

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

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Muka 5

Terkini
COVID-19

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pulih, dibenar
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semalam

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jumlah
kematian
dicatat

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Pekerja asing wajib jalani ujian saringan COVID-19

Kerajaan mewajibkan pekerja warga asing di semua sektor menjalani saringan kesihatan COVID-19 atau 'swab test' bagi membendung penularan wabak itu dalam kalangan mereka. Kementerian Kesihatan akan memulakan saringan di Wilayah Persekutuan serta Selangor dan kos ditanggung oleh majikan.

Muka 3



AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : MUKA DUA

KKM galak rakyat muat turun MySejahtera, MyTrace

Putrajaya: Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengajak semua rakyat Malaysia dan warga asing di negara ini memuat turun aplikasi MySejahtera dan MyTrace secara percuma di telefon pintar masing-masing.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata aplikasi MySejahtera membolehkan setiap individu melakukan penilaian sendiri untuk mengetahui risiko jangkitan COVID-19.

MySejahtera adalah aplikasi dibangunkan Kerajaan Malaysia dengan kerjasama pelbagai agensi.

"Aplikasi ini membantu dalam pengawasan penularan COVID-19 di dalam negara dengan memperkasakan rakyat atau pengguna untuk prihatin kepada kesihatan sendiri dan keadaan semasa virus pandemik ini di Malaysia.

"MySejahtera membolehkan pengguna melaksanakan penilaian kesihatan sendiri, di samping membantu KKM mendapatkan maklumat awal tahap kesihatan individu untuk mengambil tindakan yang cepat dan berkesan," katanya pada sidang media harian perkembangan terkini COVID-19 di sini, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, antara fungsi MySejahtera adalah pengesanan 'hotspot',

iaitu pengguna boleh mendapatkan maklumat kawasan panas kes COVID-19 dalam lingkungan satu kilometer (km) dari lokasi pengguna atau alamat carian.

"Memberi maklumat berkaitan fasiliti saringan COVID-19 yang terdekat dan bantuan nasihat secara dalam talian.

"Selain untuk diri sendiri, pengguna juga boleh mendaftarkan maklumat berhubung ahli keluarga tidak mempunyai telefon pintar, di mana MySejahtera membantu menilai tahap kesihatan ahli keluarga atau individu lain yang didaftarkan.

"Pengguna yang sudah memuat turun aplikasi ini perlu mengemas kini kepada versi terbaru bagi mendapat manfaat penuh MySejahtera," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, selain itu, Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) turut membangunkan aplikasi MyTrace.

"Aplikasi ini membolehkan kerajaan menjalankan pengesanan kontak kepada individu yang disahkan positif COVID-19.

"MyTrace adalah pelengkap aplikasi MySejahtera. Pengesanan kontak adalah sangat penting supaya dapat diketahui siapa yang pernah berada berdekatan dengan seseorang yang dikenal pasti positif virus ini," katanya.



AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

Pekerja asing wajib jalani ujian saringan

Kos ditanggung penuh majikan:
Ismail Sabri

Kuala Lumpur: Kerajaan mewajibkan pekerja asing di semua sektor menjalani ujian saringan COVID-19 berikutan terdapat peningkatan kes dalam kalangan mereka.

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakub, berkata kos bagi ujian saringan menerusi pengambilan sampel pekerja itu ditanggung sepenuhnya oleh majikan.

"Dua hari berturut-turut kita dapati ada peningkatan kes COVID-19 terhadap pekerja asing yang bekerja di tapak pembinaan di Ampang. Kementerian Kerja Raya sudah menutup tapak pembinaan itu.

"Sebagai langkah pencegahan, mesyuarat hari ini (semalam) bersetuju untuk mewajibkan semua pekerja warga asing di semua sektor, sama ada pembinaan, perkilangan komersial, kedai makan dan sebagainya untuk membuat saringan kesihatan atau *swab test*," katanya.

Bercakap pada sidang media disiarkan secara langsung selepas Mesyuarat Khas Menteri-Menteri Berkenaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan



Bas membawa sebahagian warga asing di Apartment Sri Murni dipercayai positif COVID-19 menjalani ujian saringan di hospital.
(Foto Hairul Anuar Rahim/BH)

(PKP) di Putrajaya semalam, beliau berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) bercadang memulakan ujian saringan itu di Wilayah Persekutuan dan Selangor.

Kelmarin, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah memaklumkan, satu kluster baharu jangkitan COVID-19 dikesan di tapak pembinaan Kuala Lumpur dengan 28 kes positif direkodkan.

Siasatan awal mendapati kluster tapak pembinaan Kuala Lumpur itu mungkin ada

kaitan dengan kluster-kluster lain yang diumumkan sebelum ini.

Sementara itu, Ismail Sabri meminta orang ramai menjadi 'mata dan telinga' pihak berkuasa dengan melaporkan terus ke balai polis terdekat atau melalui hotline Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) serta agensi berkaitan mengenai pelanggaran Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB).

Katanya, orang ramai juga boleh membuat aduan ke pejabat pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) dan lebih elok jika disertakan bukti seperti gambar atau video.

"Saya minta rakyat sama-sama membantu kerajaan memastikan patuhan SOP (prosedur operasi standard) di bawah PKPB ini. Yang nampak dengan jelas ingkar SOP boleh lapor kepada balai polis berdekatan, pejabat PBT atau melalui hotline MKN," katanya.

Selain hotline MKN di talian 03-88882010, maklumat juga boleh disalurkan melalui pusat panggilan setempat Malaysia Government Call Centre (MyGCC) di talian 03-80008000 yang beroperasi 24 jam atau talian hotline mana-mana kementerian berkaitan.



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 MUKA SURAT : 4
 RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Nasional

Penularan COVID-19

Kes baharu kembali catat dua digit

55 direkod positif dengan 71 pulih, sifar kematian

Putrajaya: Kes baharu COVID-19 kembali mencatat dua digit apabila merekodkan 55 kes setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam dengan sifar kematian.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata ini menjadikan jumlah kes positif sebanyak 6,353 kes, manakala jumlah kumulatif kematian kekal 105 kes atau 1.65 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Katanya, terdapat 71 kes pulih

dan dibenarkan discaj semalam menjadikan jumlah terkumpul sebanyak 4,484 kes atau 70.6 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

"Daripada 55 kes baharu yang dilaporkan hari ini (semalam), tujuh kes ialah kes import.

"Ini bermakna, kes penularan tempatan sebanyak 48 kes, iaitu sebanyak 24 kes telah dikesan dari kluster dan lokaliti di bawah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD).

"Sehingga kini, seramai 28 kes positif COVID-19 sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU). Daripada jumlah itu, 13 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya pada sidang media harian di sini, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehan jangkitan COVID-19 adalah 1,764 kes dan diasingkan serta diberi rawatan.

Sementara itu, beliau berkata jumlah pesakit tidak bergejala (asymptomatic) masih kecil di negara ini iaitu 0.1 peratus.

"Saringan yang dilakukan terhadap 5,164 pesakit yang tidak mempunyai sejarah perjalanan dan tiada gejala, mendapati hanya lima individu sahaja yang dikesan," katanya.

