

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 7

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

# Hasil PKPB boleh dilihat seawal seminggu lagi

**KKM nilai keberkesanan langkah diambil setiap hari dari pelbagai aspek**

**Putrajaya:** Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) akan dapat menilai tahap keberkesanan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) yang sedang dilaksanakan hingga 9 Jun ini, dalam tempoh seawal seminggu lagi.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata ketika itu pihaknya boleh melihat jika PKPB mempunyai impak tinggi iaitu berjaya menurunkan jumlah kes positif dan penularan dalam masyarakat dapat dikawal.

Beliau berkata, KKM perlu melihat perkembangan setiap hari kes terbaharu yang dikesan dan sama ada rakyat terus patuh dengan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ditetapkan.

Katanya, negara sudah melalui Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) fasa satu, dua, tiga dan empat serta kini menjalani PKPB dengan sasaran membuka semula sektor ekonomi dengan berhati-hati dan terkawal.

"Kalau kita lihat sekarang, jika (tahap) kepatuhan tinggi insya-Allah kita dapat kurangkan lagi kes yang dikesan. Setakat ini kita baru minggu pertama mungkin seminggu lagi dapat lihat perkembangan terkini (kesan) kaedah baharu (kawalan menerusi) PKPB."

"Setakat ini kita lihat perkembangan terkini, walaupun ada tiga kawasan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) dan menjalankan pengesanan (kes), kluster baharu pula dikenal

pasti, kita dapat kekalkan jumlah dua angka (kes positif dilaporkan) setiap hari.

"Sasaran kita kalau boleh kurangkan kes mungkin sasaran mencapai satu angka dalam tempoh seminggu atau dua lagi," katanya pada sidang media harian COVID-19, di sini, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kementerian menyambut baik pengumuman perlanjutan PKPB oleh Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin semalam.

"Ini akan terus memberi ruang kepada kerajaan dalam memeringi penularan COVID-19 sehingga ke tahap lebih terkawal, sambil mengimbangi pembukaan sektor ekonomi secara berhati-hati.

"Tahap keberkesanan tindakan ini (PKPB) akan dinilai dari semasa ke semasa," katanya.

Beliau berkata, KKM juga akan menggiatkan lagi usaha mengurangkan kes positif COVID-19 di Malaysia melalui pengesanan kes aktif dan pendekatan tertumpu iaitu pengesanan, penyaringan dan ujian ke atas kumpulan sasar yang berisiko tinggi.

"Tindakan ini dapat dijalankan dengan lebih berkesan melalui pelaksanaan PKPB dan juga PKPD," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, setakat ini, pihaknya sudah menjalankan saringan ujian pengesanan wabak berkenaan terhadap 24,125 warganegara asing dan seramai 1,132 atau 4.7 peratus daripada jumlah itu didapati positif COVID-19.

Katanya, daripada jumlah yang positif, seramai 487 individu atau 43 peratus masih dalam rawatan termasuk tiga individu dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU), manakala empat kematian membabitkan warganegara asing dicatatkan setakat ini.

Menyentuh mengenai Kluster Pedas, Dr Noor Hisham berkata,

pengesanan dan saringan terhadap kontak rapat membabitkan sebuah kilang memproses ayam di situ masih giat dilaksanakan ketika ini.

Beliau berkata, setakat ini, KKM mengesan dan menjalankan ujian saringan terhadap 768 individu termasuk kontak rapat dan seramai 131 daripada mereka didapati positif COVID-19. Justeru, pengesanan kontak rapat masih diteruskan manakala kilang berkenaan juga sudah ditutup.

"Yang pasti ialah kawalan terhadap kilang itu dan kontak rapat. Usaha dijalankan kita dapat mengesan kes positif berjumlah 131. Langkah pencegahan nyah cemar dan nyah kuman masih

dijalankan di kilang itu," katanya.

Bagi kluster baharu yang dikenal pasti di tapak pembinaan di Setia Alam, KKM menasihati mana-mana pihak yang mempunyai kontak rapat dengan pekerja warga asing yang sudah disahkan positif COVID-19 untuk tampil menjalani ujian saringan.

