau Pinang, Kelantan, Perak, Johor dan Selangor.

Hospital dikhurasukan bagi merawat pesakit COVID-19 di Kedah menempatkan keseluruhan 124 katil di wad ICU dengan penggunaannya mencapai 125 peratus, manakala Pulau Pinang pula menyediakan 72 katil dengan penggunaan setakat kelmarin pada 96 peratus.

Di Kelantan pula, ada 85 katil ICU untuk pesakit COVID-19 dengan penggunaan 95 peratus, Perak menempatkan 114 katil dan penggunaan 93 peratus, manakala di Johor ada 110 katil dan penggunaan 92 peratus dan Selangor menempatkan 317 katil dengan kadar penggunaan 90 peratus.

Penggunaan katil ICU di Sarawak pula yang mencatatkan jangkitan tertinggi sejak beberapa hari lalu bagaimanapun masih rendah, iaitu pada kadar 76 peratus daripada 120 katil yang disediakan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah melalui hantaran di Facebook beliau semalam, memaklumkan, purata penggunaan keseluruhan katil bukan ICU adalah pada kadar 77 peratus, manakala katil ICU pula pada 82 peratus.

Semalam, katanya, 19,307 kes baharu COVID-19 dilaporkan, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan individu dijangkiti sebanyak 1,919,774 kes dengan jangkitan di Sarawak terus meningkat apabila merekodkan 3,118 kes diikuti Selangor dengan 2,700 kes.

Ia disusuli Sabah dengan 2,298 kes baharu, Pulau Pinang (2,243), Johor (2,032), Kelantan (1,438), Kedah (1,355), Perak (1,341), Terengganu (910), Pahang (661), Kuala Lumpur (513), Melaka (340), Negeri Sembilan (207), Perlis (108), Putrajaya (28) dan Labuan (15).

Sementara itu, Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin dalam kenyataan, berkata daripada 19,307 kes COVID-19 semalam, sebanyak 302 atau 1.6 peratus adalah kategori 3, 4 dan 5, manakala 19,005 kes atau 98.4 peratus lagi kategori 1 dan 2.

"Sebanyak 24,855 kes dilaporkan pulih menjadikan jumlah kes pulih 1,657,486. Pada masa sama, 323 kes kematian dilaporkan menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan kematian 19,486 kes.

"Selain itu, 1,310 kes memerlukan rawatan di ICU dengan 737 memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya.

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# Kesihatan mental petugas kesihatan mesti diberi perhatian

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Sebahagian kecil mereka mencapai tahap penyakit psikiatri serius seperti kemurungan teruk atau kecelaranan keresahan. Senario ini adalah realiti yang perlu dicari intervensi berkesan oleh semua pihak terbitab.

Hakikatnya, melindungi barisan petugas hadapan kesihatan dengan menyediakan intervensi psikososial, emosi, sokongan fizikal, bantuan kewangan dan kerohanian ialah keutamaan seperti dijelaskan dalam kajian Gordon Asmundson dan Steven Taylor (2020) daripada Jabatan Psikologi, Universiti Regina, Kanada kerana ia boleh meningkatkan kualiti kehidupan mereka.

Justeru, Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin mempunyai tugas dan tanggungjawab mencabar dalam memastikan isu kesihatan mental petugas kesihatan mendapat perhatian serta tindakan sewajarnya.

Kewibawaan beliau menerajui Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) sebelum ini memang diajui. Sebagai menteri dilihat prihatin, cekap dan kini menerajui Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM), tentu sekali harapan tinggi diletakkan ke atas bahu beliau dan kementerian di bawahnya untuk terus melaksanakan tugas melawan COVID-19 dengan baik.

Kepentingan kesedaran keselamatan kesihatan petugas hadapan dalam negara menghadapi pandemik COVID-19 diajui International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) dan Persekutuan Hospital Antarabangsa (IHF) yang menjelaskan keselamatan petugas hadapan dan pekerja keselamatan adalah amat penting.

Pelbagai faktor menyumbang kepada tahap stres dan kelesuan melampaui tinggi dalam kalangan barisan petugas hadapan kesihatan. Jumlah pesakit

baharu masih melebihi 20,000 dan kematian pesakit COVID-19 tinggi menyebabkan ramai petugas kesihatan di hospital serta klinik kerajaan mengalami stres ringan serta teruk, kemurungan dan kecelaranan.

Situasi ini sebenarnya tidak menghairankan kerana pekerja keselamatan kesihatan ialah barisan hadapan COVID-19, sekali gus amat terdedah dengan jangkitan dan pelbagai risiko lain.

Banyak kajian termasuk Prof Neil Greenberg Greenberg (2020) dari Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN), King's College London menunjukkan petugas kesihatan berhadapan dengan pelbagai masalah psikologikal seperti keimbangan dan kecelaranan stres pasca traumatis, kemurungan akibat kurang kemahiran berdaya tindak semasa pandemik berlaku.

Selain itu, kekurangan peralatan peribadi, pendedahan kepada pesakit dijangkiti, bebanan tugas berlebihan, kekurangan sokongan, isu mobiliti berhadapan dengan kematian dan morbiditi adalah penyumbang kepada tahap stres.

Pembabitan secara langsung dengan diagnosis, rawatan dan penjagaan pesakit juga faktor kepada penyumbang masalah psikologikal petugas barisan

hadapan kesihatan.

Stres dan kelesuan melampaui boleh menjadikan motivasi dan pemberian perkhidmatan kakitangan di premis KKM, sama ada di hospital atau di klinik kesihatan seperti ditegaskan Koordinator Pasukan Sokongan Psikososial Kesihatan Mental (MHPSS) Perkhidmatan Psikiatri KKM, Dr Nurul Nadia Ismail seperti disiarkan BH, semalam.

Bagaimanapun, sesuatu yang positif apabila dilaporkan, anggota kesihatan di negara ini mempunyai daya ketahanan tinggi dan masih mampu meneruskan perjuangan melawan pandemik walaupun berdepan tekanan.

Namun, pelbagai intervensi perlu dilaksanakan untuk mengurangkan masalah psikologikal petugas barisan hadapan ini. Sesi kaunseling individu dan kelompok, bimbingan berkelompok boleh membantu. Terapi seperti lukisan, terapi seni, terapi naratif antara terapi boleh membantu petugas barisan hadapan menghadapi stres.

Dr Nurul Nadia menjelaskan dengan adanya intervensi aktiviti pertolongan cemas psikologi (PFA), selain menubuhkan MHPSS di sekurang-kurangnya 63 jabatan psikiatri di hospital serta klinik kesihatan seluruh Malaysia, ia dapat mengurangkan tahap stres dan kelesuan petugas barisan hadapan kesihatan. Ini langkah yang amat baik.

Teknik pernafasan tenang dan dalam, pengurusan stres berkesan, penjagaan diri yang baik atau *self-compassion* serta motivasi hatian melalui Facebook dalam PFA adalah kaedah yang sememangnya dilihat boleh membantu dalam menangani masalah kesihatan mental dan meningkatkan kualiti kehidupan.

Petugas yang berisiko dengan kelesuan melampaui atau tekanan akan dihubungi dan sesi sokongan emosi diberikan secara individu atau berkumpulan, selain kemudahan teknologi turut digunakan seperti menjalani sokongan psikologi melalui WhatsApp dan Telegram.

Petugas yang mempunyai isu kesihatan mental serius akan dihubungkan dengan Unit Kesihatan dan Keselamatan Pekerjaan (UKKP) di hospital terabit untuk memastikan mereka boleh ditempatkan di unit atau jabatan yang bersesuaian jika perlu.

Kesihatan mental barisan petugas hadapan kesihatan amat penting dijaga dengan baik. Mereka sudah, sedang dan akan melaksanakan amanah berdedikasi dalam negara bergelut dengan COVID-19.

