

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : LOKAL

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Berkuat kuasa 1 Mei ini, pemakaian pelitup muka di luar bangunan dan kawasan terbuka tidak lagi diwajibkan, sebaliknya menjadi pilihan buat penduduk negara ini.

Menteri Kesihatan Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, kelonggaran itu selepas semakan semula langkah kawalan semasa Covid-19 dalam Fasa Peralihan ke Endemik.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, pemakaian pelitup muka adalah wajib sekiranya berada di dalam bangunan dan di dalam pengangkutan awam termasuk e-hailing.

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Bermula 1 Mei

Pemakaian pelitup muka di luar bangunan, kawasan terbuka tidak lagi diwajibkan

an di mana ventilasinya adalah baik, namun KKM masih menggalakkan amalan pemakaian pelitup muka di luar bangunan terutama apabila berada di kawasan ramai orang dan sesak seperti bazar Ramadhan dan pasar malam atau stadium.

"Ini termasuk individu yang bergejala seperti demam batuk dan selesema, individu berisiko tinggi atau melakukan aktiviti bersama orang yang berisiko tinggi seperti warga emas

dan kanak-kanak," katanya dalam sidang media di Putrajaya, semalam.

Khairy berkata, tindakan penguatkuasaan diambil mengikut Akta Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit 1988 [Akta 342] dan peraturan di bawahnya sekiranya ada individu yang gagal mematuhi arahan pemakaian pelitup muka di dalam bangunan dan pengangkutan awam.

"Pelitup muka boleh di-

tanggalkan ketika melakukan senaman berat di dalam bangunan, tetapi ia hendaklah segera dipakai semula selepas selesai melakukan senaman itu, berseorangan di dalam suatu ruang iaitu ketika sedang makan, minum, berucap atau membuat persembahan.

"Pemakaian pelitup muka terutama di dalam bangunan dan pengangkutan awam masih lagi penting untuk melindungi diri serta orang di sekeliling kita terutama mereka yang berisiko tinggi seperti warga emas, kanak-kanak dan individu immunocompromised," katanya.

"Ini mengambil kira risiko penularan jangkitan yang rendah"
Khairy

Tak perlu lagi imbas kod QR MySejahtera

Kuala Lumpur: Semakan semula langkah kawalan semasa Covid-19 dalam Fasa Peralihan ke Endemik turut tidak lagi memerlukan orang ramai membuat imbasan kod QR MySejahtera apabila memasuki premis atau tempat awam.

Menteri Kesihatan Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, keperluan imbasan MySejahtera untuk kedua-dua tempat berkenaan sudah disemak dan ditutupkan tidak wajib.

"Bagaimanapun, saya ingin menyeru supaya anda semua mengaktifkan fungsi MySJ Trace untuk tujuan pengesanan kontak."

"Individu dengan status *High Risk* pada aplikasi MySejahtera iaitu kes positif Covid-19 dan individu yang diberi arahan Perintah Pemantauan dan Pemerhatian (HSP) tidak dibenarkan masuk ke premis.

"Pihak pengurusan premis hendaklah menyenam status risiko individu dalam aplikasi MySejahtera yang akan memasuki premisnya," katanya dalam sidang media, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut Khairy berkata, aplikasi MySejahtera masih lagi penting untuk digunakan terutama bagi tujuan pelaporan keputusan ujian pengesanan Co-vid-19 dan arahan HSO.

"Ia juga penting untuk membantu Kerajaan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) dalam pencegahan dan kawalan Covid-19," katanya.

Menurutnya, aplikasi itu juga ditambah baik dengan memasukkan maklumat titik panas wabak dengan, rabies, dan campak.

Katanya, kemasukan ke mana-mana premis juga dibenarkan tanpa mengambil kira status vaksinasi mereka.

"Individu yang tidak dibenarkan masuk ke premis adalah mereka positif Covid-19 walaupun mempunyai status vaksinasi lengkap."

"Individu dalam tempoh HSO termasuk pengembara tanpa vaksinasi lengkap yang baru tiba di Malaysia," katanya.

Sementara itu katanya, keperluan penjarakan fizikal dalam prosedur operasi standard (SOP) Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) terbitan 1 April 2022 turut disemak semula.

"Mengambil kira semua aktiviti dibenarkan dengan penggunaan 100 peratus kapasiti ruang, maka penjarakan fizikal di antara individu atau kumpulan tidak diperlukan."

"Penjarakan fizikal digalakkan dalam keadaan tidak memakai pelitup muka," katanya.

Aplikasi MySejahtera masih lagi penting untuk digunakan

'Bebas' hari keempat jika ujian saringan semula negatif

Kuala Lumpur: Individu positif Covid-19 yang perlu menjalani pengesangan selama tujuh hari dari tarikh sampel diambil, boleh dilepaskan bermula hari keempat sekiranya ujian saringan semula berkeputusan negatif.

Menteri Kesihatan Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, ujian itu perlu dilakukan menggunakan ujian Kit Ujian Pantas (RTK) Antigen Covid-19 yang diselia pengamal perubatan.

"Bagaimanapun, sekiranya masih positif, individu itu perlu melengkapkan tempoh pengesangan tujuh hari."

"Ujian itu hendaklah dilakukan menggunakan RTK Antigen kendiri dengan penyeliaan oleh pengamal perubatan yang berdaftar dengan Majlis Perubatan Malaysia (MMC) sama ada secara fizikal ataupun secara maya," katanya pada sidang media, semalam.

Beliau mengumumkan semakan semula langkah kawalan semasa Covid-19 dalam Fasa Peralihan ke Endemik.

Katanya, keputusan ujian itu hendaklah dimasukkan ke dalam sistem eCOVID oleh pengamal perubatan bagi memastikan integrasi data dengan aplikasi MySejahtera da-



KHairy

pat berlaku dalam tempoh kurang daripada sejam.

"Ini supaya individu itu segera mendapat perintah pelepasan daripada pengesangan apabila keputusan ujian pengesangan negatif Covid-19."