Beliau menjelaskan, kemungkinan pesakit asymptomatic disebabkan kandungan virus COVID-19 yang masih kecil di dalam badan dan tidak menjang-

Kes penularan tempatan sebanyak 48 kes, iaitu sebanyak 24 kes telah dikesan dari kluster dan lokaliti di bawah PKPD.

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah,
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan



kiti orang lain.

"Bila mempunyai gejala, virus dalam badan semakin tinggi dan boleh menjangkiti orang," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Kementerian Kesihatan mengenal pasti satu lagi kluster baharu jangkitan COVID-19 di Taman BDC dekat

Kuching, Sarawak.

ia membabitkan 37 kes jangkitan dan ada kaitan dengan kluster perhimpunan tabligh di Masjid Seri Petaling.

"Ia telah menjangkiti keluarga, ahli masjid dan rakan sekerja iaitu membabitkan tiga generasi," katanya.

Peniaga, pengusaha, majikan perlu patuh SOP

Putrajaya: Peniaga, pengusaha dan majikan perlu patuh prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ditetapkan pihak berkuasa, kata Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Katanya, selagi semua pihak patuh SOP dan mengamalkan normal baharu dalam kehidupan seharian, rantaian penularan jangkitan COVID-19 akan dapat diputuskan.

Beliau menegaskan, perhimpunan ramai dan aktiviti yang

mendedahkan orang awam kepada risiko jangkitan COVID-19 masih tidak dibenarkan ketika Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) yang mula dikuatkuasakan semalam.

"Peniaga, pengusaha dan majikan perlu patuhi SOP ditetapkan kerajaan, rakyat di negeri atau wilayah menjalani PKPB diminta patuh kepada SOP. Syarat-syarat yang ditetapkan, orang berisiko tinggi seperti kanak-kanak, bayi, warga emas

dan orang kurang upaya perlu dilindungi.

"Individu tidak sihat dan bergejala dikehendaki segera menjalani pemeriksaan kesihatan dan penjarakan sosial se-kurang-kurangnya satu meter diamalkan setiap masa," katanya pada sidang media harian, di sini semalam.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham sekali lagi mengingatkan orang ra-

mai bahawa 'perang' melawan COVID-19 masih panjang dan semua pihak perlu berterusan berjuang menentang virus itu yang disifatkan musuh tidak kelihatan.

"Setiap individu perlu mempunyai kawalan sendiri demi melindungi diri dan orang yang dikasihi. Masyarakat perlu ambil tanggungjawab sosial, mainkan peranan masing-masing untuk

mengamalkan normal kehidupan baharu di semua peringkat dan lapisan masyarakat.

"Ini agar ia menjadi amalan kita semua secara berterusan. Kementerian akan terus memantau kejadian jangkitan COVID-19 di Malaysia.

"Teruskan amalan kebersihan diri yang tinggi seperti kerap basuh tangan dengan air dan sabun, amalkan jarak sosial selamat sekurang-kurangnya satu meter," katanya.



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MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

BH SELASA, 5 MEI 2020

Nasional

Penularan COVID-19

Boleh bergerak lebih 10km

Pergerakan rentas negeri masih dilarang ketika PKPB

Kuala Lumpur: Orang ramai dibenarkan bergerak melebihi radius 10 kilometer (km) di bawah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) bermula semalam, sekali gus peraturan berkaitan had pergerakan sepanjang tempoh PKP sejak 18 Mac lalu sudah tidak terpakai.

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, berkata peraturan yang melarang pergerakan melebihi radius 10km sudah tidak dilaksanakan di bawah PKPB.

"Tidak ada lagi radius 10km dalam peraturan PKPB. Tidak ada lagi," katanya pada sidang media harian disiarkan secara langsung selepas Mesyuarat Khas Menteri-Menteri Berkenaan PKP di Putrajaya, semalam.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, pergerakan rentas negeri masih dalam senarai yang dilarang dan tidak dibenarkan dalam PKPB, kecuali untuk tempoh empat hari pada Khamis hingga Ahad ini.

Katanya, pengecualian untuk empat hari itu hanya untuk mereka yang terkandas di kampung dan mahu pulang semula ke tempat kerja serta kediaman masing-masing di bandar.

"Sekarang memang sudah ada kes rentas negeri, tetapi dengan kelulusan polis, mesti laporkan



Peraturan melarang pergerakan melebihi radius 10km sudah tidak dilaksanakan di bawah PKPB. (Foto hiasan)

kepada polis dan mendapatkan kebenaran untuk pergerakan. Kelulusan tertakluk kepada budi bicara polis," katanya.

Dalam satu kenyataan berasingan, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) semalam mewartakan Peraturan-Peraturan Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit (Langkah-Langkah Di Dalam Kawasan Tempatan Jangkitan) (No. 5) 2020 bagi PKPB.

Warta Kerajaan Persekutuan berhubung Akta Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit 1988 bertarikh 3 Mei 2020 berkenaan yang disiarkan di laman web rasmi Jabatan Peguam Negara, dikeluarkan oleh Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba berkuat kuasa semalam sehingga 12 Mei.

Akta itu antara lain mengan-

dungi peraturan berhubung kawalan pergerakan di dalam kawasan tempatan jangkitan, kawalan pergerakan di antara kawasan tempatan jangkitan, larangan berhimpun dan berarak, kenderaan persendirian, pengangkutan awam dan jadual aktiviti terlarang.

Bagi kawalan pergerakan di antara kawasan tempatan jangkitan, tiada seorang pun boleh bergerak dari satu kawasan tempatan jangkitan ke suatu kawasan tempatan jangkitan kecuali untuk pergi dan balik kerja atau hanya bagi mereka yang terkandas di mana-mana tempat untuk pulang ke rumah.

Kawalan pergerakan di dalam kawasan tempatan jangkitan pula tidak membenarkan mana-mana individu masuk atau keluar dari kawasan PKP Diperketatkan (PKPD) kecuali petugas kesihatan atau mereka diberi kebenaran.

Selain itu, pemandu kenderaan persendirian tidak boleh membawa lebih tiga penumpang dan penumpang pula adalah individu tinggal serumah dengannya.

Bagi pengangkutan awam pula, mana-mana operator darat, laut atau udara tidak boleh membawa lebih daripada separuh jumlah kapasiti maksimum penumpang dibenarkan, manakala perkhidmatan teksi dan e-hailing tidak dibenarkan membawa lebih dua penumpang bagi setiap perjalanan.

Mereka yang melanggar mana-mana peruntukan dalam peraturan berkenaan boleh didenda tidak melebihi RM1,000 atau penjara tidak melebihi enam bulan atau kedua-duanya sekali.

Warta itu juga membatalkan Peraturan-Peraturan Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit (Langkah-Langkah di dalam Kawasan Tempatan Jangkitan) (No. 4) 2020.



AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 18

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

KKM pastikan integriti warga kerja terbaik

Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) sentiasa memantau dan memastikan jati diri serta integriti warganya pada tahap terbaik.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba, berkata KKM akan sentiasa menyokong penuh usaha Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia

(SPRM) membasmi gejala rasuah dan penyelewengan.