Kualiti kehidupan mereka mesti diberi perhatian serius, selain perlu menjaga kesihatan mental dengan baik, sokongan padu perlu diberikan kepada mereka dalam segala bentuk yang ada. Kesihatan mental mereka terjaga adalah manfaat kepada semua rakyat Malaysia.

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# 122,851 RINTIHAN SANUBARI

## Luahan perasaan ‘terapi’ terbaik

**Kuala Lumpur:** Rasa jiwa kosong, bingung dan hilang arah menyebabkan seorang pemandu van sekolah mengadu nasib dengan menghubungi Talian Bantuan Sokongan Psikososial.

Kehilangan sumber pendapatan dalam sekelip mata akibat pandemik Covid-19 ternyata sukar diterima Mariah, 40, yang buntu memikirkan nasib menimpakan keluarganya.

Sekjak 10 tahun lalu, dia membantu meringankan beban suami dengan menambah pendapatan keluarga sebagai pemandu van sekolah di Melaka yang mampu memperoleh lebih RM2,000 sebulan.

Namun, kemunculan wabak maut yang melanda negara sejak Mac tahun lalu menyebabkan dia kini hanya bergantung kepada bantuan kerajaan semata-mata untuk meneruskan hidup.

“Pada awalnya, saya masih boleh bertahan, dengan harapan wabak ini (berlaku) hanya sementara dan dapat meneruskan operasi (mencari rezeki) seperti biasa.

“Selepas setahun, tidak ada apa yang boleh dilakukan”

**“Saya jadi sangat buntu dan memerlukan seseorang untuk luah perasaan”**  
Mariah

kukan, van sekolah pula tidak boleh dijual kerana masih mempunyai hutang.

“Sampai satu tahap, saya jadi sangat buntu dan merlukan seseorang untuk meluahkan perasaan. Atas nasihat badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) Amal Revival Care, saya hubungi talian (psikosial) dan bercakap dengan kaunselor bagi meluahkan perasaan,” katanya.

Katanya, dia sendiri tidak pernah menyangka dirinya memerlukan seseorang sokongan psikososial seperti itu kerana selama ini menganggap ia hanya untuk mereka yang mempunyai masalah mental.

Sementara itu, Ai-nul, 30-an, berkata, dia juga menjadikan talian terbitan untuk bercakap dengan kaunselor bagi meluahkan tekanan dialaminya sepanjang Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Katanya, dia megambil masa lebih setengah jam untuk berbual dan bercerita mengenai kesempitan hidup dan bersyukur ia secara tidak langsung dapat meredakan sedikit tekanan dihadapi.

## Talian Bantuan Sokongan Psikososial ‘dibanjiri’ panggilan

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**I**su penjagaan anak, krisis rumah tangga dan pengurusan emosi antara 122,851 panggilan diterima Talian Bantuan Sokongan Psikososial berkaitan mental dan emosi se-tak Jun lalu.

Talian itu diwujudkan sejak Mac 2020 dengan kerjasama Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM), Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (Jakim) serta badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) Mercy Malaysia.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali berkata, talian itu disediakan khusus bagi

mengendalikan masalah psikososial dalam kalangan rakyat terkesan dari segi emosi dan kesihatan mental.

Menurutnya, daripada jumlah itu, kaunseling emosi mencatatkan panggilan tertinggi iaitu 109,568, maklumat Covid-19 (6,228 panggilan), aduan dan pertanyaan (2,642 panggilan), rumah tangga (2,796 panggilan), bantuan keperluan asas (456 panggilan) dan isu kesihatan pulau sebanyak 448 panggilan.

Katanya, selain itu masih berkaitan kerohanian mencatatkan 446 panggilan, penjagaan anak, (106 panggilan), psikiatri (69 panggilan), bantuan kewangan (62 panggilan) dan pendidikan (30 panggilan).

“Isu mengenai pengurusan kesihatan mental ini sangat penting ketika rakyat berdepan dengan wabak Covid-19, sekatan pergerakan dan kehilangan mata pen-

carian.

“Kita juga terima kes tin-dakan di luar jangkaan seperti mencederakan diri sendiri sebanyak 238 kes dari Januari sehingga Mac tahun ini.

“Sebab itu kita dalam perancangan untuk memperkasakan beberapa aspek seperti memindahkan Seksyen 309 Kanun Kesejahteraan.

“Usaha dekriminilisasi cubaan bunuh diri ini penting untuk membantu mereka yang tersasar dalam menangani masalah serius kehidupan,” katanya.

Beliau berkata, antara langkah yang sudah diamalkan termasuk melantik 200 pegawai psikologi berstatus kontrak untuk bertugas di daerah dan klinik kesihatan.

Katanya, KKM juga mewujudkan Pelan Strategik Kebangsaan Kesihatan Mental 2020-2025 sebagai langkah menangani masalah mental.

“Sebagai ahli komuniti, kita perlu sentiasa peka dengan perubahan orang di sekeliling kita.

“Ini itu bersama. Perhatikan kawan atau jiran yang ada perubahan tingkah laku. Jumpa doktor atau kaunselor sebelum kejadian tidak diingini berlaku,” katanya.

Talian Bantuan Sokongan Psikososial termasuk Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Mental dan Sokongan Psikososial (MHPSS) boleh dihubungi di 03-29359935 atau 014-3223392, Talian Kasih 15999 (WhatsApp Talian Kasih di 0192615999) bagi mendapatkan pelbagai bantuan selain aduan keganasan rumah tangga.

Selain itu, terdapat juga talian dikendalikan Bahagian Keluarga, Sosial dan Komuniti (KSK) Care Jakim melalui WhatsApp 0119598214 serta Befrienders Kuala Lumpur di talian 03-76272929.

## Doa sebagai ‘ubat’ ditimpa musibah

**Kuala Lumpur:** Islam me-yarankan beberapa kaedah praktikal dalam menghadapi tekanan emosi akibat ditimpa musibah se-perti pandemik Covid-19.

Antara formula paling berkesan adalah memohon doa kepada Allah SWT bagi membantu keluar daripada kesusahan yang dihadapi untuk mendepani kehi-dupan akan datang.

Mifti Pulau Pinang Datuk Seri Dr Wan Salim Wan Mohd Noor berkata, umat Islam digalakkan untuk memperbaikkan amalan seperti membaca al-Quran, qiamullail, zikir dan beristighfar selain reda dengan ujian yang diterima.

Katanya, selain itu mereka juga se-harusnya bertaubat tanpa berputus asa kerana sebagai manusia sudah tentu melakukan dosa.

“Tiada manusia yang ti-dak melakukan dosa kecuali Rasul dan Nabi. Yakinlah bahawa Allah SWT sentiasa menerima taubat daripada hamba-hambaNya.

“Mungkin segala musibah yang menimpak kita adalah salah satu cara untuk Allah menghapuskan dosa-dosa kita.

“Kita juga perlu sentiasa

bersedekah kepada golongan fakir miskin dan membantu mereka yang memerlukan,” katanya.

Dr Wan Salim berkata, terdapat banyak cara untuk membantu mereka yang kurang bernasib baik sama ada dengan harta benda, membantu dengan anggota badan, mengajar ilmu, kepandaian serta kemahiran.

Katanya, seseorang yang sering membantu orang lain dan banyak melakukan kebajikan kepada se-

sama manusia sentiasa bersa-tenang dan bahagia.

“Inilah ganjaran Allah di dunia ini, manakala ganjaran di akhirat

sudah tentunya lebih besar bagi mereka yang ya-

kin. “Untuk merawat tekanan jiwa ini, pertama sekali kita mestu faham bahwa sememangnya Allah SWT menjadikan kehidupan di dunia ini dalam keadaan yang sentiasa berubah.

“Senang dan susah, suka dan duka silih berganti, hal ehwal manusia sentiasa berubah dari semasa ke se-

masa,” katanya.