"Sekiranya individu tidak memilih untuk menjalani ujian pengesanan Covid-19, maka pelepasan akan diberikan secara automatik selepas menjalani pengesangan selama tujuh hari," katanya.

Beliau berkata, selepas ini salam juga dibenarkan namun orang ramai perlu sentiasa mencuci atau membersihkan tangan serta tidak segera menyentuh muka selepas bersalaman.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : LOKAL

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Kuching

Vaksin Covid-19 Comirnaty keluaran Pfizer dengan nombor kelompok FK9414 sudah diberi kelulusan oleh Bahagian Regulatori Farmasi Negara (NPRA) bagi perlanjutan tempoh jangka hayat daripada enam bulan kepada sembilan bulan untuk bebuli (vial) vaksin yang disimpan pada suhu -90°C sehingga -60°C.

Pengarah Kesihatan Sarawak Dr Ooi Choo Huck berkata, ia tambahan tiga bulan daripada tarikh asal dicetak pada label vial.

"Cetakan tarikh luput pada vial bernombor kelompok FK9414 adalah 02/2022.

"Tarikh luput asal pada 28 Februari 2022 dan tarikh luput baharu pada 31 Mei 2022," katanya pada kenyataan semalam.

Ia berikutkan video yang tular di media sosial baru-baru ini berkeraan isu pemberian vaksin sudah mele过asi tarikh luput.

Sehubungan itu, beliau berkata, vaksin itu selamat digunakan sehingga 31 Mei ini.

Menjelaskan lanjut, Dr Ooi berkata, penentuan jangka hayat produk farmaseutikal termasuk vaksin Covid-19 ditetapkan berdasarkan ujian kestabilan produk vaksin yang dijalankan pengilang.

Katanya, ujian dijalankan pada masa nyata untuk suhu penyimpanan tertentu.

TULAR VAKSIN PFIZER TAMAT TEMPOH

Jangka hayat kini 9 bulan

NPRA luluskan perlanjutan tempoh hingga 31 Mei



TEMPOH jangka hayat vaksin Covid-19 akan berubah jika ada perubahan kepada suhu penyimpanan.

"Vaksin Covid-19 dibangunkan dalam jangka masa singkat (kurang daripada dua tahun) sebagai tindak balas kepada pandemik berkenaan berbanding tempoh pembangunan biasa sesuatu produk farmaseutikal.

"Oleh itu, tempoh ujian dijalankan untuk menentukan jangka hayat vaksin adalah terhad.

"Pengilang hanya dibenar meletakkan tarikh luput berdasarkan tempoh kestabilan vaksin itu diujui pada masa nyata dan bukan secara ekstrapolasi," katanya.

Dr Ooi menambah, jika pengilang ada data tambahan setelah ujian lanjut dijalankan, permohonan perlanjutan jangka hayat vaksin akan dikemuka kepada NPRA untuk dinilai.

Katanya, perlanjutan tempoh jangka hayat produk vaksin hanya diluluskan setelah hasil penilaian dapat mengesahkan ia memenuhi keperluan regulatori.

Selain itu, Dr Ooi berkata, tempoh jangka hayat vaksin Covid-19 akan berubah jika ada perubahan kepada suhu penyimpanan.

"Oleh itu, tarikh luput baharu akan diberikan kepada produk terbabit.

"Produk masih selamat untuk diadaministrasi selagi mana ia belum melangkau tarikh luput baharu," katanya.

Justeru, beliau meminta orang ramai supaya tidak meragui keselamatan vaksin yang diterima.

Orang awam boleh melayari laman web <https://www.npra.gov.my> untuk mengetahui maklumat nombor kelompok yang terbit.

KL, Selangor catat tiga kes kematian

Kuala Lumpur Sebanyak 761,309 atau 21.4 peratus kanak-kanak berumur lima hingga 11 melengkapkan vaksinasi di bawah Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak (PiCKids) setakat kelmarin.

Berdasarkan laman web Covidnow, 1,504,066 kanak-kanak dalam kumpulan sama atau 42.3 peratus menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin.

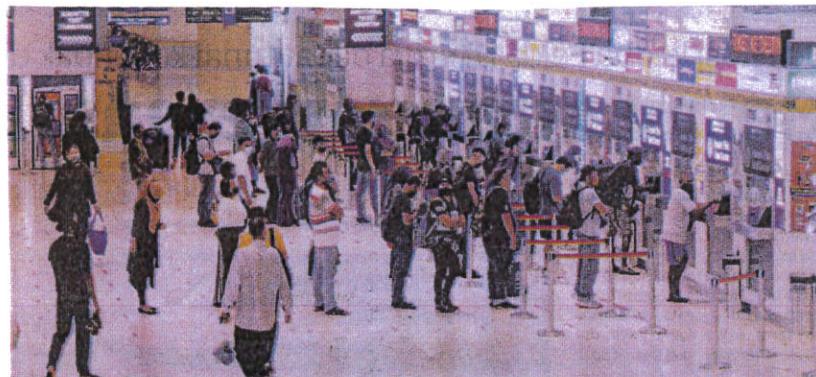
Sebanyak 34,376 dos vaksin Covid-19 harian diberi membabitkan 6,906 dos pertama, 22,782 dos kedua dan 4,688 dos penggalak, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif pemberian vaksin menerusi Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan (PiCK) sebanyak 70,158,087.

Sementara itu, menurut portal GitHub Kementerian Kesihatan, 13 kematian dilapor kelmarin dengan Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur masing-masing mencatatkan angka tertinggi iaitu tiga kes, diikuti Kelantan dan Perak masing-masing dengan dua kes manakala satu kes masing-masing di Melaka, Pahang dan Pulau Pinang.