"KKM akan terus bekerjasama dengan SPRM, termasuk dalam memastikan warga kementerian sentiasa menitikberatkan nilai integriti sepenuhnya," kata dalam kenyataan, semalam.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 7

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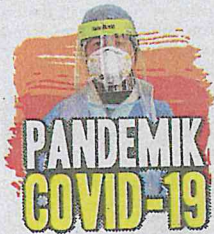
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55 KES DILAPOR SEMALAM

Angka jangkitan kembali 2 digit



ORANG ramai keluar membeli juadah untuk buka puasa dengan mengamalkan penjarakan sosial di Medan Selera Sri Permaisuri di ibu kota, petang semalam. - Gambar NSTP/SAIFULLIZAN



**PANDEMI
COVID-19**

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Putrajaya

Jangkitan baharu Covid-19 dalam negara kembali ke angka dua digit dengan 55 kes dilaporkan

semalam, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes keseluruhan penularan wabak itu sebanyak 6,353 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, pertambahan 55 kes baharu itu membabitkan tujuh kes import, manakala 48 kes lagi berkaitan penularan tempatan.

Beliau berkata, daripada 48 kes penularan tempatan yang dilaporkan itu, 24 kes dikesan daripada kluster dan lokalti di bawah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD).

"Ada 71 kes yang pulih dan dibenarkan discaj, ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes yang pulih sepenuhnya daripada Covid-19 dan discaj daripada wad adalah 4,484

kes, 70.6 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

"Sehingga kini, seramai 28 kes positif Covid-19 dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU). Daripada jumlah itu, 13 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya ketika sidang media harian Covid-19 di sini, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, tiada kematian berkaitan jangkitan Covid-19 dilaporkan kepada Pusat Kesiapsiagaan dan Tindak Cepat Krisis Kebangsaan (CPRC) setakat jam 12 tengah hari, semalam.

Katanya, ia menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes kematian akibat jangkitan wabak berkenaan dalam negara ketika ini kekal 105 kes, 1.65 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Sektor ekonomi, masyarakat sila patuh SOP

Kuala Lumpur Sektor ekonomi dan masyarakat digesa mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) sepanjang Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) bagi memastikan tiada kes baharu jangkitan Covid-19.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, meskipun kelonggaran diberikan kepada sektor ekonomi dan industri untuk beroperasi semula namun mereka perlu mematuhi SOP dikeluarkan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM).

"Melalui strategi pertama kita iaitu pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) tahap satu sehingga tiga yang mendorong

masyarakat untuk berada di rumah, kita berjaya meratakan lengkung

"Melihat keadaan itu, kita melaksanakan PKPB dengan memberi kelonggaran kepada sektor ekonomi membuka semula perniagaan. Tetapi apa yang penting mereka perlu mematuhi SOP," katanya pada sidang media harian Covid-19 di Putrajaya semalam.

Noor Hisham berkata, pematuhan kepada SOP sebahagian daripada tanggungjawab sosial mereka.

Katanya, tindakan mengikut Akta 342 (Akta Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit 1988) akan diambil terhadap pihak yang gagal mematuhi SOP dikeluarkan KKM itu.

Tindakan gagal mematuhi SOP diambil mengikut Akta 342

RINGKAS

Enam sahabat didenda RM1,000

Kuala Lumpur Berkumpul dengan alasan ingin buka puasa di sebuah bilik hotel, enam rakan termasuk tiga wanita masing-masing didenda RM1,000 atau penjara empat minggu oleh Mahkamah Majistret di sini, semalam kerana mengingkari Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Majistret Nurfarahain Roslan menjatuhkan hukuman itu selepas semua tertuduh yang berusia lingkungan 30 hingga 36 tahun mengaku bersalah atas perbuatan itu.

Penganggur ceroboh surau kena RM2,500

Kuala Lumpur Akibat menceroboh kawasan surau dan ingkar Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP), seorang penganggur didenda RM2,500 atau penjara enam bulan oleh Mahkamah Majistret Selangor di sini, semalam.

Majistret Nik Mohd Fadli Nik Azlan menjatuhkan hukuman itu terhadap Mohd Norazman Ruslan, 30, selepas dia mengaku bersalah atas kedua-dua pertuduhan itu.

Bagi pertuduhan menceroboh masuk kawasan surau dia didenda RM1,500 atau penjara tiga bulan manakala denda RM1,000 atau penjara tiga bulan kerana melanggar PKP.

Tertuduh didakwa menceroboh masuk dalam kawasan Surau Ar-Rahmaniah, Jalan Batu 7 Gombak, Gombak di sini, pada 3.50 petang, 27 April lalu mengikut Seksyen 447 Kanun Keseksaan.

KKM gesa muat turun aplikasi MySejahtera, MyTrace

Putrajaya Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) menyeru semua rakyat dan warga asing yang berada di negara ini untuk memuat turun aplikasi MySejahtera dan MyTrace secara percuma di telefon pintar masing-masing.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, aplikasi MySejahtera membolehkan setiap individu melakukan penilaian sendiri untuk mengetahui risiko terhadap jangkitan Covid-19.

Beliau berkata, MySejahtera adalah aplikasi yang dibangunkan kerajaan Malaysia dengan kerjasama pelbagai agensi.

"Aplikasi ini membantu dalam pengawasaan penularan wabak Covid-19 di dalam negara dengan memperkasakan rakyat atau pengguna untuk prihatin kepada kesihatan sendiri dan keadaan semasa virus pandemik ini di Malaysia.

"MySejahtera membolehkan pengguna melaksanakan penilaian kesihatan sendiri di samping membantu KKM mendapatkan maklumat awal tahap kesihatan individu untuk mengambil tindakan yang cepat dan berkesan," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, katanya, antara fungsi MySejahtera adalah pengesanan hotspot ataupun hotspot tracker iaitu

pengguna boleh mendapatkan maklumat kawasan panas kes Covid-19 dalam lingkungan satu kilometer dari lokasi pengguna atau alamat carian.

"Ia memberi maklumat fasiliti saringan Covid-19 yang terdekat dan bantuan nasihat secara atas talian.

"Selain untuk diri sendiri, pengguna juga boleh mendaftarkan maklumat berhubung ahli keluarga yang tidak mempunyai telefon pintar," katanya.



DR Noor Hisham menunjukkan aplikasi MySejahtera.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 10

RUANGAN : LOKAL

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MAJIKAN akan menanggung kos saringan kesihatan pekerja mereka.

Wajib jalani saringan

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Kuala Lumpur

Kerajaan mewajibkan pekerja asing di semua sektor menjalani saringan kesihatan Covid-19 iaitu *swab test* untuk mencegah penularan wabak pandemik itu.

Menteri Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, ia meliputi semua sektor sama ada komersial, kilang, pembinaan, kedai makan dan sebagainya sebagai

Kos swab test pekerja asing semua sektor ditanggung majikan



langkah pencengahan.

"Dua hari berturut-turut kita dapati ada peningkatan kes Covid-19 ia didapati berlaku pada pekerja asing yang bekerja di tapak pembinaan

Tidak kira tapak pembinaan, kilang mahupun restoran ataupun apa apa perniagaan jika ada dikesan ia akan ditutup serta-merta"

Ismail Sabri Yaakob

di Ampang. Kementerian Kerja Raya sudah menutup tapak pembinaan itu.

"Pekerja asing diwajibkan melakukan *swab test* dengan kos ditanggung majikan," katanya dalam mesyuarat harian di Putrajaya, semalam.

