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Beri peluang orang ramai dapat rawatan selepas waktu bekerja

## Lanjutan waktu operasi klinik kesihatan disambut baik

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Orang ramai menyambut baik inisiatif pelanjutan waktu pengoperasian di 52 klinik kesihatan di seluruh negara.

Tinjauan *Sinar Harian* di Klinik Kesihatan Presint 9, dekat sini pada Isnin mendapati pengunjung mulai ramai sesudah waktu pejabat iaitu selepas jam 5 petang.

Rata-rata yang ditemui berkata, langkah tersebut memudahkan bagi mereka yang bekerja.

Pembantu jururawat hospital swasta, Awietha Abdul Rahman, 35, berkata, inisiatif tersebut sangat membantu orang ramai untuk mendapatkan perkhidmatan kesihatan selepas waktu bekerja.

"Saya tidak lagi perlu keluar waktu bekerja untuk mendapatkan rawatan di klinik kesihatan," katanya.

Menurutnya, pelanjutan waktu operasi di klinik kesihatan juga mampu mengelakkan kesesakan di jabatan kecemasan hospital kerajaan.

Penjawat awam, Nurshafinaz Hamidon, 39, berkata, tempoh menunggu untuk mendapatkan rawatan di klinik kesihatan selepas waktu bekerja adalah singkat.

"Dekat sini, prosesnya ce-

pat. Tak sampai satu jam sudah selesai," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Jalliah Othman, 38, yang juga penjawat awam berkata, langkah tersebut memberi pilihan kepada rakyat untuk mendapatkan rawatan di luar waktu bekerja.

"Jika sebelum ini, untuk dapatkan rawatan selepas waktu bekerja, kita ke klinik swasta. Tidak semua orang mampu, namun dengan inisiatif ini, ia menjimatkan," ujarnya.

Di **KOTA BHARU**, tinjauan *Sinar Harian* di Klinik Kesihatan Bandar, di sini mendapati, orang ramai kelihatan tenang menunggu giliran untuk mendapatkan rawatan selepas waktu bekerja.

Usahawan, Adlin, 31, berkata, dia sudah lama mengetahui waktu operasi itu dilanjutkan sehingga jam 10 malam.

"Ia bagus, sekurang-kurangnya kami tidak perlu bersesak di hospital kerajaan, cukup dengan datang ke sini untuk sakit-sakit biasa seperti demam dan lain-lain," jelasnya.

Bagi Mah Abu Bakar, 38, dia suka mendapatkan rawatan selepas waktu pejabat iaitu jam 6 petang ke atas kerana tidak perlu bersesak dan berebut parkir kereta.

Ujar peniaga makanan itu, kawasan di klinik tersebut terutama di Kota Bharu sangat sukar mendapatkan tempat le-

tak kereta kerana ia kawasan tumpuan.

"Terima kasih kepada pihak KKM kerana memahami keperluan rakyat," katanya.

Bagi Muhamad Zain Mohd Yusoff, 31, yang bekerja sendiri, dia tidak tahu Klinik Kesihatan Bandar Kota Bharu beroperasi sehingga jam 10 malam.

Jelasnya, sebelum ini jika perlu mendapatkan rawatan pada sebelah malam, klinik swasta akan menjadi pilihan walaupun perlu mengeluarkan bayaran mahal.

Pada Jumaat, media melaporkan waktu pengoperasian klinik kesihatan (KK) dipanjangkan bagi mengurangkan kesesakan di Jabatan Kecemasan

Hospital Kerajaan.

Menurut nebarahan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) di laman Facebooknya, pemanjangan waktu operasi selepas waktu pejabat itu dilaksanakan di 52 buah klinik kesihatan terpilih di seluruh negara.

Waktu operasi klinik itu akan dipanjangkan dari jam 5 petang hingga 9.30 malam pada Isnin hingga Jumaat dan jam 8 pagi hingga 12 tengah hari pada Sabtu.

Bagi negeri Kedah, Kelantan dan Johor, waktu operasi pada Ahad hingga Khamis dari jam 5 petang hingga 9.30 malam dan 8 pagi hingga 12 tengah hari pada Sabtu.



Orang ramai menunggu untuk mendapatkan rawatan di Klinik Kesihatan Presint 9, Putrajaya selepas waktu pejabat.

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# Reps raise alarm on dengue cases

Some people still unaware of dangers posed by disease, says exco member

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**SHAH ALAM:** Dirty back lanes, poorly managed gardens, as well as houses and land left abandoned, are among the main causes that have been contributing to the increase in dengue cases in Selangor, says state exco member Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud.

And making the situation more worrying were people who are unaware of the dangers of dengue, she said.

Dr Siti Mariah, who is state public health, unity, women empowerment and family committee chairman, said the state government launched the Selangor dengue integrated operations focusing on the four districts that recorded the highest cumulative cases, which are Petaling, Hulu Langat, Klang and Gombak.

"It involves the following agencies and departments - Selangor Health Department, district and land offices, local government



authorities and health volunteer groups such as the Selangor Community Health Volunteers (Suka), Communication for Behavioural Impact (Combi) and Team Selangor.

"The operations, from Feb 15 to March 22, will focus on dengue prevention measures, such as destruction of breeding grounds, gotongroyong programmes, as well as advocacy activities with the local community through leaflet distribution, use of repellents and aerosol sprays.

"I have also reminded the agencies involved to impose fines on those found to have Aedes breeding grounds in their premises," said Dr Siti Mariah during the state assembly sitting here.

She was responding to Halimey



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Elected representatives attending the state assembly meeting in Shah Alam, Selangor.  
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Abu Bakar (PH-Seri Setia) on dengue statistics and Shatiri Mansor (PH-Kota Damansara) on the increase in dengue cases.

Dr Siti Mariah also said for epidemiology week nine, which is from Feb 26 to March 4, 1,002 dengue cases were reported in Selangor.

This marks an 11% drop compared to 1,126 cases recorded the week before. Cumulatively, 10,128 dengue cases were reported as of epidemiology week nine, which

marks a 140.5% increase (5,917 cases), compared to the same epidemiology week last year (4,211 cases).

Two deaths were reported during this period while there was none during the same period last year, she added.

She said all the relevant agencies and departments had been asked to step up existing dengue prevention and control measures, such as activating the district-level dengue action meetings chaired by the dis-

trict officer and attended by relevant stakeholders; increasing advocacy and promotion efforts through social media, leaflet distribution and public announcements at epidemic locations; as well as carrying out dengue-free programmes in schools, workplaces and homes.

Dr Siti Mariah said so far, no dengue-related vaccines had been registered for use in Malaysia, while the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency is still evaluating the application for approval of the Qdenga (TAK-003) vaccine from pharmaceutical company Takeda.

Halimey also asked about the status of MN Voltron, a solar-powered zapper to kill mosquitoes, which he said was installed in low-cost flats by the then Housing and Local Government Ministry sometime in 2019.

Dr Siti Mariah replied that her office was in the midst of getting the full data on the project, as it was a ministry project handed over to the JMB without consultation with the state health department.