92.9%

Remaja berumur 12 hingga 17 lengkap tiga vaksinasi

AKHBAR : KOSMO
 MUKA SURAT : 4
 RUANGAN : NEGARA



ORANG ramai membeli tiket bas untuk pulang ke kampung menyambut Aidilfitri di Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS), Bandar Tasik Selatan, Kuala Lumpur semalam. - MUHAMAD IQBAL ROSLI

Pelitup muka hanya wajib dipakai dalam bangunan

Tidak perlu imbas kod QR MySejahtera

PUTRAJAYA — Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) menetapkan imbasan kod QR MySejahtera kini tidak diwajibkan apabila memasuki premis atau tempat-tempat awam kecuali individu berstatus *high risk* atau di bawah arahan Perintah Pengawasan dan Pemantauan HSO bermula 1 Mei ini.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, walaupun imbasan MySejahtera tidak diwajibkan, namun KKM menyeru orang ramai agar mengaktifkan fungsi MySJ Trace untuk tujuan pengesanan kontak.

"Individu dengan status *high risk* pada aplikasi MySejahtera laju kes positif Covid-19 dan individu yang diberi arahan HSO, tidak dibenarkan masuk ke premis dan pihak pengurusan premis hendaklah menyentuh status risiko individu dalam MySejahtera yang akan memasuki premisnya."

"Aplikasi MySejahtera masih lagi penting untuk digunakan antara lain bagi tujuan pelaporan keputusan ujian pengesanan Covid-19 dan arahan HSO," katanya pada sidang akbar di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, ia juga penting untuk membantu KKM dalam pencegahan dan kawalan Covid-19.

Katanya, pemakaian pelitup muka adalah wajib apabila berada di dalam bangunan (*indoor*) dan di dalam pengangkutan awam termasuk e-hailing.

"Namun, pemakaian pelitup muka di luar bangunan (*outdoor*) dan kawasan terbuka adalah atas pilihan tetapi amat digalakkan kerana pelitup muka mampu mengurangkanjangkitan.

"Orang ramai diwajibkan memakai pelitup muka apabila berada di gedung belli-belah dan pengangkutan awam termasuk e-hailing," jelasnya.



KHAIRY JAMALUDDIN

bergejala seperti demam, batuk dan selsesa; yang berisiko tinggi; melakukan aktiviti bersama orang yang berisiko tinggi seperti warga emas dan kanak-kanak," katanya.

Sejaklar dengan fasa peralihan ke endemik, beliau berkata, sejak semula keperluan penjarakan fizikal di dalam prosedur operasi standard (SOP) Majlis Keselamatan Negara terbitan 1 April 2022 telah disemak semula.

"Mengambil kira semua aktiviti telah dibenarkan dengan penggunaan 100 peratus kapasiti ruang, maka penjarakan fizikal di antara individu atau kumpulan tidak diperlukan.

"Namun, penjarakan fizikal dilakukan dalam keadaan tidak memakai pelitup muka," katanya.

Jelasnya, KKM turut menetapkan kemasukan individu ke mana-mana premis adalah dibenarkan tanpa mengira status vaksinasi mereka.

"Individu yang tidak dibenarkan masuk ke premis adalah individu positif Covid-19 walaupun mempunyai status vaksinasi lengkap serta individu dalam tempoh HSO termasuk pengembala tanpa vaksinasi lengkap yang baru tiba di Malaysia.

Selain itu katanya, bagi individu yang diuji positif Covid-19 boleh dilepaskan daripada HSO bermula pada hari keempat sekiranya telah disahkan negatif melalui ujian RTK Antigen yang diselia oleh pengamal perubatan.

"Sekiranya masih positif, individu tersebut perlu melengkapkan tempoh pengasingan tujuh hari. Ujian itu hendaklah dilakukan menggunakan RTK-antigen kendiri dengan penyediaan pengambilan perubatan yang berdaftar dengan Majlis Perubatan Malaysia (MMC), sama ada secara fizikal ataupun secara maya (virtual)," katanya.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : VAKSIN UNTUK RAKYAT

Aktiviti berkaitan hari raya dibenarkan

PUTRAJAYA - Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) membenarkan aktiviti takbir hari raya di masjid dan surau seluruh negara.

Menterinya, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, aktiviti tersebut juga dibenarkan dari rumah ke rumah tetapi perlu sentiasa memakai pelitup muka.

"Solat sunat hari raya juga dibenarkan diadakan di masjid dan surau dengan kapasiti 100 peratus dengan semua jemaah hendaklah sentiasa memakai pelitup muka sepanjang masa," katanya di sini pada Rabu.

Menurutnya, turut dibenarkan, jamuan selepas solat di masjid atau

surau, program ziarah, ziarah tanah perkuburan, rumah terbuka atau majlis hari raya *indoor* serta *outdoor*.

"Individu yang disahkan positif Covid-19 dan bergejala adalah dilarang menyertai aktiviti tersebut.

"Protokol ini adalah sebagai panduan umum, namun tertakluk kepada ketetapan dan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) oleh pihak berkuaasa agama, negeri," kata beliau.

Khairy berkata, salam tangan turut adalah dibenarkan dengan mematuhi etika dan penjagaan kebersihan tangan.

"Sentiasa mencuci atau membersihkan

MENDEPANI KRISIS
COVID-19:
APA TINDAKAN
KIT?

tangan dan jangan sentuh muka selepas bersalaman," katanya.

Ujarnya, semua senara aktiviti yang tidak dibenarkan di dalam SOP Majlis Keselamatan Negara terbitan 1 April 2022 digugurkan

mulai 15 Mei depan.

"Agensi berkaitan sedang menyediakan protokol bagi pengoperasiannya," katanya.

Menyifatkan Aidilfitri pada tahun ini sebagai satu rahmat, Khairy berkata, adalah menjadi tanggungjawab semua pihak untuk memastikan perayaan tidak berakhir dengan kemudarat.

Dalam pada itu, Khairy memaklumkan

Malaysia tidak lagi mengeluarkan laporan harian berhubung penularan jangkitan Covid-19.

Sebaliknya beliau berkata, laporan itu akan dikeluarkan pihaknya secara mingguan.

"Esok (Khamis) merupakan hari terakhir KKM (Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia) akan mengeluarkannya," ujar beliau.