Menurutnya Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) bercadang untuk memulakan *swab test* ini Wilayah Persekutuan dan Selangor.

"Jadi untuk membendung penularan Covid-19 ini, kerajaan akan menutup dimana saja tempat berlakunya wabak ini dalam kalangan pekerja mereka.

"Tidak kira tapak pembinaan, kilang mahupun restoran ataupun apa perniagaan jika ada dikesan ia akan ditutup serta-merta," katanya.

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Kluster Taman BDC Kuching

Satu lagi kluster baharu dikesan selepas terdapat 37 kes positif Covid-19 di Sarawak

Oleh **NURUL HUDA HUSAIN** dan **TUAN BUQHAIRAH TUAN MUHAMAD ANDNAN**

PUTRAJAYA

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengesan satu lagi kluster baharu wabak koronavirus (Covid-19) iaitu Taman BDC Kuching di Sarawak.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ia dikesan selepas 37 kes positif wabak itu dikenal pasti di taman tersebut.

"Ingin dimaklumkan terdapat satu kluster baharu telah dikenal pasti di Kuching iaitu kluster Taman BDC.

"Ia melibatkan 37 kes dan ia juga mempunyai kaitan dengan perhimpunan tabligh di masjid dan ia merupakan kes indeks.

"Kes ini telah menjangkiti ahli keluarga, rakan masjid dan juga rakan sekerja melibatkan tiga generasi," katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.



Dr Noor Hisham menunjukkan aplikasi MySejahtera pada sidang akhbar di Putrajaya semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham turut memaklumkan terdapat pertambahan kes positif baharu wabak itu melibatkan lima kluster.

"Kluster Chow Kit merekodkan kes positif baharu tertinggi iaitu 16 kes, Sendayan lima kes, Pesantren tiga kes, Kampong Bharu dua kes dan satu kes di madrasah Jasin," katanya.

Sementara itu, selepas dua hari berturut-turut merekodkan angka tiga digit, semalam kes baharu positif Covid-19 di

Malaysia kembali turun kepada dua angka.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, terdapat 55 kes baharu direkodkan semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes meningkat kepada 6,353 orang.

Katanya, daripada 55 kes baharu itu, tujuh melibatkan kes import dan selebihnya penularan tempatan.

"Daripada 48 kes penularan tempatan itu, sebanyak 24 kes telah dikesan daripada kluster dan lokaliti di bawah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD)," katanya.

Beliau turut memaklumkan terdapat 71 kes pulih dan dibenarkan discaj semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes yang pulih adalah sebanyak 4,484 kes.

"Tiada kematian akibat Covid-19 direkodkan hari ini (semalam), menjadikan jumlahnya kekal 105 orang," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor Hisham mengingatkan orang ramai termasuk majikan agar terus mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ditetapkan dalam Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) kerana ia masih terpakai dalam Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) yang bermula semalam.

Katanya, selagi rakyat mematuhi SOP, rantaian penularan jangkitan Covid-19 akan dapat diputuskan.

MySejahtera bantu kesan lokasi panas Covid-19

PUTRAJAYA - Penggunaan aplikasi MySejahtera membantu orang ramai mendapatkan maklumat lokasi panas wabak koronavirus (Covid-19) dalam lingkungan satu kilometer dari alamat pengguna atau lokasi carian.

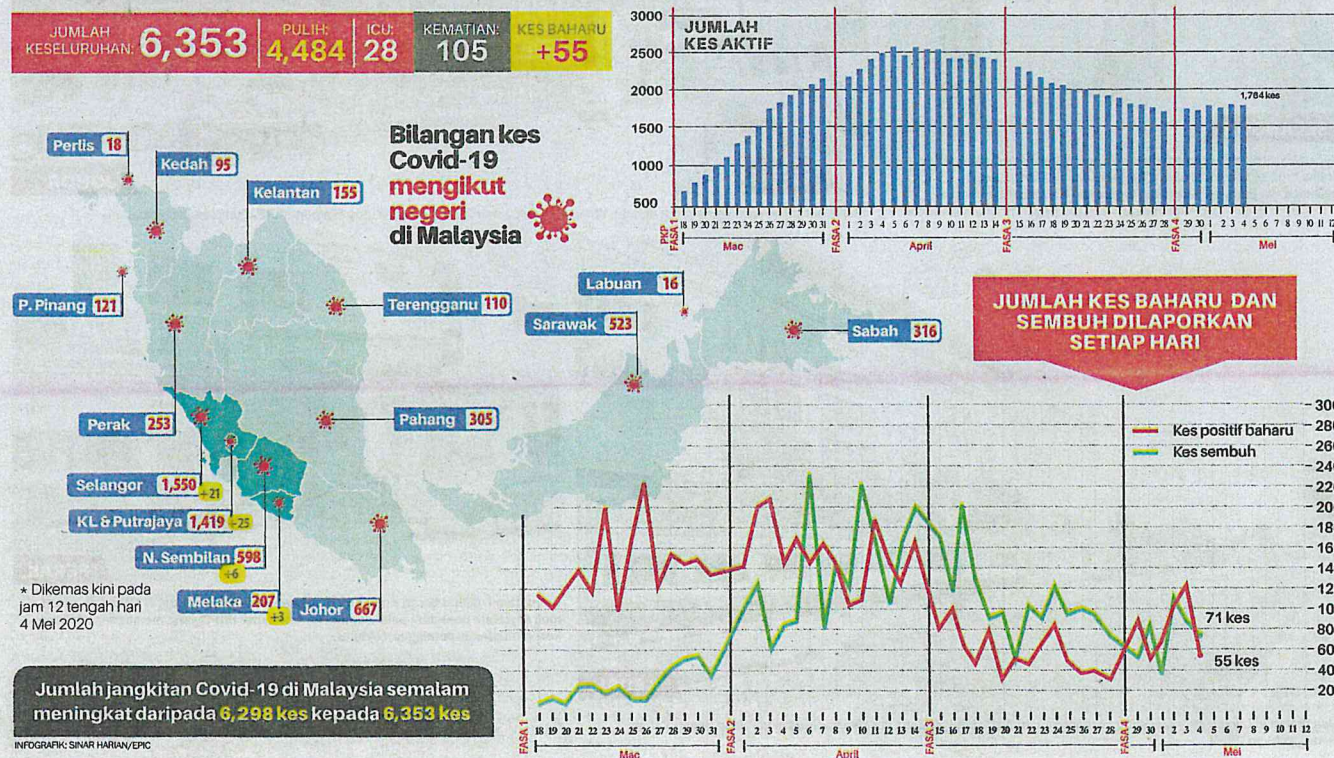
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, aplikasi itu juga dapat memberi maklumat berkaitan fasiliti saringan yang terdekat dan bantuan nasihat secara dalam talian.

Menurutnya, aplikasi itu dibangunkan oleh kerajaan dengan kerjasama pelbagai agensi bagi membantu dalam pengawasan penularan Covid-19 dengan memperkasakan rakyat untuk prihatin kepada kesihatan sendiri dan keadaan semasa wabak itu di Malaysia.

"Selain itu, Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi telah membangunkan aplikasi MyTrace. Aplikasi ini membolehkan kerajaan menjalankan pengesanan kontak kepada individu yang disahkan positif Covid-19.