**Kuala Lumpur:** Peluang menyantuni golongan yang terkesan akibat pandemik Covid-19 digunakan Pertubuhan Amal Global Care Revival untuk memberi maklumat mengenai Talian Bantuan Sokongan Psikososial yang disediakan kerajaan.

Pengasasnya, Ahmad Fahmi Mohd Hussain berkata, pihaknya membantu dengan ber Kongsi maklumat mengenai talian itu kepada mereka yang memerlukan setiap kali turun padang.

Menurutnya, ia bagi membantu mereka untuk mencerahkan tekanan dan mengelakkan daripada menjadi begitu tertekan dengan kehidupan norma baru ketika ini.

Katanya, biarpun mempunyai pengalaman beberapa tahun dalam memberikan bantuan berupa

makanan asas, dia mengaku aspek psikososial perlu diserahkan kepada individu yang memiliki keparahan.

“Kita tidak mempunyai kemahiran untuk menyentuh emosi mereka yang terkesan ini.

“Ia bukanlah sesuatu yang mudah terutama apabila berdepan dengan mereka yang menghadapi tekanan perasaan kritikal.

“Saya harap pihak berkuasa dapat menambah baik perkhidmatan diberikan, termasuk menambah jumlah pakar perunding bagi menyantuni setiap permasalahan yang diajukan,” katanya.

Katanya, setakat ini maklum balas diterima pihaknya mengenai talian sokongan seperti itu amat positif dan ia perlu diteruskan dalam keadaan yang semakin mencabar ketika ini.



## Tambah jumlah pakar perunding

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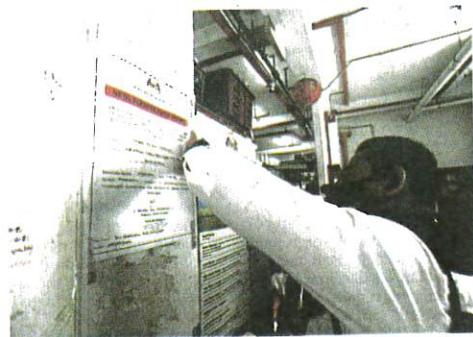
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PENOLONG Pegawai Kesihatan Persekutuan Kanan Daerah Timur Laut, Amier Othman menampal notis penutupan serta-merta di Pasar Awam dan Kompleks Makanan Farlim di Lebuhraya Thean Teik, Air Itam, semalam. - Gambar NSTP/MIRAIL ONG

# 18 individu sah positif

*Pasar Awam dan Kompleks Makanan Farlim ditutup*

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**P**asar Awam dan Kompleks Makanan Farlim, Bandar Baru Air Itam di sini, ditutup serta-merta berkuat kuasa jam 11.30 pagi semalam, susulan 18 peniaga dan pembantu gerai disahkan positif Covid-19.

Majlis Bandaraya Pulau Pinang (MBPP) pada kenyataan berkata, perintah penutupan dikeluarkan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengikut Sub-Seksyen 18 (1) (f) Akta Tindakan dan Kawalan Pencegahan Penyakit 1988.

"Penutupan pasar awam dan kompleks makanan ini bagi membolehkan kerja sa-

ntasi dijalankan sebagai langkah mengekang penularan pandemik.

"Penutupan membabitkan 159 gerai dalam pasar awam dan 22 gerai dalam kompleks makanan," katanya.

Selain itu, MBPP bersama Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Pulau Pinang (JKNPP) juga akan menjalankan penilaian Covid-19 terhadap pasar berkenaan.

"MBPP menasihatkan persatuan di semua pasar dan kompleks makanan supaya memastikan kawalan pergunungan dilaksana dengan baik pada setiap masa.

"Individu yang berstatus risiko tinggi dalam aplikasi MySejahtera dilarang masuk ke pasar awam atau kompleks makanan," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 10

RUANGAN : COVID-19

# Kadar Rt rendah

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Kuala Lumpur

**K**es Covid-19 sedikit terkawal kebelakangan ini dengan merekodkan kadar kebolehjangkitan atau R-naught (Rt) 0.97.

Menteri Kesihatan Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, negeri di Lembah Klang, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka dan Labuan juga kini sudah menunjukkan situasi yang lebih baik.

Menurutnya, trend mendatar dan kurang stabil puna dikesan di beberapa negeri seperti Perak, Perlis, Kedah, Kelantan, Pahang, Johor dan Sabah.

“Beberapa negeri pula dipadati menunjukkan peningkatan kes seperti ne-

**Jangkitan Covid-19 di Lembah Klang, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka serta Labuan kini tunjuk situasi lebih baik**

geri Sarawak dan Terengganu.

“Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) akan memberi perhatian khusus dan menurunkan jangkitan selain memastikan kemudahan kesihatan tidak terbeban, menghantar aset dan peralatan tambahan,” katanya dalam sidang media di KKM, semalam.

Sementara itu beliau berkata, dalam mesyuarat peringkat pengurusan KKM juga sudah memutuskan untuk menghantar

“KKM kini dalam usaha untuk mengurangkan kes BID”  
Khairy

pesakit Covid-19 kategori tiga dihantarkan untuk rawatan di Pusat Kuaran dan Rawatan Covid-19 (PKRC). Katanya, pesakit berisiko tinggi untuk kategori dua juga akan dihantar ke PKRC agar pemantauan lanjut boleh dilakukan oleh petugas KKM.

“Sebanyak 2,417 kes brought in dead (BID) direkodkan sehingga Ogos ini dengan 217 kes adalah di bawah pemantauan KKM dan pengamal perubatan swasta (GP).

“Dari pada jumlah kes-

luruhan itu, 86 peratus pulalah adalah kematian yang bukan berada dalam pemantauan kementerian dan GP,” katanya.

Khairy berkata, KKM kini dalam usaha untuk mengurangkan kes BID dan kini Bahagian Pembangunan Kesihatan Keluarga akan mengenal pasti langkah yang boleh diambil untuk mengurangkan kes berkenaan.

Dalam pada itu, hanya 0.009 peratus daripada setuju individu yang divaksin meninggal dunia.

Katanya, daripada jumlah itu, 81 peratus adalah mereka yang berusia lebih 60 tahun dan mempunyai komobid.

## 323 kematian, keseluruhan cecah 19,486 kes

**Kuala Lumpur:** Kes baharu Covid-19 di negara ini menurun dengan 19,307 kes dilaporkan semalam berbanding 19,733 kes, kelarin.

Menteri Kesihatan Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, jumlah kes baharu Covid-19 direkodkan semalam menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan positif kepada 1,919,774 kes.

“Daripada 19,307 kes Covid-19 hari ini sebanyak 302 atau 1.6 peratus adalah kategori tiga, empat dan lima manakala 19,005 kes (98.4 peratus) lagi adalah terdiri daripada kategori satu dan dua. Sebanyak 24,855 kes dilaporkan pulih hari ini menjadikan jumlah kes pulih kepada 1,657,486.

“Pada masa sama, 323 kes kematian dilaporkan hari ini menjadikan jumlah kes seluruhnya kematian kepada 19,486 kes,” katanya.

Beliau berkata, selain itu, 1,310 kes pula memerlukan rawatan di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) di mana 967 kes disahkan Covid-19, 343 kes suspek, kemungkinan dan kes dalam siasatan).

Khairy berkata, secara amnya, dapat melihat sedikit penurunan jumlah kes Covid-19 yang dilaporkan di dalam negara.

## Sampel 2 kes import Jenis A dianalisis

**Labuan:** Dua kes import Jenis A Covid-19 baharu yang dikesan pada Selasa lalu di sini, sedang dianalisis sama ada berkait dengan varian membimbangkan (VOC).