Sejak dua tahun lalu, KKM mengeluarkan pelaporan harian Covid-19 sebagai maklumat situasi pandemik itu di negara ini. Pelaporan tersebut dikeluarkan oleh Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Imbasan kod QR
MySejahtera juga
tidak lagi diwajibkan

Oleh TUAN BUQHAIRAH
TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN

PUTRAJAYA

P emakaian pelitup muka hanya diwajibkan apabila berada di dalam bangunan dan pengangkutan awam termasuk e-hailing berkutu kuasa 1 Mei ini.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, langkah tersebut dibuat selepas Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) meneliti dan melakukan semakan semula ke atas langkah-langkah kawalan dan pencegahan Covid-19 yang boleh dilaksanakan semasa dalam fasa peralihan ke endemik.

Menurutnya, penguatkuasaan di bawah Akta Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit 1988 [Akta 342] dan peraturan-peraturan di bawahnya akan dikenakan ke atas individu yang gagal mematuhi arahan tersebut.

"Pelitup muka bagaimanapun boleh ditanggalkan semasa melakukannya senaman berat di dalam bangunan tetapi ia hendaklah segera dipakai semula setelah selesai senaman," katanya pada sidang akbar di kementeriannya dekat sini pada Rabu.

Beliau berkata, pemakaian pelitup muka terutamanya di dalam bangunan dan pengangkutan awam masih lagi penting untuk melindungi diri serta orang di sekeliling terutamanya mereka yang berisiko tinggi seperti warga emas, kanak-kanak dan individu *immunocompromised*.

Khairy berkata, pemakaian pelitup muka di luar bangunan

Pelitup muka hanya wajib dalam bangunan, pengangkutan awam

dan kawasan terbuka adalah atas pilihan namun amat digalakkan.

Beliau berkata, KKM turut menyemat keperluan penjarakan fizikal dalam prosedur operasi standard (SOP) Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) terbitan 1 April 2022.

"Mengambil kira semua aktiviti telah dibenarkan dengan penggunaan 100 peratus kapasiti ruang, maka penjarakan fizikal di antara individu atau kumpulan tidak diperlukan, namun begitu penjarakan fizikal digalakkan dalam keadaan tidak memakai pelitup muka," katanya.

Sementara itu, Khairy turut maklumkan imbasan kod QR MySejahtera tidak lagi diwajibkan apabila seseorang memasuki premis atau tempat-tempat awam bermula 1 Mei ini.

Bagaimanapun, orang ramai diminta supaya mengaktifkan fungsi MySJ Trace untuk tujuan pengesanan kontak.

"Individu dengan status berisiko tinggi pada aplikasi MySejahtera iaitu kes positif Covid-19 dan individu yang diberi arahan Perintah Pengawasan dan Pemantauan di Rumah (HOS), tidak dibenarkan masuk ke premis," katanya.

Katanya, pihak pengurusan



premis hendaklah menyemak status risiko individu dalam aplikasi MySejahtera yang akan memasuki premisnya.

"Apabila MySejahtera masih lagi penting untuk digunakan antara lain bagi tujuan pelaporan keputusan ujian pengesanan Covid-19 dan arahan HSO," katanya.

Beliau berkata, sejauh dengan fasa peralihan ke endemik, MySejahtera sebagai aplikasi kesihatan awam akan ditambah baik dengan pengenalan ciri-ciri baharu.

"Sebagai permulaan, fungsi yang sedang ada, iaitu Hotspot Tracker yang dahulunya digunakan untuk menjelajah kawasan titik panas kes Covid-19, kini akan diubah sebagai Infectious Disease Tracker untuk melihat kawasan titik panas penyakit-penyakit lain iaitu rabies (penyakit anjing gila), demam campak, penyakit tangan, kaki & mulut (HFMD) dan denggi," ujarnya.

Khairy berkata, kawasan itu akan ditentukan berdasarkan jumlah kes aktif di kawasan lingkungan pengguna untuk setiap penyakit berjangkit.

"Saya minta rakyat Malaysia ambil peluang menggunakan fungsi yang ditambah baik ini terutamanya apabila hendak balik

ke kampung, berhari raya ke rumah saudara-mara atau pergi bercuti.

"Saya juga menggalakkan persatuan komuniti menggunakan fungsi ini untuk membantu dalam mengawal penularan penyakit

berjangkit ini di kawasan kediaman masing-masing dengan melaksanakan pelbagai aktiviti seperti gotong-royong serta pembersihan kawasan perumahan dan perkampungan," katanya.

KELONGGARAN SOP COVID-19 MULAI 1 MEI 2022



PELITUP MUKA

- * Wajib di dalam bangunan termasuk pengangkutan awam dan kenderaan e-hailing
- * Pilih opsyen berada di luar bangunan dan kawasan terbuka tetapi digalakkan di kawasan yang sesuk. Individu berisiko tinggi juga digalakkan memakai pelitup muka.

PENJARAKAN FIZIKAL

- Tidak lagi diperlukan
- Digalakkan dalam keadaan tidak memakai pelitup muka

DAFTAR MASUK (CHECK-IN) DAN STATUS VAKSINASI MYSEJAHTERA

- * Doktor masuk (check-in) dimanfaatkan
- * Kemaskini ke premis dibenarkan tanpa mengira status vaksinasi kecuali mereka yang berstatus Berisiko Tinggi atau di bawah HSO

POSITIF COVID-19 (UJIAN DAN PELEPASAN)

- * Secara omnya, kes positif COVID-19 diketahui untuk kuarantin selama 7 hari. Walau begimodenpun, di bawah Ujian dan Pelepasan, mereka akan mempunyai pilihan untuk menjalani ujian RTK-Ag yang dilaksana dalam tempoh 24 jam selepas kuarantin. Mereka juga perlu diquarantin selama 5 hari

MENGEMBARKA

- * Pengembawa yang telah lengkap divaksinasi dan kawali-kawali berurusan 12 tahun ke bawah dikecualikan daripada ujian pra-pelepasan dan semasa ketibaan