"MyTrace adalah pelengkap kepada aplikasi MySejahtera. Pengesanan kontak (contact tracing) adalah sangat penting supaya dapat diketahui siapa yang pernah berada berdekatan dengan seseorang yang dikenal pasti positif wabak tersebut," kata beliau.

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37 POSITIVE CASES

NEW CLUSTER FOUND IN KUCHING

Covid-19 cases from Taman BDC linked to Sri Petaling tabligh gathering, says Health D-G

PUTRAJAYA

A NEW Covid-19 cluster has been identified in Taman BDC in Kuching, Sarawak, linked to the Sri Petaling tabligh gathering.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said 37 positive cases were recorded in the area.

"The index case was from the Sri Petaling tabligh cluster, and had infected three generations, from family members, mosque-goers and co-workers," he said at a press conference yesterday.

He revealed that other clusters in the country had also recorded an increase in positive cases.

Among them are the Chow Kit cluster with 16 new cases (44 total), Sendayan cluster with five new cases (109 total), three new cases from the "Pesantren" cluster (222 total), two in the Kampung Baru cluster (24 total) and one in the Madrasah Ayer Merbau cluster (41 total).

Dr Noor Hisham said 21 new positive cases were recorded at Pusat Bandar Utara and around Selayang Wholesale Market, 17 of which were cases outside of the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) area.



Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah showing the MySejahtera app, which complements the MyTrace app (inset), at a press conference in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH



"This takes the total number of positive cases in this area to 160, with 79 of them being outside of the EMCO."

Meanwhile, the ministry yesterday logged 55 new cases, taking the tally of infections in the country to 6,353.

Of the 55 cases, seven are imported while 24 are from clusters and localities placed under the EMCO.

"The total number of active cases to date is 1,764," he said, adding that there were no report-

ed deaths and 71 patients were discharged yesterday.

"The cumulative number of discharged patients is 4,484 or 70.6 per cent of the total number of cases," he added.

In a related development, Dr Noor Hisham urged the public to download the MySejahtera and MyTrace mobile applications to help frontline workers detect new Covid-19 infections in the country.

The MySejahtera app is used to conduct self-assessment and to

help the ministry obtain early information on the health of an individual for prompt and effective action.

Among functions of the MySejahtera app is a hotspot tracker, where the user can get more information on Covid-19 hotspots within 1km from the user or through searching for specific locations.

It also provides information on the nearest Covid-19 screening facilities and for online advice.

The MyTrace app enables the

government to conduct contact tracing on individuals who are Covid-19 positive.

"Contact tracing is important to identify those who have been in close contact with someone who is positive.

"MyTrace complements the MySejahtera app. Both apps are free," he said, adding that people could be assured that the MyTrace app would not collect the user's geolocation information, but records Bluetooth wave logs when users are close by.

Virus most potent a day or two before patients show symptoms

PUTRAJAYA: Though the number of asymptomatic cases involving Covid-19 patients nationwide is low, the probability of a such a patient to infect others is higher one or two days before they show symptoms.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the virus numbers in asymptomatic patients were low and as such they might not be highly infectious.

"However, we found out that a day or two before a Covid-19 patient began showing symptoms, which is when the virus load in the body is at its highest, this is when he or she can infect others," he said.

He said the Health Ministry had thus far conducted tests on 5,164 patients which comprised those with no Covid-19 symptoms, no travel history and no close contact with other positive patients. Out of this number, 0.1 per cent, or only five patients, were detected to be positive with Covid-19.

By analysing the data collected by the ministry, he said the number of asymptomatic Covid-19 patients was still small.

Nevertheless, he urged everyone who has developed symptoms, with or without contact with a Covid-19 patient, to come to the hospital for testing to rule out the possibility of infection.



A security guard taking the temperature of a visitor at a shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM

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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

COVID-19 TESTS FOR ALL FOREIGN WORKERS

Mandatory screening initially in KL, Selangor to be borne by bosses, says Ismail Sabri

KUALA LUMPUR

FOLLOWING the increase in Covid-19 positive cases for two consecutive days at a construction site in Jalan Ampang here, foreign workers in all sectors must now undergo mandatory screening for the infectious disease.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said this would be done as a precautionary measure to curb the spread of Covid-19.

He said at a meeting earlier yesterday, a decision was made to have foreign workers in all sectors, including restaurants, undergo Covid-19 testing.

He said the cost of the screen-



Foreign workers being screened for Covid-19 at the Selayang Wholesale Market in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday.
PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

ing would be borne by employers.

He said the Health Ministry had suggested that the screening start here and in Selangor.

To curb the spread of the virus, Ismail Sabri said the Works Ministry had sealed off the site in Jalan Ampang. Other construction sites with Covid-19 positive cases would also be closed.

Meanwhile, on the return of Malaysians from Singapore, he

said the number of people returning per day was still between 300 and 350.

He said there had been no mass return of Malaysians from Singapore.

On the undocumented migrants picked up in a raid over the weekend in Masjid India, Ismail Sabri said they had been sent to the Immigration depot, following the end of the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) in

the area.

"Because the EMCO had already been lifted, they had no place to go. So we placed them in the Immigration depot"

On Sunday, the Immigration Department carried out another raid on illegal immigrants in the EMCO area at Masjid India, targeting the Selangor Mansion apartments which is believed to be the main dwelling location for foreigners in the area.

The raid was carried out in collaboration with the police, the Malaysian Armed Forces and the Health Ministry.

Ismail Sabri stressed that the government had the right to take action against immigrants living illegally in the country without valid documents and could not allow illegal immigrants to roam freely even if they had previously completed their Covid-19 quarantine in areas placed under EMCO.

The EMCO at Menara City One, Malayan Mansion, Selangor Mansion and the areas around Masjid

India was lifted on Sunday.

He also said that the EMCO at the An-Nabawiyah Tahfiz and a house in Batu 23, at Sungai Lui, Selangor would end today.

Ismail Sabri added that the EMCO at Pusat Bandar Utara here and the Kuala Lumpur wholesale market was only partially lifted as certain locations in these areas needed to remain under EMCO until May 12 on the Health Ministry's advice.

"The EMCO for Parcel A and B involving Jalan 6/3A and 9/3A, Pusat Bandar Utara, Kuala Lumpur, and the Kuala Lumpur wholesale market ended yesterday (Sunday).

"However, the EMCO on Parcel C, D, E and F has been extended until May 12, on the Health Ministry's advice."

He added that the EMCO on Selayang Baru, Gombak, was only lifted in Parcel A and B, while the EMCO for Parcel C, D, E and F would be extended until May 12, which was also on the Health Ministry's advice.

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A SILENT KILLER AMID COVID-19

SPECTRE OF SPIKE IN DENGUE CASES AMID RAINY SEASON

A dengue epidemic may overwhelm our overburdened healthcare system, warn experts

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WITH the country's attention and resources geared towards battling the Covid-19 pandemic, medical experts warn of the looming risk of dengue amid the rainy season in Malaysia.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), despite a risk of dengue infection existing in 129 countries, 70 per cent of the actual burden is in Asia with Malaysia having one of the highest number of cases.