Setakat ini, kluster itu dapat dikawal, malah tiada kes baharu dikesan semalam, selain ia dalam pemantauan KKM.

"Kita sudah kenal pasti yang positif dan mengambil tindakan diperlukan untuk mengekang penularan. Setakat ini kita dapat kawal kluster itu dan berharap tiada pertambahan kes baharu di-



Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

kesan dalam sehari dua ini," katanya.

Katanya, walaupun KKM masih menjalankan pengesanan kontak rapat terhadap 12 kes positif yang dikesan sebelum ini, belum ada keperluan untuk melaksanakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) ketika ini.

Penularan dalam kalangan pekerja asing di situ berkemungkinan disumbangkan oleh cara hidup mereka yang tinggal bersekses-sesek dalam satu unit kediaman.

Justeru, katanya, beliau berharap, tindakan pengawasan aktif itu dapat membendung penularan wabak berkenaan di kawasan berkenaan.

Kes terdahulu	6,589	10 Mei 2020	Kes Baharu	Jumlah Keseluruhan	Peratus	
Kes baharu	67	Jumlah Kes positif keseluruhan	6,656 (2.53%)			
Jumlah individu di ambil	262,821					
NEGERI	KES BARU 2020	KES SEMU 2020	KES 10 MEI 2020	KUMULATIF KES	KEMATIAN BAHARU	KUMULATIF KEMATIAN
Selangor	5 (7)	10	5	1,604 (445)	0	0
W.P Kuala Lumpur	4 (6)	16	5	1,182 (485)	0	0
Negeri Sembilan	55	22	45	786 (426)	0	0
Johor	0	0	0	467 (23)	0	0
Sarawak	1	1	1	541 (32)	0	0
Sabah	0	0	0	313	0	0
Pahang	1	0	2	304	0	0
Perak	0	0	0	287	0	0
Melaka	0	1	0	210 (45)	0	0
Kelantan	0	0	0	152	0	0
Pulau Pinang	0	0	0	113	0	0
Terengganu	0	0	0	110	0	0
Kedah	0	0	0	81 (1)	0	0
W.P Putrajaya	1 (1)	1 (1)	0	68 (32)	0	0
Perlis	0	0	0	18	0	0
W.P Labuan	0	0	0	18	0	0
<b>JUMLAH</b>	<b>68 (4)</b>	<b>54 (1)</b>	<b>67 (0)</b>	<b>6,656 (340)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108</b>

# 96 lagi pulih, tiada kematian baharu

**Putrajaya:** Jumlah kumulatif kes kematian COVID-19 di Malaysia kekal sebanyak 108 kes selepas tiada kematian dicatatkan semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata jumlah kematian itu adalah 1.62 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes jangkitan COVID-19.

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 96 kes jangkitan COVID-19 juga pulih dan dibenarkan keluar wad, semalam.

"Ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya daripada COVID-19 dan keluar wad ialah 5,025 atau 75.5 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes," katanya pada sidang media, di sini, semalam.

Setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam, sebanyak 67 kes baharu dilaporkan, termasuk 49 kes membabitkan bukan warga negara.

"Ini menjadikan jumlah kes positif COVID-19 di Malaysia sebanyak 6,656.

"Oleh itu, jumlah kes aktif de-

ngan kebolehhajatan COVID-19 ialah 1,523 kes. Mereka sudah diasingkan dan diberi rawatan," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, hingga kini, 18 kes positif COVID-19 sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU), termasuk enam memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Berdasarkan jumlah kumulatif kes yang direkodkan itu, beliau memohon kerjasama semua peringkat dan lapisan masyarakat dalam memerangi wabak CO-

VID-19 dengan mengambil tanggungjawab sosial dan mempunyai kawalan sendiri.

"Kementerian Kesihatan menasihatkan orang ramai untuk terus mempraktikkan normal baharu dalam kehidupan," katanya.

Beliau turut menasihatkan masyarakat tidak khuatir dengan peningkatan kes baharu COVID-19 ketika ini. Ia adalah susulan pendekatan yang agresif dan proaktif dilakukan kerajaan, sekali gus membuktikan keberkesanan aktiviti pengesanan dan

saringan yang dijalankan.