- * Pengembawa yang tidak lengkap vaksinasi atau tidak vaksinasi hendaklah menjalani ujian RT-PCR 2 hari sebelum berlepas dan ujian RTK-Ag yang dilaksana dalam tempoh 24 jam selepas kuarantin. Mereka juga perlu diquarantin selama 5 hari

- * Insur COVID-19 tidak lagi diperlukan untuk semua pelancong yang memasuki Malaysia

SENRAI NEGATIF

- * Senrai aktiviti yang dilarang oleh Majlis Keselamatan Negara sebelum ini tetap dibenarkan. Semua sektor ekonomi boleh beroperasi mulai 16 Mei 2022

Dikemasuki 1 27 April 2022

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AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

AEFI: JFK dapati tiada hubung kait kematiian dengan dos penggalak

PUTRAJAYA - Jawatankuasa Kohas Farmakovigilans Vaksin Covid-19 (JFK) menjalankan penilaian terhadap 25 laporan yang telah lengkap penyiasatan dan mendapat kes-kes kematiian terlibat tiada hubung kait dengan vaksin dos penggalak Covid-19 yang diterima.

Pengarah Bahagian Regulatori Farmasi Negara (NPRA), Dr Roshayati Mohamad Sani berkata, laporan itu adalah sebahagian daripada 58 laporan Kesan Advers Susulan Imunisasi (AEFI) melibatkan kematiian dalam kalangan penerima vaksin dos penggalak yang diterima hingga 22 April yang memerlukan penyiasatan dan penilaian.

"Terdapat 33 laporan lagi masih dalam proses penyiasatan sebelum dibentangkan untuk penilaian oleh JFK," katanya dalam satu kenyataan hari ini.

Secara keseluruhannya, be-

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liau berkata, sistem pelaporan AEFI NPRA telah menerima sejumlah 26,160 laporan AEFI vaksin Covid-19 yang perlu dinilai termasuk 1,581 laporan melibatkan penerima dos penggalak dan 324 laporan bagi penerima vaksin kanak-kanak berusia 5 hingga 11 tahun.

"Kadar pelaporan AEFI melalui Sistem AEFI NPRA ini secara keseluruhannya direkodkan pada 374 laporan bagi setiap sejuta dos," katanya.

Dr Roshayati berkata, hasil penilaian ke atas laporan yang diterima, 93 peratus atau 24,320 daripada AEFI yang dilaporkan adalah bagi kes-kes yang tidak serius.

Daripada jumlah keseluruhan laporan AEFI yang diterima, terdapat 1,840 laporan dikategorikan sebagai AEFI serius berdasarkan klasifikasi Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO). - Bernama



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AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA

MUKA SURAT : 1

RUANGAN : -

Tiada lagi imbasan MySejahtera

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PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia melonggarkan lagi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) menangani Covid-19 apabila memansuhkan imbasan kod QR MySejahtera dan tidak mewajibkan pakaian pelitup muka di tempat terbuka bermula 1 Mei ini.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin bagaimanapun berkata, rakyat digalakkan mengaktifkan fungsi MySJ Trace untuk tujuan pengesanan kontak.

Katanya, individu dengan status 'High Risk' pada aplikasi MySejahtera iaitu kes positif Covid-19 dan individu yang diberi arahan Perintah Pengawasan dan Pemantauan (HSO) tidak dibenarkan masuk ke premis.

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

Tiada lagi imbasan MySejahtera

Dari muka 1

"Pihak pengurusan premis hendaklah menyemak status risiko individu dalam aplikasi MySejahtera yang akan memasuki premisnya. Aplikasi MySejahtera masih lagi penting untuk digunakan antara lain bagi tujuan pelaporan keputusan ujian pengesanan Covid-19 dan arahan HSO.

"Ia juga penting untuk membantu Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dalam pencegahan dan kawalan Covid-19," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini

semalam.

Beliau berkata, sejakar dengan fasa peralihan ke endemik, MySejahtera sebagai aplikasi kesihatan awam akan ditambah baik dengan pengenalan ciri-ciri baharu.

"Sebagai permulaan, fungsi sedia ada iaitu *Hotspot Tracker* yang dahulunya digunakan untuk menjejah kawasan titik panas kes Covid-19, kini akan diubah sebagai *Infectious Disease Tracker* untuk melihat kawasan titik panas penyakit-penyakit lain iaitu rabies (penyakit anjing gila), demam campak, penyakit tangan, kaki dan mulut (HFMD)

serta denggi.

Mengenai pelitup muka, Khairy berkata, penggunaannya di luar bangunan (*outdoor*) dan kawasan terbuka masih sangat digalakkan kerana ia mampu mengurangkan penularan jangkitan.

"Bagaimanapun, Kementerian Kesihatan menggalakkan pemakaian pelitup muka di luar bangunan terus diamalkan terutamanya apabila berada di kawasan ramai orang dan sesak seperti bazaar Ramadan, pasar malam dan stadium.

"Selain itu, individu bergejala seperti demam, batuk dan selsema, individu berisiko

tinggi serta melakukan aktiviti bersama orang berisiko tinggi seperti warga emas dan kanak-kanak," katanya.

Khairy berkata, pemakaian pelitup muka adalah wajib apabila berada di dalam bangunan, gedung beli-belah dan di dalam pengangkutan awam termasuk e-Hailing.

Menurutnya, pengawalkuasaan di bawah Akta Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit 1988 [Akta 342] dan peraturan-peraturan di bawahnya akan dikenakan ke atas individu yang gagal mematuhi arahan pemakaian pelitup muka.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : NEWS / STORY OF THE DAY

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MOST COVID-19 S.O.Ps TO BE LIFTED ON MAY 1

Wearing of face mask outdoors, MySejahtera check-in no longer compulsory

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MALAYSIA will lift most Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOP), including the outdoor face mask mandate and MySejahtera check-in, from May 1 onwards.

However, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin stressed that a face mask must still be worn indoors, including in shopping malls and offices, and on public transport, including e-hailing rides.

"The Health Ministry encourages the public to wear a face mask outdoors, especially in crowded spaces, by individuals who are symptomatic with fever, cough and flu, by high-risk individuals, and when conducting activities with high-risk individuals such as the elderly and children.