Over the last two years, dengue has been on the rise in Malaysia, registering 80,615 cases (147 deaths) in 2018 and 130,101 cases (182 deaths) last year.

Based on annual data released by the Health Ministry's Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC), dengue cases usually start increasing from May and spike after the monsoon during July and August.

With the Movement Control Order (MCO) in place and most of the premises closed, experts have cautioned that heavy rain could lead to pooling of water and contribute to an increase in mosquito breeding sites.

The warmer temperature could accelerate transmission rates of dengue fever and the humid weather creates favourable conditions for the vectors to flourish.

Universiti Selangor Visiting Professor of Environmental Health Prof Dr Jamal Hisham Hashim said while the nation is in full force combating Covid-19, authorities should be wary of the impending outbreaks of other communicable diseases that are endemic in the country like dengue fever.

"Dengue is the world's fastest-growing vector-borne disease and is a serious concern wherever it is found within the world's expanding dengue belt. There is no cure for it, and its vaccine has some effectiveness issues.

"We should be continuously



According to the Health Ministry's Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre, dengue cases usually start increasing from May and spike after the monsoon during July and August. FILE PIC

vigilant of the disease as dengue cases may spike at any time. Studies indicate that cases tend to increase during warmer temperatures with moderate rain like what Malaysia is experiencing now," he told the *New Straits Times*.

Jamal said while construction sites are an important driver of dengue transmission, they are only one of the Aedes mosquito breeding grounds.

"Aedes breeds in discarded containers, rain gutters, clogged drains, plant pots, water storage containers and uncovered water tanks.

"Dengue hotspots also include open and abandoned spaces around residential areas, which may be used as illegal dumping grounds.

"If people come across such areas, they should notify the local authorities or the district health office."

Jamal said the Health Ministry is well-equipped and prepared to handle dengue outbreaks as the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is well-established in Malaysia.

"I do not think dengue cases will get out of control amidst the current Covid-19 outbreak, unless the situation worsens. This is quite unlikely to happen as we are now over the peak for the Covid-19 epidemic in the country.

"Fortunately, the Health Ministry has a good surveillance system for foodborne, waterborne, vector-borne and zoonotic diseases, which can flare up in our communities."

Former deputy director-general of public health Professor Datuk Dr Lokman Hakim Sulaiman said dengue "could be a silent killer" amid the attention over Covid-19.

"Last year, cases started to increase in Week 19 (now we are in Week 17). In terms of more severe dengue, the number of dengue deaths to date this year is 60, not much different from 64 in the same period last year."

According to the latest statistics from the CPRC's Dengue Operations Centre (<http://idengue.arsm.gov.my/>), 38,464 dengue cases were reported in Malaysia between Dec 29 last year and April 22 this year.

A total of 63 deaths from dengue were reported between January and April 18 this year.

The six states with the highest number of dengue cases were Selangor with 23,140 cases, Johor (3,181), Kuala Lumpur (2,932), Sabah (2,056), Kelantan (1,441) and Perak (1,255).

Dr Lokman said while Covid-19 was more serious with higher case fatality rates (CFR) of 1.6 per cent (89/5,425) as compared with dengue with CFR of only 0.16 per cent (60/36,529), preventive measures should be in place as dengue is lethal.

The director of the Institute for Research, Development and Innovation at the International Medical University said, fortunately, anti-dengue activity — maintenance, cleaning and drying of stagnant water, spraying of pesticides — at construction sites was listed as essential services, allowed and required to be con-

tinued during the MCO.

"Schools, universities and most office buildings are closed, which means there could be lots of stagnant water such as at the toilet and cistern that are great for Aedes breeding."

Malaysian Public Health Medicine Specialist Association president Datuk Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar said the upsurge in dengue cases and deaths pose an economic burden and loss of productivity cost to the nation.

He expressed concern that despite the high number of cases, dengue may be overlooked by the government and people because of Covid-19.

"In resource-limited settings, such as now where the attention is on Covid-19, this might put additional pressure on an already overburdened healthcare system, especially during the annual dengue epidemic.

"Abandoned construction sites, closure of public and private premises, neglected maintenance by local authorities, and people staying at home could lead to more Aedes breeding."

It was reported that in 2010, Malaysia spent a total of US\$73.5 million (0.03 per cent of Malaysia's GDP) on its National Dengue Vector Control Programme.

About 92 per cent of the amount was used for fogging.

Dr Zainal said the public should carry out regular search and destroy breeding places at home and its vicinity, while local authorities should conduct public fogging and intensify control measures.

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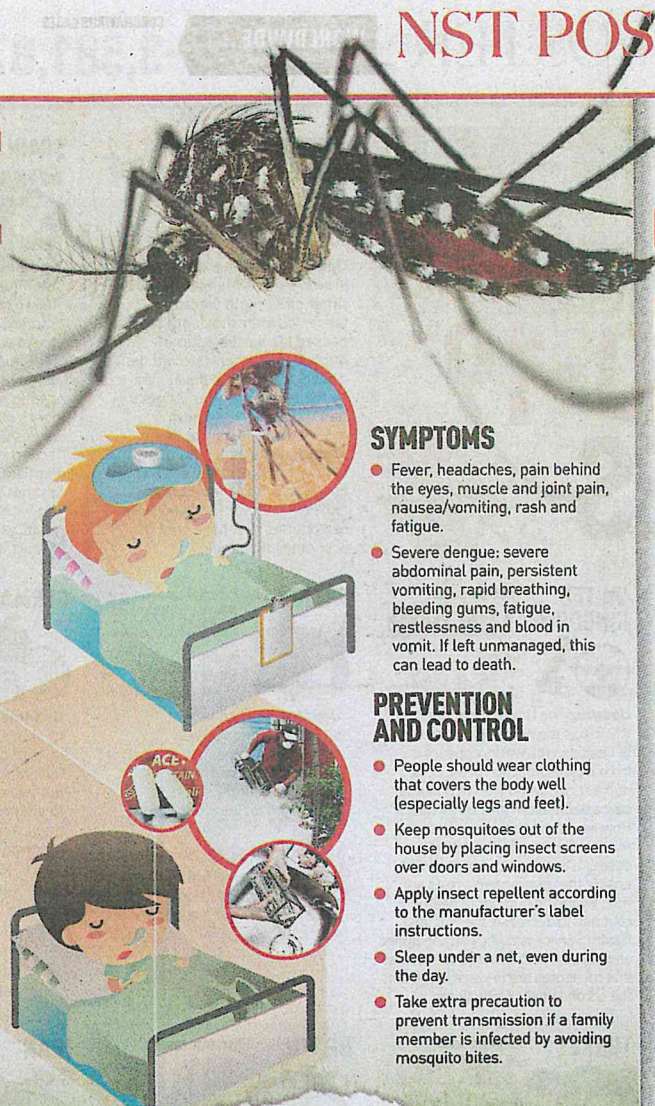
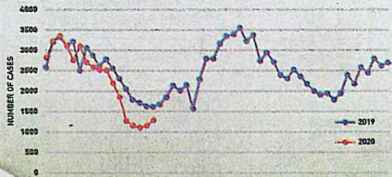
DENGUE IN MALAYSIA

Dengue remains a major health threat in Malaysia, a century after its first reported outbreak in 1902. The global incidence of dengue has also grown dramatically in recent decades where, according to the World Health Organisation, about half of the world's population is now at risk. This increase is attributed to urbanisation and climate change.

