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Sinar untuk **Malaysia**

MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

13 kematian, 13 kluster baharu

2,936 kes Covid-19 direkodkan, Selangor masih tertinggi

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Sebanyak 2,936 kes baharu Covid-19 direkodkan pada Jumaat, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes Covid-19 di Malaysia sebanyak 277,811 kes setakat ini, selain 13 lagi kematian dilaporkan akibat pandemik itu dalam tempoh 24 jam lalu.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kes sembuh harian pula terus mencatatkan jumlah lebih tinggi berbanding kes positif harian iaitu sebanyak 4,889 kes pada Jumaat, menjadikan jumlah sembuh keseluruhan sehingga kini sebanyak 239,971 kes.

“Daripada jumlah kes baharu harian ini, 17 kes merupakan kes import melibatkan empat warganegara dan 13 warga asing,” katanya dalam kenyataan mengenai perkembangan Covid-19 pada Jumaat.

Menurutnya, Selangor terus mencatatkan kes harian baharu tertinggi iaitu sebanyak 978 kes dengan 722 melibatkan kluster-kluster dan saringan kontak rapat Covid-19.

“Ia diikuti Johor sebanyak 730 kes, Kuala Lumpur (227), Sarawak (199), Negeri Sembilan (191), Pulau Pinang (188), Perak (155), Sabah (101), Kelantan (38), Terengganu (37), Kedah (36), Melaka dan Pahang masing-masing 26 kes, Putrajaya (3) dan Labuan (1),” katanya.

Mengenai 13 kematian yang dilaporkan, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sebanyak enam kes di Kuala Lumpur, Selangor (3), Sarawak (2) serta masing-masing satu kes di Melaka dan Johor dengan lingkungan umur 53 hingga 84 tahun.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, 13 kluster baharu dikenal pasti pada Jumaat dengan 10 daripadanya berkaitan tempat kerja, dua melibatkan komuniti dan satu membabitkan kumpulan berisiko tinggi, menjadikan jumlah kluster aktif kini sebanyak 511 kes.

Menurutnya, daripada 10 kluster baharu di tempat kerja, lima dikesan di Johor iaitu Jalan Kota Murni, Jalan Murni 12, Jalan Tun Mutahir, Jalan Indah Utama dan Parit Haji Khamis; dua di Selangor (Kompleks Pe-

rabut dan Jalan Sementa) dan masing-masing satu di Sabah (Singgahmata), Sarawak (Kejatau) serta Kuala Lumpur (Jalan Kuchai).

“Kluster komuniti pula ialah Jalan Green di Sarawak dan Bukit Petiti di Terengganu, manakala kluster kumpulan berisiko tinggi dikesan di Terengganu iaitu Kluster Kubang Jambu,” katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, 109 kluster mencatatkan pertambahan kes baharu dengan Kluster Jalan Murni 12 merekodkan jumlah tertinggi sebanyak 339 kes, diikuti Kluster Jalan Perindustrian Pelepas (179) dan Kluster Industri Tekstil Nilai (113).

- *Bernama*



DR NOOR HISHAM



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Dengue cases can spike if Selangor folk do not continue with preventive measures, warns exco member

EVEN as dengue cases are on the decline in Selangor since January, the authorities say residents should not take things for granted.

This is because the danger posed by Aedes mosquitoes still lurks and cases can escalate suddenly.

On a weekly average, Selangor recorded 357 dengue cases from Jan 1 to Feb 13.

No deaths were reported in the first six weeks.

In total, Selangor had 2,144 confirmed dengue cases as of last Saturday, a significant drop compared to the same period last year, when the state recorded 11,338 cases.

There was a 81.1% drop, or 9,194 cases, compared to the same period in 2020, when seven deaths were recorded.

In Selangor, Petaling, Hulu Langat and Gombak districts had the highest number of cases.

Health authorities in all nine districts – Gombak, Hulu Langat, Hulu Selangor, Klang, Kuala Langat, Kuala Selangor, Petaling, Sabak Bernam and Sepang – are on alert as certain neighbourhoods have been tagged as outbreak areas or hotspots.

Petaling has recorded 679 cases while Hulu Langat and Gombak have 571 and 400, respectively.

Cases in Klang stood at 298 while Sepang had 81, Kuala Langat (48), Kuala Selangor (38), Hulu Selangor (26) and Sabak Bernam (three).

State health, welfare, women empowerment and family committee chairman Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud warned everyone to continue to be mindful of the dengue menace.

“People must not be complacent and should continue to take the necessary precautions,” she said.

The state, she said, saw week six recording 301 cases compared to 324 cases in week five.

Glad that the cases were reducing, Dr Siti Mariah attributed it to the movement control order.

“Fewer people are out and about due to the MCO, which means fewer people are getting bitten.

“Most people are indoors, they do not go to work or school,” she said, adding that people tend to keep their houses and surroundings clean when confined at home.