"We will still enforce the mask mandate indoors."

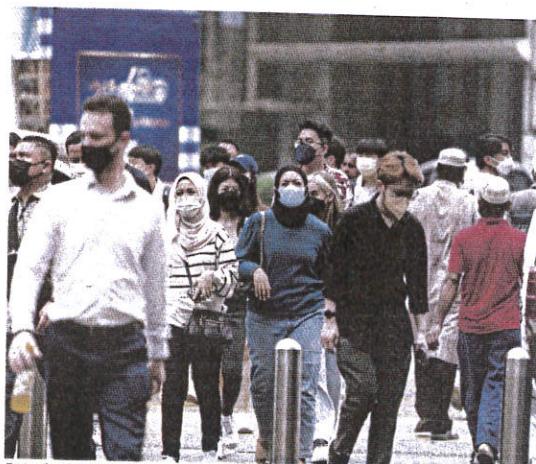
At a press conference yesterday, Khairy also said the face mask could be removed when exercising indoors, when a person is by himself, when eating and drinking, when making a speech, or when doing a performance.

Khairy also announced that it was no longer compulsory to check in with the MySejahtera app. He, however, encouraged people to activate the MySJ Trace function in the app for the purpose of contact tracing.

Khairy said the MySejahtera application was still important for reporting the result of a Covid-19 self-test and the enforcement of the home surveillance order (HSO), as well as for helping the ministry to manage Covid-19 transmission.

He also announced that healthy people, irrespective of Covid-19 vaccination status, would be allowed to enter all premises.

On a related matter, Khairy said people with Covid-19 could be released from isolation if they tested negative on the fourth day.



People wearing face masks outdoors in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. This will no longer be compulsory from May 1. PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

They, however, should perform the RTK-Antigen test supervised by a medical practitioner.

The patients would have to complete the seven-day quarantine if the test on Day 4 showed that they still have the virus.

He said people could perform the RTK-antigen test using a self-test kit under the supervision of medical practitioners either physically or virtually.

"The result of the test must be recorded in the eCovid system by the medical practitioners.

"This is to ensure that the data is integrated with the MySejahtera application," he said, adding that it should be done within an hour of the test.

People who opted not to do a Covid-19 self-test on Day 4 would be automatically released after seven days of quarantine.

Khairy also announced some good news in relation to the relaxation of the SOP for the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration, including allowing full capacity for *solat sunat* Aidilfitri and also allowing open houses to be held.

Members of the congregation, however, must always wear a face mask.

"Indoor Hari Raya celebrations or open houses can be organised, but attendees must put on a face mask," he said.

The government would also allow *takbir raya* in mosques and surau, as well as from house to house with face masks being worn.

"Only individuals who show no symptoms may participate in *takbir raya* and positive cases are not allowed to join."

Individuals who are not Covid-19 positive would also be allowed to visit graves and they must wear a face mask.

"These protocols are as a general guideline. However, it is subject to regulations and SOP set by the state religious authorities.

"This Aidilfitri is a blessing for us to celebrate with our families, relatives and friends after two years of battling the pandemic.

"Therefore, in transitioning to the endemic phase, it is our responsibility to ensure that the festivity does not end in harm," Khairy added.

He reminded Malaysians that unvaccinated children and the elderly, especially those with comorbidities, were at higher risk of severe Covid-19 infection.

"We are still in a pandemic, so we still need to be on alert and be careful."

"But insyaAllah, (the situation is) controlled. After two years of not being able to *balik kampung*, the Health Ministry has done its best, so go home and enjoy Hari Raya."

Page 1 pic: Mohd Abdul Hadi and his wife, Nurul Nor Amira Zainal, who is a nurse at Kuala Lumpur Hospital, packing for their Hari Raya trip to Besut, Terengganu, with their children yesterday.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : NEWS / STORY OF THE DAY

COVID-19 SHOTS

'Most vaccine AEFI cases are mild'

KUALA LUMPUR: The majority of adverse events following immunisation (AEFI) reports received so far are mild cases, the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) said yesterday.

NPRA director Dr Roshayati Mohamad Sani said the agency had evaluated 26,160 AEFI reports and found that 93 per cent of the cases were mild side-effects.

The most frequently reported adverse events, she said, included fever, pain at the site of injection, headaches, muscle aches and fatigue.

"The reporting rate for AEFI through NPRA's system, on average, is 374 reports for every one million doses.

"Of the total AEFI reports received, some 1,840 reports (equivalent to 26 reports for every one million doses on average) have been categorised as serious effects based on the World Health Organisation's classification, that defines adverse effects as either resulting in hospital admission, extension of stay in hospital, endangering life, causing significant disabilities, or requiring intervention to prevent permanent damage to the body, congenital defects, or potential death.

All serious AEFI reports received require thorough investigation and detailed assessment before the correlation between the vaccine and the adverse effects can be determined.

"The total number of serious AEFI reports received include 611 reports that involve fatalities among vaccine recipients.

"The Covid-19 Vaccine Special Pharmacovigilance Committee has completed investigations into 460 reports and found that none of the fatalities had direct correlation to the vaccine."

Dr Roshayati said the overall AEFI reports among booster recipients (1,851 reports) was lower compared with the overall AEFI reporting rate. Of the 1,851 reports received, only 144 were classified as serious cases.

This, she said, was equivalent to nine reports for every one million vaccine doses administered. **By Dhesegaan Bala Krishnan**

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEWS / STORY OF THE DAY

UPDATES

99pc of 3,361 new cases in categories 1, 2

KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry logged 3,361 new Covid-19 cases on Tuesday, up from 2,478 on Monday.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah yesterday said 3,355 were local infections, involving 3,221 Malaysians and 134 foreigners, and the rest were imported.

This brought the cumulative cases to 4,436,912, with 61,871 active cases.

A majority of cases were being quarantined at home, while 2.51 per cent of the patients had to be hospitalised.