CURRENT SITUATION (APRIL 19 - APRIL 25)

- 1,301 dengue cases reported (an increase of 11 per cent compared with Week 16). [9.4 per cent] compared with 43,065 cases in 2019 during the same period.
- One dengue death reported in Week 17
- Cumulative number of dengue cases from Dec 29, 2019 until April 25, 2020 with 39,002 cases, a decrease by 4,063 cases
- Cumulative figure of 64 deaths in 2020 compared with 67 during the same period in 2019.

WEEKLY DENGUE FEVER TREND 2019 - 2020 (WEEK 17)



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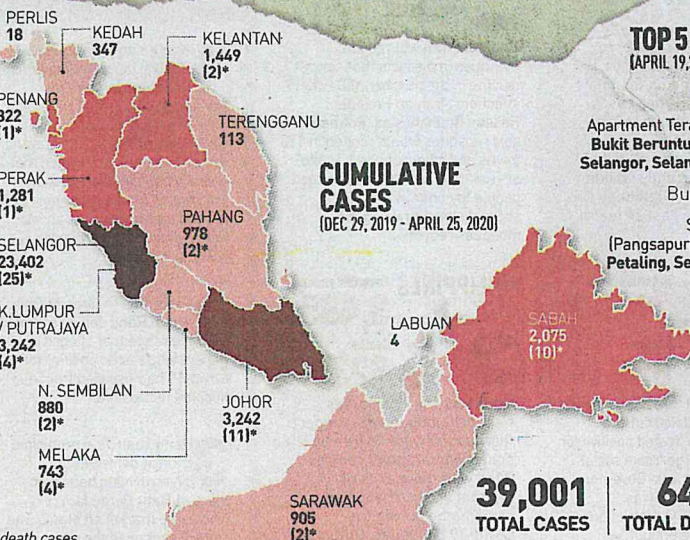
- Fever, headaches, pain behind the eyes, muscle and joint pain, nausea/vomiting, rash and fatigue.
- Severe dengue: severe abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, rapid breathing, bleeding gums, fatigue, restlessness and blood in vomit. If left unmanaged, this can lead to death.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL

- People should wear clothing that covers the body well (especially legs and feet).
- Keep mosquitoes out of the house by placing insect screens over doors and windows.
- Apply insect repellent according to the manufacturer's label instructions.
- Sleep under a net, even during the day.
- Take extra precaution to prevent transmission if a family member is infected by avoiding mosquito bites.

DENGUE FACTS

- Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection.
- The virus responsible for causing dengue, is called dengue virus (DENV).
- There are four DENV serotypes, meaning that it is possible to be infected four times.
- There is no specific treatment for dengue/ severe dengue. Early detection of disease progression associated with severe dengue, and access to proper medical care lowers fatality rates of severe dengue to below 1%.
- Risk of dengue infection exists in 129 countries: 70 per cent of the actual burden is in Asia.
- High number of cases were reported in Bangladesh (101,000), Malaysia (131,000), the Philippines (420,000) and Vietnam (320,000) in Asia.
- In Malaysia, dengue cases usually start increasing from May and spike after the monsoon season during July and August.
- Climatic factors (Heavy rainfall, warm temperature and humidity) create favourable conditions for the vectors to flourish.



TOP 5 HOTSPOTS (APRIL 19, 2020 - APRIL 25, 2020)

- Apartment Teratai TBR, Bukit Beruntung, Hulu Selangor, Selangor: 113
- Apartment Kenanga TBR, Bukit Beruntung, Hulu Selangor, Selangor: 104
- Seksyen 13 (Pangsapuri Perdana), Petaling, Selangor: 55
- Taman Tanjung Minyak Perdana, Jalan Zuhail, Jalan Cahaya, Melaka Tengah, Melaka: 44
- Pa Desa Rejang (Block A, B, C, D), Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur: 42

39,001 TOTAL CASES | **64** TOTAL DEATH

DENGUE CASES AND DEATHS (2000 - 2019)

Year	Cases	Death
2000	7,103	45
2001	16,368	50
2002	32,767	99
2003	31,545	72
2004	33,895	102
2005	39,686	107
2006	28,556	92
2007	48,844	98
2008	49,335	112
2009	41,486	88
2010	46,171	134
2011	19,884	36
2012	21,900	35
2013	43,346	92
2014	108,698	215
2015	120,836	336
2016	101,357	237
2017	83,849	177
2018	80,615	147
2019	130,101	182

Source: Health Ministry's Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre, World Health Organisation,

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Foreign workers must be tested

New ruling calls for compulsory testing to be paid for by employers

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PUTRAJAYA: All foreign workers must go through Covid-19 tests, with the employers bearing the cost, says Senior Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

However, the swab tests are not compulsory for domestic workers, he said. Premises with positive cases would be sealed off immediately, he added.

The announcement came amid concerns that the number of Covid-19 cases, particularly among foreign workers, is on the rise.

Responding to the news, employers said the additional expenditure was a burden in an already difficult time and they questioned whether there was sufficient capacity to test so many people.

Ismail said the new ruling applied to foreign workers in all economic sectors, including those working in

shops, restaurants, factories, construction sites, and other service-based businesses.

He said this was decided following the increase in cases over the past few days, the majority of which were foreign workers.

"Foreign workers in all sectors will have to do swab tests and the cost will have to be borne by employers. The Health Ministry has proposed for the compulsory swab tests to start in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor," he said.

He said the decision to close premises where workers were found to be positive for Covid-19 was to prevent the virus from spreading.

He added that the authorities had already closed down a construction site in Jalan Ampang after 27 new cases were detected there.

On Sunday, Federal Territories Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa instructed developers and contractors with active project sites in Kuala

Lumpur to get their workers tested for Covid-19. For foreign maids, Ismail said it was up to the employers to determine if their maids needed to undergo the swab test.

"We leave it to the employers' discretion as they are aware of the health status of their maids, who live with them. However, they need to immediately send the maids for tests if they show any symptoms," he said.

According to the Health Ministry, 21,271 non-citizens had been screened for Covid-19, with 811 testing positive. As of April 30, four foreigners have died in Malaysia after contracting the disease.

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) said the testing requirement might be a knee-jerk reaction to the cases detected at the Jalan Ampang construction site.

Its executive director Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan said that it was unfair to conclude that foreign workers were the cause of many Covid-19 cases.

He claimed that employers had wanted to make arrangements for all workers, including foreigners, to be tested but were told that the test kits were not here yet. He pointed out that a swab test cost at least RM500 and there were 2.3 million registered foreign workers in the country. Based on these figures, he said, employers would go out of business if they had to pay for the tests.

"On one hand, we have been allowed to operate to help us survive, but now they are saying we must pay for the tests," he said.

Shamsuddin said the government should bear the cost of the tests.

"We understand that the government can only do 16,000 tests a day. Even if all are reserved for foreign workers, it would take almost half a year to screen all of them," he said.

Datuk Jamarul Khan Kadir, president of Malaysian Indian Muslim Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said many small and

medium enterprises were on the verge of collapse and the added burden of paying for the costs would be a big blow.