"Kes yang dikesan ini sememangnya diasingkan dan diberi rawatan di hospital bagi memastikan virus COVID-19 tidak terus menular dalam kalangan masyarakat," katanya.

Hingga kini, KKM sudah menegenal pasti beberapa kumpulan sasar seperti peserta perhimpunan di Seri Petaling dan kontak rapat mereka, pelajar serta kakitangan madrasah dan tahfiz yang ada kaitan dengan perhimpunan di Seri Petaling.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NEWS/NATION

IN ONE OR TWO WEEKS

# 'SINGLE DIGIT DAILY CASES IS THE GOAL'

Effectiveness of CMCO will be constantly evaluated, says Health D-G

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**T**HE extension of the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) until June 9 will enable the government to control the spread of Covid-19 and bring down the number of cases while reopening economic sectors.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the effectiveness of CMCO in curbing the disease's transmission would be constantly evaluated.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, in his address earlier, announced that the CMCO,

which was supposed to end tomorrow, would be extended to June 9, which was another four weeks.

"The Health Ministry welcomes the government's announcement of the extension of CMCO until June 9.

"As mentioned by the prime minister, the implementation of CMCO has been smooth and orderly. Several sectors of the economy have also begun to open.

"Those who are stranded in their hometowns or elsewhere, as well as students, have started to return home. It is also found that on average, employers, traders and the public have taken an active role in complying with the SOP," Dr Noor Hisham said yesterday.

He said the goal was to bring down the number of cases to a single digit in a week or two,

while reopening the economy in a controlled and safe manner.

"We need to monitor the situation and number of new cases daily, as well as people's compliance with the standard operating procedure (SOP)."

He said Malaysians had shown a high level of compliance with the guidelines and SOP.

He said it would, however, take at least another two weeks to evaluate the effectiveness of CMCO on whether it had an impact in reducing the number of cases and preventing the spread of Covid-19 in the community.

"InsyAllah, we will be able to control and bring down the number of cases further. It has only been a week (since the CMCO started and businesses reopening).

"We will be able to assess the effectiveness of this new method

in another two weeks."

He added that although the country had positive cases daily and new clusters were appearing, the situation remained under control.

"Although we have three zones or areas under the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO), we have carried out acute case detection and taken measures."

He said the government's targeted approach testing method in dealing with Covid-19 had proven to be successful.

Therefore, he said, the public did not need to worry about the daily new cases following the government's aggressive and proactive action in case tracing and detection.

"These detected cases have been isolated and hospitalised to ensure that the Covid-19 virus does not spread in the community. The Health Ministry is intensifying efforts to bring down Covid-19 cases here via active case detection and targeted approach, which includes detection, screening and testing of

high-risk target groups.

"These actions can be implemented more effectively through the implementation of the CMCO and EMCO."

Dr Noor Hisham said up to yesterday, the Health Ministry had identified several target groups by using the targeted approach testing method, including the Sri Petaling tabligh gathering, Malaysians returning from overseas, red zones and EMCO areas, as well as foreigners at construction sites.

Sixty-seven new Covid-19 positive cases were recorded yesterday, bringing the tally to 6,656 cases. The total number of active cases stands at 1,523.

From the 67, 49 were foreigners. Dr Noor Hisham said 96 cases were discharged yesterday, raising the cumulative number of recovered cases to 5,025, or 75.5 per cent.

The death toll remained at 108, or 1.62 per cent, from total cases, with no new deaths reported up to noon yesterday, according to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre.



Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

## Migrants' cramped housing causing case spike

**PUTRAJAYA:** Crowded, cramped and unhygienic living conditions have contributed to the spike in new Covid-19 clusters among migrant workers, undermining the government's effort to contain the spread of the pandemic.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said foreign workers live in large numbers in confined space, either in an apartment or at accommodations provided at construction sites.

"For example, if we look at Selangor Mansion, Malayan Mansion and Menara City One, authorities found close to 30 foreign

workers living in a single apartment.

"Similarly, at construction sites, we see 15 people living in one unit. Thus, the congested environment in the unit could be one of the factors in the spread of Covid-19," he said at a press conference here yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said this while commenting on cluster cases involving foreign workers at the Setia Alam construction site and the chicken factory in Pedas, Negri Sembilan.