The Health Ministry has identified 11 hotspots in Selangor. They are:

- > Kampung Changkat Z5 and Kampung Kenanga Rawang in Gombak district;
- > Apartment Green Suria Taman Desa Baiduri, Jalan Impian Jaya Saujana Impian, Jalan TKP 10-20 Taman Kantan Permai and Section 6, Bandar Sri Putra in Hulu Langat district;
- > Section 17/21, 21A-21G, 26, 28, 41, 43.45, 49 and 54, PJS 8 Mentari Court, PJS 9 to PJS 9/30, USJ 11/4, and Section U10 Alam Budiman: Jalan U10/68-U10/77B in Petaling district.

Klang Municipal Council (MPK) Health Department director Azmi Muji said the Klang district saw a drastic 86.5% drop with 298 cases, compared to the same period last year when it recorded 2,203 cases.

“Our councillors have been told to engage with residents in neighbourhoods to rid their surroundings of junk and containers that could become mosquito breeding sites,” he added.



Roof tiles, plastic bottles and empty pots stacked up in backyards are the ideal breeding spots for Aedes mosquitoes. – Photos: SS KANESAN/The Star



Dr Siti Mariah believes the MCO has helped to reduce dengue cases in Selangor.



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Dengue alert
 Make sure there are no Aedes breeding grounds in your homes and its surrounding areas.

- Pails**
Scrub and wash every week and cover properly. When not using turn it upside down.
- Rain gutter**
Make sure the gutters are not clogged. Repair and replace them when rusty.
- Flower pots/vases**
Make sure flower pots are dry. For vases, scrub and wash every week.
- Tyres/cans/bottles**
Keep tyres and tin cans dry and put larvicide.
- Plate racks**
Dispose of accumulated water in the tray.
- Toilet**
Wash the cistern, put larvicide in the toilet bowl.
- Refrigerator's under tray**
Scrub and wash every week. Put larvicide.

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Mahendran said untended potted plants on roadsides will be removed by MPK.

Councillors team up with residents to curb dengue

KLANG councillors in charge of Sentosa and Pandamaran want to educate residents to bring down the number of dengue cases.

Sentosa recorded 69 dengue cases until Feb 13 this year, while Pandamaran had 62 cases.

M. Mahendran and M. Prabu, who are councillors in charge of Sentosa, said Klang Municipal Council (MPK) was going all out to push its anti-dengue campaign by getting residents to stop indiscriminate littering and rubbish dumping.

These practices are among the factors that have contributed to dengue cases in Sentosa.

"We also find that people have neglected green spaces outside their homes.

"Potted plants and plastic containers used for planting are untended and overgrown, turning them into ideal spots for Aedes mosquitoes to breed," said Prabu.

"MPK plans to issue notices to remove potted plants on public roads and residential parks.

"If people fail to clean up the area, the council will remove the pots," he said.

Prabu added that people must be continuously vigilant as dengue



Chia asks residents to spend 10 minutes a week to ensure empty containers are cleared of any stagnant water.

cases may spike.

"We are now experiencing warmer temperatures, and the moderate rain can spur Aedes mosquito breeding and hatching in clear rainwater collected on leaves and in empty containers outside homes," he said.

Mahendran said he would team up with residents to hold *gotong-royong* activities at dengue hot-spots.

Fogging in Sentosa will be conducted at Lorong Batu Nilam 21H,



Prabu checking drains on receiving complaints of mosquitoes breeding.

Jalan Bayu Tinggi 1B, Taman Bayu Tinggi, Lorong Batu Nilam, 26A, Lorong Batu Nilam 18C, Jalan Selampit 28 in Klang Jaya, Jalan Tun Sambanthan in Taman Sri Andalas, Jalan Dato Dagang 2 in Taman Sentosa, Lorong Bendahara 14A and 20A off Jalan Sungai Jati.

Meanwhile, Pandamaran councillor Chia Siu said the public should take the necessary meas-

ures, such as keeping their premises clean, to eliminate Aedes mosquito breeding grounds.

"People must clean inside their homes as well as their surroundings. We want them to spend 10 minutes a week to ensure empty containers are cleared of any stagnant water.

"Most of the time, Aedes mosquitoes breed in discarded or unwanted

items left lying about," she pointed out.

Chia urged residents to be committed to the fight against dengue.

"Most of the time, it is the people's indifference that hampers our efforts.

"There have been instances where health officers conducting checks for larvae have had the door shut in their faces or not allowed to fog premises where dengue cases were reported," she said.

In Pandamaran, the areas to be fogged are Persiaran Seraya in Taman Chi Liung, Lorong Zamrud in Taman Cembira, Jalan Kemanis, Apartment Bayu Villa, Taman Bayu Perdana, Jalan Terung in Pandamaran, Lorong Mesra in Taman Kim Chuan and Jalan Melaka in Port Klang.

Dengue cases reported in areas under MPK are Kota Kemuning (41 cases), Meru (28), Sungai Kandis (27), Port Klang (27), Selat Klang (18), Bandar Baru Klang (14), Sementa (nine), Batu Tiga (two) and Kota Anggerik (one).

Klang district has had 298 cases from January to Feb 13 this year.

There were 2,203 cases and no deaths recorded in the corresponding period last year.