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Jumlah kes baharu menurun kepada 1,924

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Putrajaya: Jumlah kes jangkitan baharu COVID-19 menunjukkan trend penurunan kepada 1,924 kes dilaporkan semalam, termasuk enam kes import yang dikesan mendapat jangkitan dari luar negara.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata Malaysia kembali melaporkan jumlah kes harian kurang daripada 2,000 selepas pelaksanaan Ordinan Darurat pada 11 Januari lalu.

Katanya, penurunan kes harian secara konsisten itu adalah perkembangan positif dan diharapkan situasi semasa COVID-19 akan bertambah baik.

"Selangor melaporkan kes harian tertinggi iaitu 666 kes dan daripada jumlah ini 527 kes atau 79.1 peratus dikesan dalam kluster sedia ada dan saringan kontak rapat COVID-19 yang aktif dijalankan di lapangan.

"Ini diikuti Johor dengan 257 kes (13.4 peratus) dan Sarawak 219 kes (11.4 peratus). Sebanyak 105 kes (5.5 peratus) yang dilaporkan pula adalah berkaitan kluster di dalam pen-

jara dan depot tahanan imigresen," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham turut memaklumkan sehingga jam 12 tengah semalam, 3,752 kes pulih dilaporkan. Ia menjadikan jumlah kes pulih sepenuhnya daripada COVID-19 ialah 263,761 kes bersamaan 89.81 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

"Sehingga kini 28,837 kes aktif dengan kebolehhangkitan COVID-19 dilaporkan, daripada jum-

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Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan

lah ini 205 kes sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dan 91 daripadanya memerlukan alat bantuan pernafasan," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham memaklumkan, terdapat 12 kes kematian membabitkan warga tempatan menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes kematian di negara ini 1,100 kes atau 0.37 peratus.

Kes kematian itu membabitkan individu berusia antara 52 hingga 91 tahun iaitu sembilan dilaporkan di Selangor, dua di Sarawak serta satu kes di Pulau Pinang.

Mengenai lapan kluster baharu yang dikesan, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, lima kluster berpunca dari tempat kerja, dua dalam kalangan komuniti dan satu dari kumpulan berisiko tinggi.

"Satu daripada kluster berpunca dalam kalangan komuniti dikenali sebagai Kluster Jalan Ho Pin yang membabitkan daerah Semarahan, Kuching dan Serian di Sarawak. Kluster ini membabitkan majlis sosial yang berlangsung pada 11 hingga 13 Februari lalu di Kuching.

"Kes indeks dalam kluster ini (iaitu kes ke-279,787) dilaporkan po-

sitif COVID-19 pada 20 Februari lalu hasil saringan sendiri. Nama kluster merujuk kepada kediaman kes indeks yang terletak di Jalan Ho Pin off Jalan Datuk Mohd Musa, Samarahan.

"Sehingga jam 12 tengah semalam, 120 individu sudah disaring dan 14 daripadanya dikesan positif COVID-19," katanya.

Bagi kluster lain, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kluster Industri 19 dikesan di Petaling dan Gombak serta sudah menjangkiti 34 kes.

"Kluster SS Lapan (Klang, Kuala Selangor dan Petaling) menjangkiti 36 kes; Kluster Industri Jalan Empat (Hulu Langat, Klang dan Sepang) menjangkiti 12 kes dan Kluster Jalan Putra Silang (Kepong, Cheras, Lembah Pantai dan Bentong di Pahang) menjangkiti lapan kes.

"Kluster Lorong Murni (Seberang Perai Utara, Pulau Pinang) menjangkiti 21 kes; Kluster Kampung Mak Teh (Batang Padang di Perak) menjangkiti 16 kes dan Kluster Tapak Bina Indera Mahkota (Kuantan) dan menjangkiti 10 kes," katanya.



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SERVICE COUNTERS

> MBPJ is reopening its drive-in service counter. Operational hours are 9am to 3pm from Mondays to Thursdays and 9am to 1pm on Fridays. The counters are closed on weekends. *26/2/2021 ms*

> Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) has extended the deadline for online business licence renewal to March 31. Business owners can renew their licences at icomm.mpaj.gov.my. For details, call 03-4285 7324.

> Ratepayers can pay their assessment tax to MPAJ at its mobile counters at Taman Melawati night market this month from 11am to 2pm. The public can also pay online via <https://icomm.mpaj.gov.my/>. For details, call 03-4285 7004/7282 or email jhasil@mpaj.gov.my



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MBSJ may use reserve funds

City council will try to make do with lowest tax collection to date

By JADE CHAN
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SUBANG Jaya City Council's (MBSJ) assessment tax collection has been at its lowest in recent years.

However, Subang Jaya mayor Noraini Roslan assured that the council had sufficient reserves to keep its operations going.

"MBSJ's finances are stable despite a significant decline in January 2021's tax collection rate compared to the same period in previous years.

"The shortfall may have a huge impact on MBSJ's income this year, but we have sufficient reserves to operate for a few months," she said at the city council's full board meeting.

As of Jan 31, the council had collected RM211mil or just 8% of its

RM278mil projected revenue for this year.

Its management expenditure was RM12.4mil and development expenditure RM2.3mil, both as of Jan 31.

"We will continue to monitor our revenue collection for February.