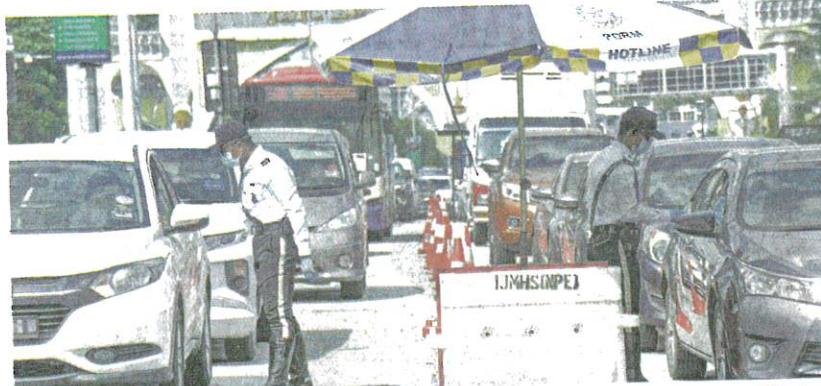
Jenis A adalah kes import membabitkan kru kapal asing yang pelabuhan terakhir mereka adalah negara di mana varian Mu dan Lambda Covid-19 dikesan.

“Satu daripada kes berkenaan dikhuatiri boleh mencetuskan jangkitan yang tinggi, jadi kita tidak ada pilihan terpaksa menghantar sampel untuk dianalisis ke Semenanjung,” katanya kepada Bernama, semalam.

AKHBAR : KOSMO

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEGARA



TINJAUAN pada hari terakhir sekatan jalan raya di Gerbang Kota Darul Ehsan, Lebuhraya Persekutuan di Kuala Lumpur semalam. — MUHAMAD IQBAL ROSLI

## 2,200 kes BID tiada bantuan perubatan

Oleh NOR IDAYU BOSRO

**PUTRAJAYA** — Sebanyak 2,200 kes atau 86 peratus kematian di luar hospital atau brought-in-dead (BID) yang dilaporkan sehingga Ogos lalu didapati tidak memperoleh sebarang bantuan perubatan daripada fasiliti kesihatan awam dan swasta.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, jumlah itu adalah daripada ke seluruh 2,417 kes BID yang dilaporkan bagi tempoh sama.

"Hanya 217 atau 14 peratus kes BID yang berada di bawah jagaan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dan pengalaman perubatan swasta," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Untuk itu, beliau berkata, strategi KKM untuk mengurangkan kes BID yang mendapat pemantauan perubatan antara lain dengan mempertingkatkan jumlah pemantauan pesakit di Pusat Penilaian Covid-19 (CAC), pejabat kesihatan daerah serta fasiliti lain.

\*Bahagian Pembangunan Ke-



**KHairy JAMALUDDIN**

sihatan Keluarga telah diminta untuk meneliti kes-kes berkenaan supaya pihak kementerian dapat membuat advokasi secara lebih efektif kepada masyarakat umum," katanya.

Sementara itu, Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, kematian membaikkan individu lengkap menerima vaksin Covid-19 adalah 0.009 peratus atau 90 individu daripada sejuta keseluruhan populasi yang telah divaksin.

Katanya, 81 peratus daripada kematian individu lengkap divaksin di sekolah.

sin mempunyai sejarah komorbidi, manakala 60 peratus lagi dilaporkan berusia 60 tahun ke atas yang menjadi penyumbang kepada faktor kematian.

"Imunisasi Covid-19 dapat menyelamatkan nyawa. Vaksinasi tidak kira apapun dapat memberi perlindungan kepada penerima, namun kematian boleh berlaku dan ia berlaku di seluruh dunia," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan berbeza, Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, KKM memperkenalkan laman sesawang COVIDNOW bagi membolehkan orang ramai mendapatkan maklumat terkini mengenai situasi Covid-19 di negara ini.

"Menerusi laman web berkenaan, ia akan memaparkan data yang lebih mudah difahami serta diakses oleh masyarakat umum.

"Saya berharap dengan data dan maklumat yang dikongsikan di COVIDNOW, masyarakat mempunyai pemahaman dan kesedaran yang lebih baik berkenaan situasi jangkitan Covid-19 dalam negara," tambahnya.

## Pelajar divaksin di sekolah, serentak dengan sesi persekolahan

**PUTRAJAYA** — Proses vaksinasi Covid-19 kepada pelajar akan berjalan serentak dengan pembukaan sekolah yang akan bermula 3 Oktober ini secara berperingkat.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, beberapa kaedah model pelaksanaan vaksinasi akan dibuat dengan kebanyakan pelajar akan menerima imunisasi masing-

masing di sekolah.

Beliau berkata, Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Noor Azmi Ghazali diberi tanggungjawab sebagai penyelaras program vaksinasi untuk golongan remaja ini.

"Saya yakin bahawa kita akan bekerjasama secara rapat dengan Kementerian Pendidikan (KPM) dalam pelaksanaan proses vaksinasi melibatkan golongan

remaja ini.

"Prosedur operasi standard (SOP) berhubung pembukaan sekolah juga akan diumumkan Kementerian Pendidikan tidak lama lagi," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Terdahulu, Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, KPM dijangka membentangkan SOP terbaru mengenai pembukaan semula sekolah secara bersemuka tidak

lama lagi.

Beliau berkata, perkara itu dibincangkan dalam satu mesyuarat bersama antara Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dan KPM yang dipengerusikan beliau dan Menteri Kanan Pendidikan, Datuk Dr. Radzi Jidin.

"Dalam mesyuarat yang turut disertai Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah serta pengurusan ter-

tinggi KKM memberikan input-input berdasarkan keparakan mereka.

"Kerjasama antara kementerian-kementerian dan usaha sama dengan masyarakat dalam waktu pandemik Covid-19 sebegini amat penting untuk digembangkan bagi menghasilkan ketetapan SOP yang selamat buat semua khasnya buat anak-anak kita," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NEGARA

KPDNHEP, KKM akan buat semakan semula menjelang akhir tahun ini

## Kaji turun lagi harga kit ujian Covid-19

**PETALING JAYA** — Kerajaan akan menyemak semula bagi menurunkan harga kit ujian kendiri Covid-19 menjelang hujung tahun ini untuk kegunaan semua lapisan masyarakat.

Menteri Kewangan, Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) serta Kementerian Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (KPDNHEP) sedang meneliti isu tersebut.

"Bagi memperluaskan usaha pengujian kepada semua masyarakat, KKM sudah mengiktiraf kit ujian pantas (RTK) Antigen dan meluluskan beberapa kit ujian kendiri Covid-19 yang boleh dibeli orang ramai di farma seluruh negara.

"Selain itu, KPDNHEP dan KKM sudah menetapkan harga siling kit ujian ini bawah RM20. Kedua-dua kementerian terbabit akan menyemak semula harga menjelang akhir tahun ini," katanya dalam ucapan khas ketika Sidang Kemuncak Pelan Pemulihan Negara yang diadakan secara maya semalam.



KERAJAAN menetapkan harga RM19.90 untuk satu unit kit ujian kendiri Covid-19 bermula Ahad lalu.

Tambahnya, kerajaan akan memperbaiki Pelan Pemulihan Negara (PPN) secara berperingkat bagi membantu rakyat menjalani fasá endemik atau kehidupan bersama Covid-19.

"Penjagaan kesihatan awam amat penting bagi membolehkan sektor lain beroperasi.

"Disebabkan itu, kami tidak akan berkompromi dengan apa yang diperlukan untuk meletak-

kan perkhidmatan kesihatan awam kita pada kedudukan lebih kukuh, melalui PPN dan kemudian melalui Belanjawan 2022," katanya.

Kosmo! pada 3 September



KERATAN Kosmo! 3 September 2021.

latu melaporkan, harga runcit maksimum bagi kit ujian pantas antigen Covid-19 (ujian kendiri) di pasaran tempatan ditetapkan pada harga RM19.90 seunit berkuat kuasa Ahad lalu.