He said the government had screened 24,125 non-Malaysian citizens for Covid-19.

Of this, he said, 1,132 or 4.7 per cent were detected as Covid-19 positive, and 487 cases, or 43 per cent, were receiving treatment.

"Three foreigners are warded in the intensive care unit. A total of 641 foreigners had recovered from the infection, while four succumbed to the virus.

"The health authorities are still carrying out testing, especially in targeted areas under the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) where all residents, both Malaysians and foreigners, will be screened and tested.

"We will carry out acute case detection where we will trace and track patients and close contacts. Those tested positive will be isolated and given treatment in hospital, while close contacts will be quarantined for 14 days."

On the Setia Alam construction site cluster, Dr Noor Hisham said the number of cases remained at 12.

"Twelve cases means the situation is under control since there is no new cases for now, thus there is no need for EMCO. We will continue with active surveillance and acute case detection to identify the close contacts of the 12 cases."

As for the chicken factory cluster, he said, the factory had been



A migrant workers' living quarters near a construction site in Kuala Lumpur. FILE PIC

closed and workers were being screened and tested for the virus.

"As of now, 768 close contacts have been identified and 131 have tested positive. Contact tracing is ongoing, and sanitisation is being carried out."

He urged those who had come in contact with Covid-19 positive patients to come forward to be screened and tested.

On the Jalan Othman market in Petaling Jaya and its three surrounding zones placed under EMCO, he advised residents to stay home and protect the elderly.

"We must identify the close contacts who will be quarantined in our quarantine centres.

"That is the action plan and we hope by doing so, as what we have done in other areas, we can prevent the disease from spreading.

"We have seen success from phases one, two and three of the MCO with the activities that we are doing, which include active case detection. We have managed to identify close contacts and protected the locality from widespread transmission," he added.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 10

RUANGAN : NST POSTER

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NST POSTER

WORLDWIDE  
UP TO YESTERDAY

CORONAVIRUS CASES

4,118,326

RECOVERED

1,447,369

DEATHS

280,718

# GLOBAL COVID-19 CASES

## THE UNITED STATES



Recorded cases  
**1,347,318**  
Deaths  
**80,040**

**Updates:** New York state reported 15 cases of a rare illness with similar symptoms to the Kawasaki disease among children, which may be linked to Covid-19. The deaths of three children due to inflammatory complications have prompted the state governor to warn of 'an entirely different chapter' of the disease.

## SPAIN



Recorded cases  
**262,783**  
Deaths  
**26,478**

**Updates:** In Madrid, a cat belonging to a family in the region of Catalonia tested positive for Covid-19. The cat named Negrito was the sixth feline to be detected with the virus globally. It belonged to a household in the Barcelona area where several family members had caught the virus.

## ITALY



Recorded cases  
**218,268**  
Deaths  
**30,395**

**Updates:** Women have demanded a greater role in Italy's official response to the Covid-19 outbreak. Italy has one of the highest Covid-19 death tolls in Europe, with more than 30,000 fatalities. The Civil Protection Agency's daily briefings on the crisis are chaired by men, and the group of experts advising the government does not include any women.

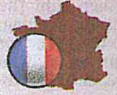
## THE UNITED KINGDOM



Recorded cases  
**215,260**  
Deaths  
**31,587**

**Updates:** A science adviser has told the British government that Britain could see more than 100,000 deaths by year-end if ministers relax the lockdown too far and too fast. Prime Minister Boris Johnson is expected to announce a gradual easing of lockdown restrictions, but some scientists are worried about a second wave of infections.

## FRANCE



Recorded cases  
**176,658**  
Deaths  
**26,310**

**Updates:** French health officials announced another 88 deaths from the virus, the lowest figure recorded over 24 hours since early April. The figures for those in intensive care also fell, with 38 people admitted for critical care.

## GERMANY



Recorded cases  
**171,324**  
Deaths  
**7,549**

**Updates:** New Covid-19 infections are accelerating again in Germany just days after its leaders loosened social restrictions, raising concerns that the pandemic can once again slip out of control. The Robert Koch Institute for disease control said the number of people each sick person now infects — known as the reproduction rate, or R — had risen to 1.1.