"If it continues to decline, we will have to take immediate action such as reducing operating expenses and using council reserves for development works if necessary," said Noraini.

The deadline for the first of two assessment tax annual payments is Feb 28 and MBSJ would, in principle, issue notices to those who had not paid by then.

However, Noraini said the council would at the next finance committee meeting review the late pay-

ment charges by taking into account the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ratepayers are encouraged to settle their assessment tax on time, using either online or offline payment options such as MBSJ's website, online banking, e-wallet, e-pay at selected petrol stations and convenience stores, post offices and payment kiosks at MBSJ's offices.

Meanwhile, Noraini said 21 of MBSJ's staff had tested positive for Covid-19, with the first case reported on Oct 27 last year and the most recent one on Feb 9.

"There are presently no active cases or employees requiring medical treatment," she said.

Those who tested positive were from six departments — corporate, licensing, building, community development, management services

and enforcement.

As a precautionary measure, MBSJ held free Covid-19 screening for some 100 of its frontline staff on Feb 10. A similar exercise was done in May last year.

In lieu of organising a Chinese New Year celebration during the movement control order period, MBSJ will be presenting *poon choy* (festive meal in a pot) to B40 families living within the city council's administrative area.

"A total of 100 pots of *poon choy* will be presented to B40 families identified by MBSJ councillors within their respective zones," said MBSJ Corporate and Strategic Management Department deputy director Azfarizal Abdul Rashid.

The presentation ceremony and



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distribution is scheduled for today, which is also Chap Goh Meh (15th night of Chinese New Year).

In addition to *poon choy* valued at RM200 per unit, MBSJ is also giving *ang pow* of RM68 to each recipient.

"Since it is not advisable to organise large-scale social events during this time, the funds that would have been used for the public celebration at the council will be channelled to buy *poon choy* for underprivileged families instead," said Azfarizal.



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Rubbish-filled drains put health, safety at risk

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CLOGGED drains resulting from untrimmed trees and rubbish being thrown into the irrigation system of Taman Megah Ria are attracting rats and crows.

One of the residents, Salahuddin Abdullah, 55, who has lived in Taman Megah Ria since 1995, said this was a huge problem in the neighbourhood.

“The crows and rats are a nuisance. They are a health hazard, especially now, with the Covid-19 pandemic.

“The clogged drains have also become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, which could lead to dengue,” he added.

Salahuddin said he had been lodging complaints to Johor Baru City Council (MBJB) since 2009 but the council had yet to take action.

“The crows have made nests on big trees and I have to wash my car daily because of their droppings,” he added.

Another resident who only wanted to be known as Chan, 70, urged the city council to take immediate action.

“The drain at the back alleys is full of rubbish and has become a breeding ground for rats and cockroaches.

“The situation is worse now as



Salahuddin showing a rubbish-clogged drain along Jalan Jelatang 27 in Taman Megah Ria, Johor Baru.

there are traders from the morning market and food court who throw waste into the drain,” he said.

Retiree Rauf Hamid, 55, added that the clogged drains could lead to flash floods as there was an industrial area nearby.

He said whenever it rained heavily, water from the clogged drains would overflow.

When contacted, Johor Baru mayor Datuk Adib Azhari Daud said the clogged drain issue was under the purview of Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation (SWCorp).

He explained that under the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007 (Act 672), SWCorp had taken over responsibility for such matters from all local authorities.

“In light of the complaint, MBJB has contacted SWCorp and its concession company to resolve the issue of clogged drains in the area.

“SWCorp has taken action to resolve the matter,” he said.

As for the problem with crows, MBJB has employed several methods of crow control, including

destroying the nests and shooting the birds.

Adib Azhari said the first method was conducted in areas targeted by MBJB while the second method required special permission from the police.

“The shooting of crows was carried out on Oct 28 last year and on Jan 7, with a total of 230 crows killed.

“As for the rat problem, MBJB carried out six pest control operations in the area last year where poison was used to kill 122 rats,” he added.



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COVID-19 VACCINE

MINISTRY EXPLAINS NEEDLES USED ON PM

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Different-sized needles used for drawing vaccine from vial and administering it

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amid controversy and speculation about the needles used to inoculate Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin with the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine on Wednesday.

"The different colour of the needle means a different bore size. The needle used to aspirate from a vial is bigger in size (blue) to ensure a smooth extraction.

"A smaller bore-sized needle (red or orange) for inoculation ensures less pain and bruising.

"In addition, different needles are required to prevent cross-contamination between patients.

"Importantly, the vaccine drawn from the vial and given to the patient is unchanged."

Netizens had questioned the reason behind the change in the colour of the needles from blue when drawing the vaccine from the vial to orange when inoculating the premier.

"Doctors on social media are sharing differing views about this matter.

"One of the questions is why wasn't the same needle used to draw the vaccine and inject the prime minister?

"We hope the ministry would clarify this," a Netizen wrote on Facebook.

Muhyiddin received the first dose of the vaccine at the Putrajaya District Health Office, becoming the first Malaysian to receive a jab against the virus, kicking off the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme.

The vaccination was televised live on RTM to reassure the people of the vaccine's safety.

The first batch of 312,390 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine arrived here on Sunday.



Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on Wednesday became the first Malaysian to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine.
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