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Action squad to fight dengue menace

Seven councils assist Klang which has seen a surge in number of cases

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DENGUE control efforts in the Klang district have been stepped up after an average of 59 cases a day have been recorded since Dec 30. This has prompted the Selangor government's Dengue Action Committee to mobilise seven local councils to help the district with ground inspections of possible mosquito breeding grounds.

Klang recorded a total of 413 confirmed dengue cases from Dec 30 to Jan 5 compared to 101 cases over the corresponding period.

Selangor Health, Welfare, Women and Family Empowerment Committee chairman Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud said with the additional manpower from the seven local councils, they would be able to fight dengue more effectively.

"We need to conduct larviciding and fogging to stop the chain of dengue transmissions.

"We also need all households to check inside and outside their homes and remove stagnant water," she said.

Dr Siti Mariah said the seven local authorities involved were Hulu Selangor District Council, Ampang Jaya Municipal Council, Sepang Municipal Council, Kajang Municipal Council, Selayang Municipal Council, Subang Jaya Municipal Council and Petaling Jaya City Council.

Klang Municipal Council (MPK) Health and Environment Department director Azmi Muji said the council was concerned with the sudden spike of dengue cases in the district.

"With the intermittent rainfall, warmer weather and the lackadaisical attitude of people, we are worried about the number of cases rising even further," he said.

Azmi added that officers from the seven local councils accompanied by the Klang District Health Department and MPK's Health and Environment Department personnel will conduct ground inspections, larviciding and fogging on Saturdays.

"About 50 personnel, including health inspectors and field workers, will be involved in the operations.

"They will be going to the ground on Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2. Inspections to determine breeding areas and carry out larviciding will be carried out from 8am to noon while fogging is done from 4pm to 7pm," he said.

According to a source, intensive ground checks and fogging are being done at Taman Setia off Persiaran Raja Muda Musa, Taman Klang Jaya, Taman Teluk Pulai, Taman Sentosa and Kampung Sri Perantau in Fort Klang.

In 2018, Klang district recorded 11,823 dengue cases with five deaths. In 2017, there were 7,770 dengue cases with seven deaths. Meanwhile, in Gombak district, Selangor



A Health Department worker fogging a Klang neighbourhood.

Municipal Council Health Department director Affendel Samangan said community involvement was vital to stop the chain of dengue transmissions.

"MPS is trying to get more people involved in gotong-royong activities to encourage them to clean up their immediate surroundings.

"Our health inspectors are doing the ground checks but it is important that Residents Associations and Rukun Tetangga take the lead."

Affendel said Gombak recorded 116 cases from Dec 30 to Jan 5 this year, compared to 82 cases over the corresponding period.

"Due to the high number of dengue cases, adults must protect themselves and their children from mosquito bites.

"It is advisable to use mosquito repellent and wear clothing that covers most of the body when outdoors.

"Those with a high and prolonged fever should seek treatment immediately," said Affendel.

Common symptoms of dengue are high fever, headache, body ache (both muscle and bone), weakness, vomiting, sore throat and red spots, among others.



MPK officers checking for possible Aedes mosquito breeding grounds.



Mosquito larvae found during ground checks in Klang.

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