## TURKEY



Recorded cases  
**137,115**  
Deaths  
**3,739**

**Updates:** Nearly 90,000 patients have recovered from Covid-19 in Turkey. Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said the total number of recovered patients reached 89,480. The country registered 1,546 new cases, bringing the tally to 137,115. As many as 35,605 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, raising the total number of tests conducted to more than 1.33 million, the minister said.

## BELGIUM



Recorded cases  
**53,081**  
Deaths  
**8,656**

**Updates:** Belgium's Pro League was the first in Europe to end its 2019-20 season, but the decision made by the league's board in early April had yet to be ratified by the 24 member clubs. The fact that the meeting to do so had been postponed three times, most recently at the weekend, opened up the possibility of a change of heart and speculation about a possible re-start.

## CHINA



Recorded cases  
**82,901**  
Deaths  
**4,633**

**Updates:** A senior health official said the virus exposed "weak links" in the way the country managed epidemics. China will reform its disease prevention and control system to address weaknesses exposed by the Covid-19 outbreak, the official said.

## SINGAPORE



Recorded cases  
**23,336**  
Deaths  
**20**

**Updates:** The Health Ministry confirmed 876 new cases of Covid-19 up to Sunday, bringing the total count in Singapore to 23,336. Singaporeans and permanent residents make up three of the new cases. The ministry said the vast majority of the new cases involved work permit holders residing in foreign worker dormitories. Singapore now has the highest number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in South-east Asia.

## THE PHILIPPINES



Recorded cases  
**10,794**  
Deaths  
**719**

**Updates:** Starting May 11, inbound international charter and commercial flights landing at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport will have assigned days, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines said. Chartered flights will only be allowed on Mondays and Thursdays, while commercial flights will be allowed to land only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The restrictions, which will be in effect until June 10, aim to ensure that the airport will handle no more than 400 passengers per day.

## INDONESIA



Recorded cases  
**14,032**  
Deaths  
**973**

**Updates:** Indonesia reported 533 new infections, the biggest daily increase, bringing the total number of cases to 14,032. Health Ministry official Achmad Yurianto said. Yurianto said 16 more people have died from the disease, bringing the total to 973. He said 2,607 people have recovered. Nearly 108,700 people have been tested up to Saturday, he said, urging Indonesians to continue obeying the stay-at-home order to prevent further spread of the virus.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : NEWS/NATION

'JUST A SMALL ACT'

# TOUCHED BY APPRECIATION AND PRAISE

Health worker who gave elderly woman piggyback ride vows to continue serving

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**A**N elderly woman who appeared tired and was limping due to leg injuries caught the attention of a health worker during a Covid-19 screening exercise near the Pudu market in Cheras, here, last Tuesday.

The health inspector was con-

cerned and approached the woman. When he learnt that she had difficulty walking, he gave her a piggyback ride to the testing area. A photo of the incident quickly made waves on social media.

Health worker Shahrir Razali earned praise from the public, including from Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Shahrir, who is attached to the Cheras Health Department, said



Health worker Shahrir Razali giving an elderly woman a piggyback ride near the Pudu market in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday. PIC COURTESY OF SHAHRIR RAZALI

he did not expect any praise for his spontaneous act, but added that the appreciation shown to him, especially from Dr Noor Hisham, drove him to continue serving.

"I was there with my colleagues to conduct Covid-19 testing on the public when I saw an old woman looking exhausted and limping. It was mid-afternoon and the sun was scorching.

"I approached her and offered my help to take her to the testing

area," he told *Berita Harian*.

Shahrir said he acted out of concern and was determined to serve as a frontliner to help break the chain of Covid-19 infections.

"I am grateful and touched that my small act (of kindness) was appreciated, especially by the Health director-general."

Shahrir said he and his team were praised by their superiors.

"Our superiors were proud of us and appreciated our effort to go

the extra mile to handle the Covid-19 outbreak."

Dr Noor Hisham, in a Facebook post, said Shahrir had "internalised" the Health Ministry's tagline of "We are ready to serve".

"Treating human life delicately without racial or religious boundaries and serving the people in need while in full PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Indeed, you guys are our heroes," he wrote.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : NATION

# Pictures paint a thousand words

PETALING JAYA: Sometimes, words just are not enough.