He said that while testing was a good idea and a fair concern of the government, it should be for those in the red areas such as Masjid India or Selayang.

"What's the purpose of conducting tests in, say, Penang or Perlis, which have no cases recorded in the past few weeks?" he asked.

The Malaysian Bar meanwhile said it feared that the detention of undocumented migrants would send counterproductive messages through the community.

"Such migrants may evade the authorities, or avoid and refuse to seek medical treatment," its president Salim Bashir said.

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Covid-19: Current situation globally

(As of 7pm May 4, 2020)

	Malaysia											
	New cases			Total cases			Total deaths			Total recovered		
	55 6,353 105 4,484											
Asean+	India	Singapore	Japan	S. Korea	Indonesia	Philippines	Thailand	Vietnam	Myanmar	Brunei	Cambodia	Laos
Confirmed cases	42,670	18,778	14,877	10,801	11,587	9,485	2,987	271	155	138	122	19
Deaths	1,395	18	487	252	864	623	54	0	6	1	0	0
Recovered	11,782	1,408	3,981	9,217	1,954	1,315	2,740	219	43	130	120	9
Global Top 10	US	Spain	Italy	UK	France	Germany	Russia	Turkey	Brazil	Iran		
Confirmed cases	1,188,826	247,122	210,717	186,599	168,693	165,664	145,268	126,045	101,826	97,424		
Deaths	68,606	25,264	28,884	28,446	24,895	6,866	1,356	3,397	7,051	6,203		
Recovered	178,594	148,558	81,654	N/A	50,784	132,700	18,095	63,151	42,991	78,422		

New cases return to double digits

DG: 71 patients discharged, which means 70% of the people have recovered

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PUTRAJAYA: The number of new Covid-19 cases has shown a positive improvement on the first day of Malaysia's conditional movement control order (MCO).

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah announced 55 new cases – a return to double digits after two days – as well as zero death yesterday.

He said 71 patients were discharged in the same 24-hour span, which means 4,484 or 70% of the people have recovered from the disease in the country.

"As at 12pm on May 4, there are 55 new cases, bringing the total of confirmed cases in the country to 6,353.

"The number of active cases is 1,764 and

the patients have been isolated and are receiving treatment.

"Out of the 55 new cases, seven are imported ones. Locally transmitted cases are 48, with 24 of them detected within the localities that are under enhanced MCO," Dr Noor Hisham said at the ministry's daily Covid-19 press conference here.

There are only 28 patients in the intensive care units, with 13 requiring ventilator support. The death toll remains at 105.

On the implementation of the conditional MCO, Dr Noor Hisham said it was too early to tell the level of compliance among the public.

"During the first, second and third phases of the MCO, the message was for everyone to stay at home. Now, under the conditional MCO, the message is for everyone to adhere to the SOP by the government.

"Unless you have social discipline or social compliance, you do not go out. This is the responsibility for all of us, including the industry or restaurants to comply to the SOP. If you do not comply, action can be taken," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham urged Malaysians to take note of Taiwan and South Korea, which had managed to implement social discipline even without having an MCO in place.

When asked if the government intends to make the wearing of masks mandatory, Dr Noor Hisham said it was only encouraged.

"The wearing of masks is very much encouraged, but it is not compulsory. Even more important is that social distancing habits have to be practised. If we can do this, we can curb the spread of Covid-19," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Noor Hisham said the min-

istry had detected a new Covid-19 cluster at the Taman BDC housing area in Kuching, Sarawak.

"The cluster is linked to the Masjid Jamek Sri Petaling tabligh gathering, with some 37 people infected so far.

"The index case in this cluster had attended the tabligh gathering, and infected family members, colleagues and several people at a local mosque. The infections in the cluster span three generations," he said.

Ministry officials said the index case tested positive for the disease on March 8.

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Returning students offer to be quarantined

KOTA KINABALU: Some of the 7,000 Sabah students returning from Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak are voluntarily offering to be quarantined for two weeks at designated centres to reduce any risk of them exposing their families to the Covid-19 virus.

This was despite being given special permission to skip the state's mandatory quarantine at designated centres, said Sabah Health Department director Datuk Christina Rundi.

"They are worried about potential risks posed to their family members. We appreciate their willingness to undergo the quarantine," Dr Rundi said in a statement.

She did not indicate how many students so far had offered to take up the voluntary two-week quarantine at the centres.

Since late last week, hundreds of students begun returning to the state from Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia, that also saw another round of concern over the conditions at some of the quarantine centres in Tawau and here.

Some families also complained that the returning students had to wait five hours at the airport to be taken to the quarantine centres without any food for buka puasa.

This prompted the state government under Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal to exempt the students returning from Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak for the mandatory two-week quarantine on May 2.

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New cases back to double-digits

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia recorded 55 new cases of Covid-19 yesterday, down from 122 the day before. This brings the total number of infections to 6,353.

Health Director-General Datuk Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, who made the announcement at his daily press briefing in Putrajaya, said there were no fatalities. The death toll remains at 105.

As of noon yesterday, there were 1,764 active cases. Twenty-eight of them are still in intensive care, and among them, 13 are on ventilator support.

Noor Hisham said 71 patients were discharged yesterday, bringing to 4,484 the total number of those who have recovered from the infection. The recovery rate stands at 70.58%.

With the new enhanced movement control order (EMCO) now in place, he urged the public to follow the standard operating procedures by observing requirements such as social distancing.

"Looking at the situation, we now have the conditional MCO (in place) to allow the business sector to take off," he said.

He cited the cases of South Korea and Taiwan where the situation has been well-managed.

He pointed out that although a restriction movement order is in place, "what is more important is that the South Koreans and Taiwanese have the social discipline".

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Apps to help Malaysians cut Covid-19 risks

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PETALING JAYA: Two new apps now available for download will go a long way towards protecting Malaysians against the risk of contracting Covid-19.

The apps — MySejahtera and MyTrace — use Bluetooth to detect others who also have the app on their smartphones and who are physically a short distance away.

Senior Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the apps will be useful in tracking people who had contact with a person who subsequently got infected.

Such data can be relayed to health workers to help prevent the infection from spreading, thus protecting lives, he said.

To ensure that they work at an optimal level, at least 60% of smartphone users must download at least one of the two apps.

To allay fears that the apps could serve as a conduit for unauthorised retrieval of personal data, Ismail Sabri gave an assurance that measures have been taken to ensure that this would not happen.

The user will remain anonymous and there will be no attempt to

ascertain his geographical location data.

The app is now available only for Android phones.

Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) president Dr N. Ganabaskaran said an app would be good for everyone.

“Some people may be worried about some issues (such as hacking) but I think what is more important is that we all have a role to play in protecting our health,” he said.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who launched MyTrace last week, urged all smartphone users to download and use it.

To date there have been more than 100,000 downloads for the MySejahtera and over 10,000 for MyTrace.

In the absence of a vaccine, social distancing and a technology aid to trace past contacts are the best solutions to avoid getting infected. Since the Covid-19 threat is predicted to persist up to two years, the app could be a life-saving measure.

Australia launched its contact-tracing mobile app on April 26 with Prime Minister Scott Morrison saying: “We need the COVIDSafe app as part of the plan to save lives and save livelihoods”.