Penentuan harga maksimum kit ujian ini dibuat mengikut Akta Kawalan Harga dan Antipencautan 2011.

Penetapan harga maksimum ini dibuat atas dasar keprihatinan kerajaan dalam usaha mengangani kos sara hidup yang meningkat pada masa kini.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN  
MUKA SURAT : 4  
RUANGAN : VAKSIN UNTUK RAKYAT

# 33 perkara yang berlaku sepanjang 100 hari pelaksanaan PKP 3.0



NURUL NABILAH  
AHMAD HALIMY

**T**anpa sedar, sudah satu tahun 10 bulan negara kita dilanda pandemik Covid-19 sejak ia mula merebak pada bulan Disember 2019 di Wuhan, China.

Kes pertama di Malaysia telah disahkan pada 25 Januari 2020 melibatkan para pelancong dari China yang tiba di Johor melalui Singapura.

Walaupun kes-kes yang dilaporkan pada awalnya terbatas kepada beberapa kes-kes yang diimport, beberapa kluster tempatan telah muncul pada bulan Mac 2020.

Sekjak itu beberapa siri Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) dibuat sehingga PKP 3.0 yang bermula pada 1 Jun lalu.

Bekas Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin mengumumkan kerajaan terpaksa melaksanakan seketuan pergerakan penuh atau dikenali *total lockdown* susulan peningkatan kes yang mencecah 9,020 kes pada 29 Mei lalu.

Pada Rabu bersamaan 8 September 2021, tempoh PKP 3.0 genap 100 hari pelaksanaannya.

Yang pasti terlalu banyak perkara yang terlalu berlaku dalam tempoh 100 hari ini.

Daripada kemunculan varian Delta, kempen bendera putih, pelbagai cabaran dalam program vaksinasi, peningkatan kes sehingga lebih 20,000 dan penurunan kes tahap 4 dan 5.

Berikut sorotan 33 perkara yang telah berlaku sepanjang 100 hari pelaksanaan PKP 3.0:

**1** Kerajaan mewujudkan Pelan Pemulihan Negara (PPN) Fasa 1 hingga 4 sebagai strategi untuk keluar daripada kernalut pandemik Covid-19 yang melibatkan pelan peralihan secara berperingkat.

**2** Sebanyak 120 hotel terpaksa tutup operasi sejak Mac 2020.

**3** Kempen kibar bendera putih di kebadian rumah sebagai tanda seorang itu dalam kesusahan dan memerlukan bantuan.

**4** Pakej Perlindungan Rakyat dan Pemulih Ekonomi (Pemulih) daripada kerajaan diumumkan pada 28 Jun.

**5** Bermula 1 Julai, antara kelonggaran yang didapati adalah Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) membenarkan majlis akad nikah dilaksanakan.

**6** Pada 9 Julai, Jawatankuasa Khas jaminan Bekalan Akses Vaksin Covid-19 (JKJAV) memaklumkan bekas pesakit Covid-19 taitu individu yang pulih daripada jangkitan virus tersebut tidak lagi perlu menunggu selama tiga bulan untuk menerima suntikan vaksin.

**7** Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari mendedahkan mengikut data pada bulan Jun 2021, 91 peratus kluster di Selangor berpunca daripada tempat kerja iaitu 80 peratus kluster perkilangan dan 11 peratus kluster tapak binaan.

**8** Hantaran status bergambar bekas Menteri Kanan Keselamatan, Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob menjadi tanda tanya dan dikaitkan dengan kebenaran beroperasi banyak sektor kilang.

“Saya dah tutup pintu depan tapi ...,” tulisnya di Facebook.

**9** Sistem kesihatan negara semakin merudum apabila kapasiti katil di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dan wad Covid-19 di hospital di Lembah Klang telah melepasih had maksimum.

**10** Pada 13 Julai, negara mencatatkan kes Covid-19 melebihi 10,000 kes iaitu 11,079 buat pertama kalinya.

**11** Malaysia juga negara paling teruk dibadi Covid-19 di Asia Tenggara dalam kalangan satu juta penduduk.

**12** Selangor mencatat kadar pemberian vaksinasi paling tinggi di Malaysia sebanyak 2.3 juta dos sehingga 15 Julai.

**13** Pada 19 Julai, kerajaan melakukan perubahan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) seperti kehadiran di pejabat bagi sektor awam ditingkatkan kepada 40 peratus untuk Fasa 1 dan operasi premis perniagaan dibuka dari 6 pagi sehingga 10 malam bagi Fasa 2.

**14** Pada 21 Julai, pendaftaran bagi mendapatkan suntikan vaksin terhadap kanak-kanak berusia 12 tahun ke atas telah dibuka melalui aplikasi MySejahtera.

**15** Kerajaan membenarkan penerima vaksin merakam video suntikan, manakala jururawat perlu menunjukkan picagari susulan kontroversi timbul perupuan suntikan vaksin kosong kepada



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APA TINDAKAN KITA?

Selepas 100 hari,  
lebih 67 peratus orang dewasa di Malaysia telah divakelin selain Lembah Klang akhirnya beralih ke fasa dua.

masyarakat.

**16** Kes Covid-19 di Malaysia melepassi angka satu juta pada 25 Julai dengan angka keseluruhan adalah sebanyak 1,013,438 kes.

**17** Pada 5 Ogos, kes positif harian mencencah 20,000 buat pertama kalinya dengan angka 20,596 kes.

**18** Varian Delta dikesan menjadi penyebab berlakunya peningkatan kes.

**19** Jumlah kematian tertinggi direkodkan pada 8 Ogos iaitu sebanyak 360 kematian.

**20** Pada 12 Ogos, sebanyak 45 kluster baharu direkodkan membabitkan 30 kluster tempat kerja dan 11 kluster komuniti.

**21** 11 kegiatan ekonomi dibenarkan beroperasi dalam Fasa 1 PPN berkuat kuasa 16 Ogos iaitu kedai cuci kereta, gunting rambut, perabot, elektrik dan elektronik, barangan rumah, peralatan sukan, aksesori kereta, pasarg pagi dan pasar tani, pakaian, fesyen dan aksesori serta barang kemas.

**22** Individu lengkap vaksinasi dibenarkan untuk *dine-in* atau makan di restoran di negeri Fasa 1 PPN berkuat kuasa 20 Ogos.

**23** Bulan Ogos merekodkan kes paling teruk Covid-19 di mana 24,599 kes harian tertinggi direkodkan pada 27 Ogos.

**24** Pada bulan Ogos, sebanyak 47.2 peratus dewasa lengkap divaksin melebihi nilai ambang yang ditetapkan pada Pelan Pemulih Negara dan 28 juta suntikan dos vaksin telah diberikan di Malaysia.

**25** Pada 1 September, kes kembali melebihi 20,000 dengan 1,005 pesakit sedang dirawat di ICU dengan 464 daripadanya memerlukan bantuan alat pernafasan.

**26** Terdapat peningkatan jangkitan dalam golongan muda seperti bayi dan kanak-kanak di mana sehingga 30 Mei, seramai 82,341 kanak-kanak telah dijangkiti Covid-19 iaitu peningkatan 10 kali ganda berbanding tahun 2020.

**27** 23,473 kes sembah atasi kes baharu iaitu 20,988 kes direkodkan pada 3 September lalu.

**28** Setakat 4 September, sebanyak 67.4 peratus atau 15,772,760 daripada keseluruhan populasi dewasa di negara ini sudah lengkapkan dua dos vaksin.

**29** Sektor pelancongan dibuka semula kepada pelancong tempatan bermula 16 September di Pulau Langkawi, Kedah.

**30** Penggiat seni kreatif boleh beroperasi dan pawagam turut dibuka kepada individu lengkap divaksinasi bermula 9 September.