These images are a testament to the diligence of Malaysia's frontliners while carrying out their duties.

Besides working under the merciless weather, they help to carry the infirm and the aged.

Their hardwork has not escaped the attention of people like Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

On Saturday, he tweeted about staff members who dealt with human lives without racial and religious boundaries.

For instance, Dr Noor Hisham named health inspector Shahir Razali who had carried an elderly Chinese woman on his back for a

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Covid-19 testing.

"Fasting in Ramadan and serving the people in need while on full PPE suits. Indeed, you guys are our heroes," he wrote.



Easy does it: Healthcare workers carrying a disabled man up a step for a Covid-19 test at Pudu market in Kuala Lumpur. – Photos by ART CHEN/The Star



Health workers getting a Covid-19 test at Pudu market.



Taking a breather: Healthcare workers taking a break at Pudu market.

AKHBAR : THE STAR  
 MUKA SURAT : 4  
 RUANGAN : NATION

Covid-19: Current situation globally (As of 7pm May 10, 2020)													
Asean+							Malaysia		New cases	Total cases		Total deaths	Total recovered
	India	Singapore	Japan	Indonesia	S. Korea	Philippines	Thailand	Vietnam	Myanmar	Brunei	Cambodia	Laos	
Confirmed cases	62,939	23,336	15,663	14,032	10,874	10,794	3,009	288	178	141	122	19	
Deaths	2,109	20	607	973	256	719	56	0	6	1	0	0	
Recovered	19,358	2,296	5,906	2,698	9,610	1,924	2,794	241	68	134	120	13	
Global Top 10													
	US	Spain	Italy	UK	Russia	France	Germany	Brazil	Turkey	Iran			
Confirmed cases	1,347,318	262,783	218,268	215,260	209,688	176,658	171,324	156,061	137,115	106,220			
Deaths	80,040	26,478	30,395	31,587	1,915	26,310	7,549	10,656	3,739	6,589			
Recovered	238,080	173,157	103,031	N/A	34,306	56,038	144,400	61,685	89,480	85,064			

# 'Targeted approach is working'

Health DG: Don't worry about increase in cases, it shows method is effective

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**PETALING JAYA:** The increase of Covid-19 cases in the country indicates that the targeted approach method has shown a positive impact in detecting the virus, says Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

"The public does not have to worry about the increase of new cases following an aggressive and proactive targeted approach by the government as this shows the effectiveness of this method.

"The detected cases are being isolated and treated at hospitals to ensure the virus does not spread in the community," he said during his



daily press briefing yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said based on the targeted approach method, the ministry, till May 10, had identified targeted groups to be screened.

These were the Sri Petaling

tabligh participants and their close contacts, students as well as employees at the madrasah and tahfiz which were linked to the Sri Petaling cluster, and Malaysians who returned from overseas.

"It includes our healthcare workers, residents at enhanced movement control order (MCO) localities, the Kuala Lumpur wholesale market and markets linked to it, and also foreign workers at construction sites in red zones as well as old folks homes," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham assured Malaysians that the Covid-19 cases in the country were under control.

There were 67 new Covid-19 cases reported yesterday, bringing the total number of infections in the

country to 6,656. Out of the 67 cases, 49 involved foreigners while the rest were local transmissions.

"There are currently 18 patients in the intensive care unit (ICU), with six on ventilator support," he said.

He added that another 96 patients were discharged, bringing the total number of recoveries to 5,025.

There are 1,523 active cases being treated at the country's health facilities. No new deaths have been reported, which means the death toll remains at 108.

Separately, Dr Noor Hisham pointed out that the spread of Covid-19 among foreigners was possibly due to cramped living spaces.

He said this could be seen in places such as Selangor Mansion,

Malayan Mansion and Menara City One.

"There are 30 people living in one apartment. The same goes to the construction areas, where at least 15 people are living in one apartment," he said.

To date, Dr Noor Hisham said 24,125 foreigners had been tested with 1,132 positive cases.

He said currently 487 foreigners were being treated, while three foreigners were in the ICU, adding that among them, four deaths had been reported so far.

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