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Online medical devices now meet standards

PUTRAJAYA: The 17 types of medical devices sold online, which previously failed safety tests, are now safe for use by the public, says the Medical Device Authority (MDA).

Its chief executive Dr Muralitharan Paramasua said that based on a review of the investigation report and re-testing submitted, it has found that all the medical devices now meet the standards, and are safe and effective for continued use by the public.

The devices are Dynmed brand oxygen concentrators; Angel Biss (SH01) and Carer; blood pressure monitors (BPLife, Novoplus, Yuwell and Ouson+); glucose meters (Roche, Sinocare and Yasee); thermometers (BioCare, Scaneo dan Ouson+) as well as surgical and examination gloves (Gammex, Shirudo, Puritex and Infinity Latex).

Dr Muralitharan said thorough investigations and corrective actions had been carried out by all the establishments (companies) following the Feb 15 MDA

report regarding the devices' failure to comply with standards.

"All the establishments involved showed a high commitment to undergoing full investigations. This is in line with the post-market responsibilities outlined in the Medical Device Act 2012 (Act 737)," he said in a statement yesterday, Bernama reported.

Dr Muralitharan said comprehensive actions, such as improvements in quality control systems, compliance with regulation guidelines as well as increased transparency in managing safety and efficacy issues of the devices had helped restore public confidence.

He also advised the public to be more cautious when purchasing medical devices online.

"The public needs to ensure the medical devices bought are registered with the MDA and sold by licensed establishments," he said.

Further information and complaint channels can be accessed via the official MDA website at www.mda.gov.my or by contacting 03-8230 0300.

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Surge in Covid-19 cases recorded

Virus making a comeback in Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and US

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PETALING JAYA: As society becomes more relaxed about the perceived threat of Covid-19, the coronavirus has started to resurge in many countries, leading to an increase in reported cases.

Between May 25 and 30, Thailand reported 65,880 new Covid-19 cases with three fatalities.

Indonesia's Health Ministry issued a public health advisory following a resurgence of cases in several Asian countries. It urged citizens to remain vigilant and adopt precautionary measures.

Both Hong Kong and the United States have reported an uptick in Covid-19 cases linked to the NB.1.8.1 variant.

Singapore reported over 14,000 cases between Apr 27 and May 3.

In Malaysia, the Health Ministry said an average of 600 cases were reported each week between Apr 14 and May 10. Malaysia reported over 11,000 cases between Jan 1 and May 10. These are the last available numbers released by the ministry.

Prof Dr Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's professor of Public Health Medicine, said people have become lax as Covid-19 is no longer seen as a major threat now. People should be aware of the mutation of the virus and the new variants that would appear, she added.

"The most recent designated variant under monitoring (VUM) is NB.1.8.1, and it is considered highly transmissible but does not indicate higher virulence, or risk of hospitalisation or deaths. It has been stated that the current vaccine's coverage also covers the

current strain and those at high risk such as the elderly, young children, pregnant women and those with high comorbidity need to be vigilant," she added.

She said high-risk groups should wear a mask when they are outdoors or if they develop symptoms. Those with non-communicable diseases (NCDs) should not miss their medication schedule.

"If you have Covid-19-like symptoms, it could also be adenovirus (usually mild), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and/or influenza," she said.

This can be determined by testing for Covid-19, or by visiting your healthcare provider for treatment and admission if necessary. "The symptoms may mimic each other, or you can catch two diseases at the same time which is rare, but can occur," she added.

She said this new variant seems

to cause symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, headache and gastrointestinal distress.

"Besides antigen testing, you may need to get a chest X-ray and blood test for confirmation to rule out pneumonia. Covid generally presents as non-threatening symptoms of upper respiratory tract infection and no need to follow up with MySejahtera app (like before)," she said.

Former Health Ministry official and public health expert Datuk Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar said the rise in cases could be due to decreasing immunity either from natural infection or immunisation and people no longer observing precautionary measures like before.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) said on May 28 that since February, global SARS-CoV-2 activity has been on the rise, with the test positivity rate reaching

11% - levels that have not been observed since July 2024.