**31** Kementerian Sumber Manusia mempertimbangkan untuk mengambil tindakan di bawah Akta Keselamatan Kesihatan Pekerjaan 1994 terhadap pekerja yang enggan divaksin.

**32** Seramai 2,500 orang guru dikesan dengan menerima vaksin di seluruh Malaysia atas faktor kesihatan serta sebab-sebab lain.

**33** Selepas 102 hari, Selangor akan bertukar ke Fasa 2 bersama Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya mulai hari ini dengan pelbagai kelonggaran termasuk kebenaran rentas daerah.

**AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN**  
**MUKA SURAT : 5**  
**RUANGAN : VAKSIN UNTUK RAKYAT**

# Malaysia belum kalah

Peralihan Malaysia ke fasa endemik bermula Oktober ini turut berlaku di beberapa negara lain

Oleh NURUL HUDA HUSAIN

PUTRAJAYA

**P**eralihan fasa endemik Covid-19 yang dijangka Oktober ini bukan bermakna Malaysia sudah mengaku kalah dalam melawan pandemik itu.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar sebaliknya berkata, ia merupakan realiti yang perlu diterima semua pihak.

Jelas beliau, hakikat bahawa mungkin ‘titik akhir’ adalah mengklasifikasi pandemik Covid-19 kepada endemik bukan sahaja berlaku di negara ini, malah turut dinyatakan oleh beberapa negara lain.

“Saya tidak rasa ada negara yang akan mengatakan bahawa penerimaan Covid-19 sebagai endemik ini bermakna telah mengaku kalah. Ini bukan mengaku kalah tetapi untuk menyesuaikan kepada realiti sebenar hidup bersama virus.

“Walaupun kita pada asalnya melaksanakan Perintah

Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) tetapi dengan virus yang merebak dengan begitu cepat, ditambah pula dengan kemunculan varian baharu telah mengajar kita untuk terima hakikat ini,” katanya pada sidang akhbar di kementeriannya di sini pada Khamis.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditanya berhubung dakwaan Malaysia mengaku kalah apabila pandemik Covid-19 akan diklasifikasikan sebagai endemik yang dijangka pada Oktober ini.

Khairy berkata, meskipun beliau mengumumkan peralihan fasa dijangka berlaku pada hujung Oktober ini, namun ia bergantung kepada situasi semasa dalam tempoh dua bulan mendatang.

Menurutnya, pelbagai perkara akan diambil kira sebelum peralihan fasa diputuskan termasuk bergantung kepada kemunculan varian baharu.

“Andaian saya (sebelum ini) bahawa kita akan beralih ke fasa endemik dibuat bersandarkan dengan adanya vaksinasi yang tinggi pada akhir Oktober.

“Kita jangan ingat apabila memulakan peralihan fasa, semua prosedur operasi



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standard (SOP) tidak perlu dipatuhi lagi. Itu tidak betul kerana virus masih ada dan kita kena belajar hidup dengan virus.

“Kita tetap perlu amalkan SOP sedia ada khususnya memakai pelitup muka, penjarakan sosial dan elak mengunjungi tempat sesak,” katanya.

Sementara itu, Khairy berkata, pasukan yang menguruskan aplikasi MySejahtera diberi tempoh seminggu untuk menyelesaikan isu berkaitan sijil digital vaksinasi.

Tegasnya, ia berikut ada individu yang telah disuntik vaksin lengkap, namun aplikasi berkenaan tidak memaparkan sijil digital itu.

“Saya telah arahkan pasukan MySejahtera untuk selesaikan dengan segera masalah berkaitan isu aplikasi tersebut termasuk masalah tiada sijil digital yang dipaparkan sehingga menimbulkan keimbangan ramai.

“Buat sementara, saya benarkan supaya kad vaksin fizikal dapat digunakan bagi mereka yang berdepan aplikasi MySejahtera ini,” katanya.

**MENDEPANI KRISIS COVID-19:  
APA TINDAKAN KITA?**

**AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA****MUKA SURAT : 11****RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI****KHAIRY JAMALUDDIN**

## 208,242 kuarantin di rumah

**PUTRAJAYA:** Seramai 208,242 rakyat masih menjalani kuarantin di rumah meliputi 83.7 peratus daripada kes keseluruhan Covid-19 setakat kelmarin.

Kuarantin di Pusat Kuarantin dan Rawatan Covid-19 (PKRC) pula 25,383 kes iaitu merangkumi 10.2 peratus daripada kes jangkitan keseluruhan manakala kuarantin di hospital sebanyak 13,769 kes iaitu sebanyak 5.5 peratus.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, semalam, kes kematian harian masih melepas angka 300 dengan sebanyak 323 kes dilaporkan, menjadikan jumlah kes kematian Covid-19 sebanyak 19,486 kes.

Katanya, kes harian mencatatkan sebanyak 19,307 termasuk enam kes import manakala sebanyak 24,855 kes sembuh.

“Sebanyak 242,802 kes aktif dicatatkan termasuk 1,310 kes sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi dan 737 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

“Daripada 19,307 kes harian yang dilaporkan, 302 kes (1.6 peratus) adalah kategori tiga, empat dan lima serta 19,005 kes (98.4 peratus) kategori satu dan dua,” katanya dalam kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Katanya, sedikit penurunan dapat dilihat berhubung jumlah kes Covid-19 yang dilaporkan di dalam negara dengan purata nilai kebolehjangan-kitan (Rt) kini bawah 1.0 iaitu 0.97.

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## RECOVERY PLAN

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system's resilience and preparedness for future pandemics, while meeting the long-term challenges posed by an ageing population and non-communicable diseases.

Among the policy measures being studied were strengthening national and local mechanisms to

detect infectious diseases to stop transmissions at an early stage, and developing an integrated epidemic prevention agenda.

"Such reforms will ensure the protection of lives and livelihoods while keeping the economy open for business," said Tengku Zafrul.

## Children to get jabs after adolescents

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government is working on plans to vaccinate children against Covid-19, as soon as the inoculation of adolescents are completed.

Health deputy director-general (research and technical support) Datuk Dr Hishamshah Mohd Ibrahim said inoculating adolescents as well as the younger group was necessary to prevent the spread of the disease among them.

"Even as we speak, we have started immunising our adolescents aged 12 and above."

"We first started with those having comorbidities and subsequent to that, the 16 and 17-year-olds will be immunised."

"We will gradually do that (immunisation) to the younger age group. We need to do this because

we think that by immunising our adolescents and younger ones, we can cut down the number of cases."

"We are seeing more cases in the younger population. This is something we need to do in the coming months," he said.

Dr Hishamshah was speaking at a virtual National Recovery Summit dialogue titled "Working Together To Achieve the National Recovery Plan".

The dialogue was organised by KSI Strategic Institute for Asia-Pacific and The Economic Club of Kuala Lumpur, with support from the National Recovery Council.

Dr Hishamshah said as the nation progressively moved towards reopening society and the economy as outlined in the Na-

tional Recovery Plan (NRP), the issue of whether Malaysians would need Covid-19 booster shots must be addressed.

He said should booster shots be required, the ministry would need the cooperation of general practitioners (GPs).

"As we wind down the operations of mega-Covid-19 Vaccination Centres (PPVs), we will then be reliant on our network of 7,000 GPs to shoulder the initiative of providing booster vaccination should it become necessary," he said.

Dr Hishamshah also believed that the issue of digital vaccination certificates should be looked into to ensure the ease of travelling abroad.

"We must address how we can collaborate with our foreign counterparts so that our vaccination certificate will be accepted in other countries as well."

"This is because there are issues in vaccine approvals and recognition worldwide," he said.