Dr Noor Hisham said 101 patients were being treated in intensive care units (ICUs), including 55 confirmed Covid-19 cases, and 46 suspected, probable and under investigation cases.

He said 63 patients required breathing assistance, including 35 who had Covid-19.

"Of the 3,361 cases reported on April 26 (Tuesday), 99.11 per cent were in categories 1 and 2, and 30

patients were in categories 3, 4 and 5.

"Among the 30 cases (in categories 3, 4 and 5), 14 cases involved those who were unvaccinated or have not completed their vaccination, 10 have not received their booster shots, and six have received their booster shot.

"Sixteen of the 30 cases involved those aged 60 and above, 17 have comorbidities and one is a pregnant woman."

He added that 9,484 people had recovered from Covid-19 on Tuesday, increasing the number of cumulative recoveries to 4,339,521.

The ministry recorded 13 deaths due to Covid-19, including one brought-in-dead case.

The total number of deaths stood at 35,520.

On Covid-19 health facility usage, he said all states showed less than 50 per cent usage for critical, ICU, non-ICU and Covid-19 quarantine and low-risk treatment centre beds.

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 2
RUANGAN : NATION

Free vaccine offer for kids but only until May 15

PUTRAJAYA: Parents of unvaccinated children aged five to 12 will have to pay for their children's jabs if they intend to get their children vaccinated with their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine after May 15, says Khairy Jamaluddin.

The Health Minister said the National Immunisation Programme for Children (PICKids) ends on May 15 and the government cannot afford to extend the deadline due to the expiry date of the vaccine stock.

"We will set aside a supply of vaccines for children who are turning five this year."

"There will also be vaccine kept after the deadline for children who were infected with Covid-19 who will have to wait a month before they are able to get their first dose."

"But for the rest, May 15 is the deadline. We cannot afford to

extend the deadline because this has to do with the expiry date of the vaccine, the delivery schedule from the manufacturer and also our plans to procure more antiviral drugs."

"After May 15 when PICKids end, children have the option to get their vaccines by paying for them, it would not be free anymore. The only type of vaccine available under the paid programme is Sinovac."

"Pfizer vaccines will only be given through PICKids and this will no longer be administered after May 15 to those who have yet to receive their first dose," said Khairy at a press conference at the ministry yesterday.

Khairy expressed disappointment that only 42% of the country's children population has been vaccinated.

nated, despite efforts to promote the programme through the Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force for Children (CITF-C).

"The task force has done its work well to hold campaigns and set up PPV (vaccination centres) at schools. Unfortunately, a majority of parents still did not allow their children to be vaccinated. I anticipate only 45% of our children will be jabbed."

"But we have two more weeks left before the end of the programme and I really hope parents will take this opportunity to vaccinate their children," said Khairy.

Khairy said between October 2021 and April this year, 245 cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) were reported due to Covid-19 infections.

"Two days ago, we also received

news of an 11-year-old child who died after suffering from MIS-C as a result of a Covid-19 infection. The child was unvaccinated."

"This incident should encourage parents to get the Covid-19 vaccine for their children," he said.

Association of Private Hospitals Malaysia (APHM) president Datuk Dr Kuljit Singh expressed concern over the low rate of vaccination among children despite the government's effort to get parents to protect their children.

"It is worrying that only 42% of children are vaccinated as some suffer from severe symptoms when infected by the virus."

"The government has provided enough safeguards and parents should step up effort to get their children vaccinated," he said when contacted yesterday.

Travel rules further eased as endemicity beckons

PUTRAJAYA: Fully vaccinated travellers entering Malaysia need not undergo pre-departure and on-arrival Covid-19 tests from May 1 onwards.

This is among a slew of standard operating procedure (SOP) relaxations being made as the country transitions into endemicity.

Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said that fully vaccinated travellers – either Malaysians or foreigners – who are aged 13 and above are also not required to undergo supervised RTK-Antigen tests within 24 hours upon arrival.

They are also not required to undergo quarantine.

The same SOP applies to children aged 12 and below as well as those who have been infected with Covid-19 within six to 60 days before departure, he said.

"For partially vaccinated and unvaccinated travellers, the SOP requirement to do an RT-PCR test two days before departure and supervised RTK-AG test within 24 hours upon arrival remains applicable."

"These groups of travellers, who are 18 years old and above, are also to undergo five days' quarantine upon their arrival in Malaysia," he told a press conference here yesterday.

They are also to do an RT-PCR test on Day 4 or a professionally conducted RTK-AG test on Day 5 of their quarantine.

These changes all take effect from May 1.

"Travellers found to be symptomatic at international entry points will be ordered to undergo professional RTK-Ag testing," said Khairy.

He added that the same policy applies to all categories of travellers, including those performing umrah and haj, and foreign workers.

Umrah and haj travellers are also required to take booster shots prior to their departure.

Travellers are still required to present a Traveller's Card on their MySejahtera application on arrival.

Khairy also announced that Covid-19 insurance is no longer a pre-condition for non-Malaysian travellers entering the country beginning May 1.

Before this, it was compulsory for travellers arriving in Malaysia to purchase Covid-19 insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$20,000 (RM84,000).

Giant step to endemic phase

Face masks no longer a must outdoors, says Khairy

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia took a giant step towards Covid-19 endemicity with a raft of new rules, with face masks no longer a must when outdoors, registering with the MySejahtera app not needed and social distancing also not required.

Khairy Jamaluddin, who announced the new set of rules, said face masks can come off when people are outside their houses, offices or when they are at a park or bus stops from May 1.

However, the Health Minister said the community should continue to self-regulate and adopt good practices so the spread of the virus remains under control.

"We have given Malaysians the option to mask up or not when outdoors but make your choice based on the ministry's advice," he told at a press conference.

The practice of wearing face masks is simple. When you are outdoors, it is optional. If you come across crowded areas, mask up.

"If there are senior citizens around and they request that you wear a mask, just do so. This is what we call community solidarity and individual responsibility," he added.

"We encourage the public to continue wearing face masks in crowded places like night markets and stadiums. Those who are symptomatic or are having activities with high-risk groups such as senior citizens and children should also do so," he said.