"This rise is primarily observed in countries in the Eastern Mediterranean, Southeast Asia and Western Pacific regions. Since early 2025, global SARS-CoV-2 variant trends have slightly shifted. Circulation of LP.8.1 has been declining, and reporting of NB.1.8.1, a VUM, is increasing, reaching 10.7% of global sequences reported as of mid-May."

Recent increases in SARS-CoV-2 activity are broadly consistent with levels observed during the same period last year.

However, there still lacks a clear seasonality in SARS-CoV-2 circulation, and surveillance is limited, it said.

WHO also advised all member states to continue monitoring and applying a risk-based and integrated approach to managing Covid-19.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Sinar Harian m/s 6 Nasional 4/6/2025 (Rabu)

Elak jadi duta vape

AWANG sokong sangat pandangan Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye bahawa pempengaruh (*influencer*) patut elak diri daripada jadi duta vape. Banyak perkara lain mereka boleh terbabit tetapi amalan vape dan merokok sepatutnya dielakkan.

Lam Thye yang merupakan Pengerusi Ikatan Komuniti Selamat mengatakan pengaruh yang ada pada mereka patutnya digunakan degan betul. Ramai yang punya pengikut besar dalam talian. Ada yang berjuta-juta orang.

Sepatutnya mereka menggunakan platform media sosial yang mereka miliki untuk menyedarkan masyarakat tentang bahaya vape. Sebaliknya mereka

mempromosi amalan yang berbahaya itu.

Beliau juga berkata bahawa generasi muda khususnya kanak-kanak sekolah mudah terikut dengan amalan itu. Mereka juga mudah dipengaruhi oleh teman-teman sebaya.

Pempengaruh pula akan beri kesan besar menggalakkan mereka terbabit dengan vape.

Lam Thye mencadangkan semua pihak harus berganding bahu memastikan generasi baharu tidak dibelenggu dengan vape. Amalan itu bukan sahaja sia-sia tetapi merosakkan masa depan.

Satu masa dulu merokok jadi trend. Akibat kempen besar-besaran dan harga yang tinggi, semakin kurang perokok. Tetapi vape sudah mengambil alih amalan merokok.

AKHBAR : KOSMO
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Jururawat rugi RM107,810 skim pelaburan palsu

KUANTAN – Seorang jururawat mengalami kerugian sebanyak RM107,810 selepas terperdaya dengan skim pelaburan tidak wujud.

Ketua Polis Pahang, Datuk Seri Yahaya Othman berkata, kejadian bermula pada awal tahun ini selepas mangsa yang merupakan seorang wanita berumur 52 tahun tertarik dengan satu iklan pelaburan di laman Facebook.

"Mangsa kemudiannya menghubungi suspek melalui aplikasi WhatsApp dan dijanjikan pulangan lumayan sebanyak RM12,000 selepas melabur sebanyak RM350.

"Namun tiada sebarang keuntungan diterima mangsa," katanya di sini semalam.

Tambahnya, mangsa kemudiannya diminta membuat beberapa bayaran tambahan dan telah melakukan 16 transaksi ke dalam lapan akaun bank berbeza antara 23 Mei hingga 28 Mei lalu yang merupakan wang simpanan Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB) milik mangsa," katanya di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu beliau berkata, pihak polis menasihatkan orang ramai agar membuat semakan dahulu sebelum membuat sebarang pelaburan dalam talian bagi mengelak daripada menjadi mangsa penipuan.

Katanya, masyarakat juga diingatkan agar jangan mudah terpengaruh dengan skim pelaburan menjanjikan keuntungan yang lumayan.

"Masyarakat juga diingatkan supaya membuat semakan nombor akaun bank yang diterima di pautan <https://semakmule.rmp.gov.my/> terlebih dahulu sebelum membuat sebarang transaksi," ujarnya.