Datuk Dr Hishamshah Mohd Ibrahim

## Sarawak has most new cases at 3,118

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Sarawak continues to lead the Covid-19 infection table. It was the only state that recorded more than 3,000 new cases yesterday.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the country logged 19,307 infections in the past 24 hours, bringing the cumulative cases to 1,919,774.

Almost one-third of the new infections were detected in Sabah and Sarawak, with the latter accounting for 3,118 cases and the former, 2,298.

Perlis, meanwhile, witnessed a spike, reporting 108 new infections yesterday.

Labuan, which had consistently recorded single-digit daily cases, reported 15 up to noon yesterday.

However, the virus had shown signs of abating in the Klang Valley, with Selangor recording 2,700 cases. Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya reported 513 and 28 cases, respectively.

On the number of deaths, some 323 individuals succumbed to the coronavirus up to noon yesterday, bringing the country's Covid-19 death toll to 19,486.

Dr Noor Hisham said the country's fatality rate had reached one per cent of the cumulative cases.

Meanwhile, 1,310 individuals are receiving treatment in intensive care units nationwide, including 737 who require breathing assistance through intubation.

Meanwhile, a two-week En-



Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg visiting the vaccine delivery centre at Telaga Air health clinic on Wednesday. It is the first in the country to administer vaccines to adolescents. PIC BY NADIM BOHKARI

hanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) will be implemented at five localities in Sabah and one in Pahang, starting tomorrow until Sept 24.

National Security Council director-general Datuk Rodzi Md Saad said in Sabah, the localities were Kampung Lembah Permai and Kampung Desa Aman in Ranau, Taman Sungai Labu in Beluran, Sabah Henry Gurney School in Keningau, and Kampung Timug Matunggong in Kudat.

In Pahang, the EMCO would take effect in Kampung Kuala

Koyan, Mukim Ulu Jelai, Lipis.

"After examining the situation on the ground at seven existing EMCO areas in Paka Dungun in Terengganu, the NSC has also decided to extend the restriction order at Bandar Paka, Gong Gemia, Cacar Baru, Limbong, Kuala Paka, Taman Indah Permai and Telaga Mas 1 until Sept 24," he said.

He also said the EMCO ended yesterday at Kampung Sungai I mam, Tawau, Kampung Kapikan, Keningau, and Kampung Paris 3 in Kinabatangan. Report by Dheseaga Bala Krishnan

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A CHALLENGE

# HEALTH MINISTRY TESTING OTHER COVID-19 DRUGS

Malaysia does not have many treatment options for patients in advanced stages

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**T**HE Health Ministry is exploring the use of other drugs to expand its treatment options for Covid-19 Categories 4 and 5 patients, apart from using Baricitinib.

Deputy director-general (research and technical support)

Datuk Dr Hishamshah Mohd Ibrahim yesterday said the country did not have many treatment options for Covid-19 patients in advanced stages.

However, he said, Malaysia was active in clinical trials in the World Health Organisation's Covid-19 Solidarity Trial For Covid-19 Treatments.

"We are using Baricitinib, a new drug, and we are looking into other drugs, which will probably receive EUA (Emergency Use Authorisation) approval soon.

"We are discussing this with manufacturers even before they are registered in their country of origin, just like vaccines.

"This is so that we have access to them as soon as they are made available under the EUA in the country of origin.

"We are looking into that because, at the moment, the armamentarium of drugs that we can use to handle patients in severe Covid-19 categories is limited.

"So that remains a challenge to us as well."

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Meanwhile, Dr Hishamshah said, the ministry was disheartened with the Covid-19 situation, where the number of daily in-

fections and deaths had failed to drop since last year.

Malaysia, he said, had been experiencing the third wave of Covid-19 since September last year following the Sabah election.

"We have not seen our numbers come down. Up to yesterday (Sept 8), the number of daily cases was over 19,000 and the total confirmed cases was beyond 1.9 million.

"The death rate was more than 19,000, which is one per cent of the total number of cases and lower than the world average of 2.6 or 3 per cent.

"However, one per cent is high even for our standards and we are very sad about this," he said, adding that the government took efforts to mitigate the situation



Datuk Dr Hishamshah Mohd Ibrahim

by enforcing the Movement Control Order.

He said one of the nation's successful agendas in response to the pandemic was to provide vaccinations to those who could be immunised.

Up to 70 to 80 per cent of the adult population had received one dose of the vaccine, Dr Hishamshah said.

"We are targeting that by October, we need to immunise as many as 100 per cent of our adult population.

"During the Merdeka Day period, all states achieved about 40 per cent immunisation rate.

"But we are ramping it up to 60 to 70 per cent and, by October, we hope to achieve 100 per cent immunisation of the adult population."

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INCLUDING HIGH-RISK CATEGORY 2 PATIENTS

# KHAIRY: THOSE IN CATEGORY 3 TO BE SENT TO PKRC

This is to ensure patients' needs are met and to curb infections, he says

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To ensure the needs of Covid-19 patients are met, all those in Category Three will now be sent to quarantine centres along with the high-risk in Category Two, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said yesterday.

The decision, he said, was to also stem further spread of infections.

He said even as the number of daily Covid-19 cases was showing a downward trend in several

states, there was a need to cater to specific needs of different categories of patients, while reducing the burden on the public health-care system.

He said proper treatment of Category Three and high-risk Category Two patients was very much needed in Terengganu and Sarawak, which were experiencing spike in new cases.

"I have asked the states to free our capacity so that Category Three patients will be admitted to PKRC (Low-risk Quarantine and Treatment Centres), as well as (include) high-risk Category 2B patients."

"After we do risk assessments, those who are high-risk will be admitted to quarantine centres."

"I have also instructed the states to provide pulse oximeters to those who are under home quarantine if they are also categorised as at 'risk patients', he said here."



A medical officer checking on the condition of a Covid-19 patient at the Low-risk Quarantine and Treatment Centre at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang yesterday. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

Earlier, Khairy said the Health Ministry had launched a new Covid-19 website at <https://covidnow.moh.gov.my> as part of the ministry's efforts to boost transparency in data sharing.

Describing the website as a way to "lift the veil of secrecy in statistics", he said the new portal would provide the main data that would be more accessible and easily understood by the public.

"The website will be updated at 11.59pm daily, and will provide granular data on active cases and

where they are located (such as at) home, PKRCs and hospitals.

"The ministry will continue to interpret and analyse the data and it also welcomes opinions and analyses from experts."

On fatalities, he said only 0.009 per cent of the Covid-19-related deaths involved those who were fully vaccinated.

This, he said, proved that vaccination worked and provided protection to the people, regardless of the type of jab a person received.

"Vaccines save lives. We have a little bit of breakthrough deaths + and we've found that of those fully vaccinated, only 0.009 per cent, or 90 in one million people, died."

"This is happening around the world. You are better off with vaccines than without. Don't doubt the vaccine as it can help you."

"Besides, of those who died, 81 per cent of them had comorbidities and 80 per cent of them were over the age of 60, so these also contributed to the outcome."

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# Vaccination goes to schools

**KJ: Plan to jab teens will be in tandem with class resumption**

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The vaccination programme for teenagers can now be carried out in schools, says Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

He added that the plan to vaccinate teenagers will be conducted in tandem with the resumption of classes.

"We discussed many ways as to how we are going to give jabs to the students, but we agreed that the easiest way to do it is in schools.

"Most of the students will be vaccinated at their schools.

"I think we may not be able to complete vaccinating all teenagers before schools reopen, so we will continue to do so during the school sessions," he told a press conference yesterday.

Khairy said his deputy Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali has been appointed to spearhead the vaccination drive for teenagers.

The nationwide vaccination

drive for adolescents kicked off in Sarawak on Wednesday.

Khairy had announced that this would be followed by the Klang Valley and Labuan soon – two other regions that have vaccinated most of its adult populations.

On another matter, Khairy said the mortality rate involving fully vaccinated people was only 0.009%.

"Vaccination saves lives and will give us protection."