On a new direction:
 Khairy (right) greeting Dr Noor Azmi with a handshake while Dr Noor Hisham looks on at the press conference in Putrajaya.
 — Bernama

However, the wearing of face masks remains mandatory indoors, including in office buildings, classrooms, shopping malls, lifts as well as public transportation including e-hailing.

"The use of face masks, especially in buildings and public transport, remains crucial."

"This is particularly so among those who are at high risk such as senior citizens, children and immunocompromised individuals," he explained.

Khairy also announced that

MySejahtera check-ins are no longer required to enter premises. Entry into premises is allowed regardless of vaccination status.

"Premise owners are only required to check visitors' risk status on MySejahtera and those who are Covid-19 positive are not allowed to enter," he said.

From May 1, those who are Covid-19 positive cases may also be released from quarantine after the fourth day.

If they remain positive, they must complete the seven days of quarant-

tine, after which they will be automatically released. There is no need to take a test on the seventh day.

Khairy also said the National Security Council's negative list is no longer applicable from May 15, adding that authorities are working on operational procedures to allow nightclubs to reopen.

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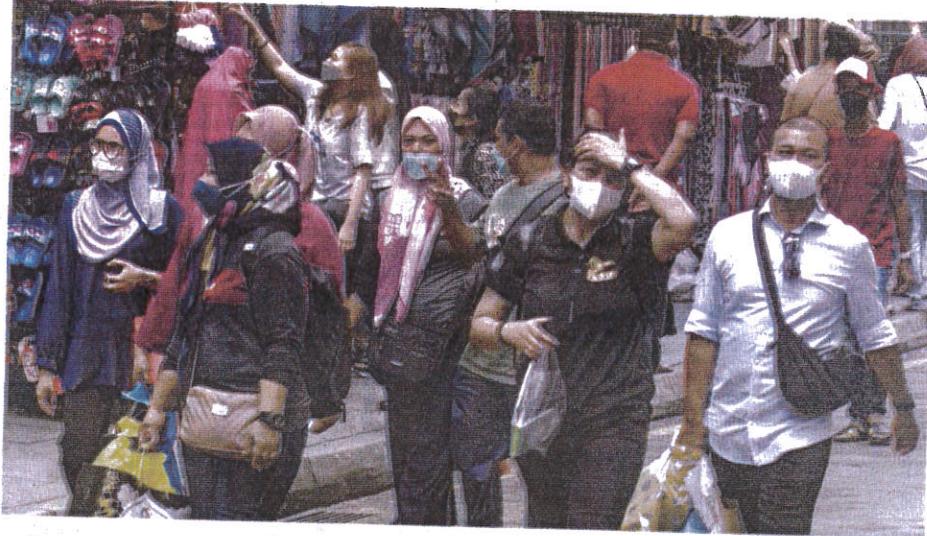


AKHBAR : THE SUN

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS

The public has the option of not wearing face masks outdoors starting May 1.
— AMIRUL SYAFIQ /THESUN



Face masks not compulsory outdoors from May 1

PUTRAJAYA: Effective May 1, the wearing of face masks outdoors and in open areas will no longer be compulsory.

However, it will remain a requirement indoors and in public transport vehicles, including e-hailing vehicles, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said yesterday when announcing the relaxation of Covid-19 preventive and control measures in line with the transition

to the endemic phase.

"The ministry still encourages the wearing of face masks outdoors, especially in crowded areas such as Ramadan bazaars, night markets and stadiums, as they can reduce the risk of infection."

Khairy said the wearing of face masks is compulsory indoors, such as in shopping malls, and action can be taken under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act

1988 against individuals who fail to comply with the regulation.

He said face masks can be removed when the person is alone, eating, drinking, delivering a speech or performing a show.

"The wearing of face masks, especially indoors and in public transport, is still important to protect oneself and those around, especially those in the high-risk group, such as senior citizens,

children and immuno compromised individuals."

Khairy said the standard operating procedures on physical distancing among individuals and groups are also unnecessary as all activities have been allowed with 100% use of space capacity.

"However, physical distancing is encouraged in places where everyone is not wearing face masks," he said. — Bernama

Over 1.5 million children given first vaccine dose

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 761,309 children aged between five and 11 or 21.4% of the group have been fully vaccinated under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme for Children as of Tuesday.

Based on the CovidNOW website, a total of 1,504,066 children or 42.3% have received at least one dose.

For adolescents aged between 12 and 17, 2,889,620 or 92.9% have completed their vaccination, while 2,988,492 or 96.1% have received at least one vaccine dose.

As for adults, 16,020,386 or 68.1% have received the booster shot, while

22,965,472 or 97.6% have completed their vaccination and 23,242,030 or 98.8% received at least one dose.

A total of 34,376 vaccine doses were dispensed on Tuesday, comprising 6,906 for the first dose, 22,782 for the second and 4,688 for booster shot, bringing the cumulative number of doses administered under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme to 70,158,087.

According to the Health Ministry's GitHub portal, 13 Covid-19 related deaths were reported on Tuesday, with Selangor and Kuala Lumpur recording the highest at three cases

each, followed by Kedah and Perak with two cases each, and Malacca, Pahang and Penang with one each.

A total of 3,361 new Covid-19 cases were recorded on Tuesday, with 3,331 or 99.11% in categories one and two.

Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the remaining 30 cases or 0.89% were in categories three, four and five, where 14 cases involved those who did not receive their jabs and who did not complete their vaccination.

Ten of the cases were those who received both doses, but not the booster shot, while six received the

booster dose, he said yesterday.

Noor Hisham added 16 cases involved those aged 60 and above, 17 with comorbidities and one case involved a pregnant woman.

With the additional new cases, the cumulative number of Covid-19 cases on Tuesday was 4,436,912.

A total of 9,484 recovery cases were recorded on Tuesday, bringing the cumulative total to 4,339,521.

On the number of patients admitted to hospitals on Tuesday, 87 involved categories one and two while 93 involved categories three, four and five, he said. — Bernama