"There are still breakthrough deaths, but the rate of deaths involving those fully vaccinated is only 0.009%."

"So you are better off with vaccines," he said, urging the public to get vaccinated as it can protect their health.

Meanwhile, Khairy also did not rule out that the "waning" effect of vaccines over time which may be the reason for Sarawak's recent high Covid-19 numbers.

He said the ministry is also studying if it needs to implement booster shots to counter the situation.

"The ministry had a long discus-

sion on Sarawak. I may be heading over to the Sarawak next week to discuss with the state government on what additional measures we can take to try to reduce the increasing Covid-19 transmission there.

"I've also asked the technical working group that advises on vaccine selection to quickly provide JKJAV (Special Committee on Covid-19 Vaccine Supply) with a recommendation on booster shots. They will be meeting next week."

"Right now, we are not sure what is driving the transmission in Sarawak."

"One possibility is the waning effectiveness of vaccines over time, which we have seen occur in other countries."

"They have administered booster shots especially to the elderly, the immuno-compromised and healthcare workers. So we are certainly not ruling that out," said Khairy.

Sarawak has one of the country's highest vaccination rates, with 87.9% of its adult population already fully vaccinated.

In the past few days, Sarawak has continued to record the highest number of daily cases out of all states – mostly numbering in the 3,000s.

However, 99% of its daily cases are mild and asymptomatic cases, with only a small number of severe cases.

Khairy said Israel at one time had one of the best vaccination rates in the world. But after eight months, it started to see a rise in cases.

"This could be due to Delta (variant), or the reopening of the economy, or the waning effect of vaccines."

"We are perhaps starting to see that in Sarawak, but I've asked for greater granular analysis on this and we will be able to announce something once we have the data," said Khairy.

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## MOH launches CovidNow portal for data sharing

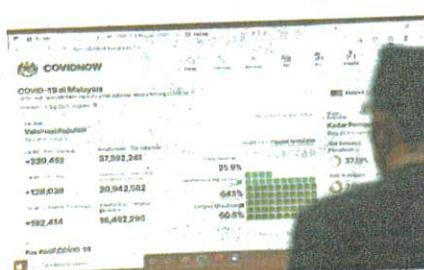
**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Health Ministry has launched a new Covid-19 website that provides more detailed information aimed at increasing transparency in data sharing.

The website, which is known as CovidNow, will be the ministry's new portal to provide key data in a manner that is more easily understood by the public, says its minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

Describing the website as a way to "lift the veil of secrecy in statistics", Khairy said the new portal – <https://covidnow.moh.gov.my> – will provide key data in a way that can be easily understood by the general public.

"The website will be updated at 11.59pm daily, and will, among others, provide granular data on active cases and where they are located (such as at home, PKRCs (low-risk quarantine and treatment centres) and hospitals).

"The ministry will continue to analyse the data and it also welcomes opinion and analyses from relevant experts," he said



**Easy access for all:**  
 The Health Minister presenting the new CovidNow website in Putrajaya.  
 — Bernama

at a press conference here yesterday.

He added that the move was also inline with the aspiration of the ministry to ensure that data and information regarding Covid-19 will be accessible to all.

"I hope that with all the data and information shared at GitHub and now on CovidNow, the public will have a better understanding of the Covid-19 situation in the country," he said, adding that it will be part of the ministry's efforts to "shape behavioural change."

Meanwhile, the Health Minister said that Malaysia did not surrender in its fight against Covid-19 when it declared that it will slowly transition to the endemic stage.

Khairy said that many countries and health experts have agreed that it will be hard to achieve herd immunity due to the detection of new Covid-19 variants, especially the highly contagious Delta variant.

"It is not that we have surrendered, but it is to adapt to the reality on the ground," he added.

Malaysia is expected to move

from the Covid-19 pandemic into an endemic phase by the end of October.

He added that countries like Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, that had initially imposed containment and lockdown as a way to control the Covid-19, had also accepted that they have to live with the virus.

"This is just the way the virus has evolved, and this is just the way the virus has behaved," added Khairy.

He also noted that the transition will depend on what takes place over the next two months.

"My prediction is that once the vaccination rate is high at the end of October, we can start the transition towards the endemic stage," said Khairy.

He also reminded the public to continue observing all the public health measures such as wearing face masks and observing proper distancing, despite the country's high vaccination rate.

"It will take some time to raise awareness and educate the public."

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# One week to fix MySejahtera bugs

**Khairy: For now, those fully vaccinated can use physical card as proof**

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**PETALING JAYA:** Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin has given the MySejahtera team a week to sort out all issues related to the issuance of Covid-19 digital certificates.

"I have ordered the MySejahtera team to resolve all problems related to the app including the problem related to the issuance of digital certificates immediately," he told reporters.

He added that for those who have been fully vaccinated but have yet to be issued the vaccination certificates on the app can use their physical cards as proof.

"For the time being, I will allow them to use the physical vaccination cards," he noted.

For those who were vaccinated under the Selangor government's Selvax program, they can use the certificates issued under the Selangkah app for the time being.

"They can use that for now until they get their digital cert on MySejahtera," he said.

For fully vaccinated individuals, especially the elderly without smartphones and who live apart from their children or guardian, the digital vaccination certificate is not the only way of proving your vaccination status.

The Health Ministry (MOH) has clarified that the physical vaccination card which was presented to each individual upon completion of their first and second doses at the vaccination centres (PPV) can also be used as proof of their vaccination status.

"Although the MySejahtera app is the most preferred and easy option for users to prove their vaccination status, your physical vaccination cards still hold good," said senior principal assistant director of the ministry's Disease Control Division, Dr Mahesh Appanan.

Many others have also complained that their app does not update with the digital vaccination certificate details, even after completing their doses.

This is actually due to the fact that they may have not been able to

fully complete their details during their appointments at the PPV.

To resolve this issue, simply click on the Helpdesk option in your app, select option "M" and update your current details there.

MOH needs to collect users' data from the MySejahtera app and cross-check it with the information from the PPVs for verification on users' vaccination status, before resubmitting it and having it reflected in the app.

"It is a tedious process because all Malaysians' digital vaccination certificates are compliant with international regulations and requirements and the data runs in a block-chain system.

"There are a lot of checks and balances processes to ensure the digital vaccination certificate presented in the app is digitally certified after many rounds of verification," said Dr Mahesh.

On Sept 2, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin announced the launch of new features, which include the check-out button and display of the vaccination status and Covid-19 risk

of the app user at one glance to improve contact tracing.

Dr Mahesh has also reassured the public that forgetting to check out from premises is not a major concern.

As of right now, MOH already has automated contact tracing to flag out those termed as "casual contact", and uses the algorithm to identify them based on an individual's exposure to a Covid-19 positive individual.

"On a daily basis, we (MOH) are sending almost 70,000 to 80,000 notifications throughout the country to those identified as casual contacts," Dr Mahesh said.

To enhance contact tracing methodology and output even further, the check-out button has been introduced to gauge how long an individual has been in a particular premises.

Even if an individual forgets to check out after leaving, it is not a major issue because the MOH already has algorithms in place to calculate the average time a person spends at a premises.

"Of course, all this goes back to the retrospective data that we have collected and studied so far before we input it into our algorithm," he added.

As the MOH strives to empower people to follow the SOP, instead of enforcing them, this is why the check-out button is not compulsory.

"In actual fact, we had so many suggestions of putting QR codes for checkout. But we didn't want to burden the people and add to the check-out process.

"Even the addition of other features such as GPS tracking may complicate the process.

"Enabling these additional features would involve individual rights and consent.

"For now, we feel that it is enough to have an active input by users, instead of MOH continuously following the movement of people.

"We can still manage with our current resources, but if the time comes and the need arises, we shall revise our privacy policy and provide more explanation to the people," said Dr Mahesh.