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Penularan COVID-19

Jangkitan baharu terus menurun

Kes aktif kurang daripada 20,000, Selangor kekal catat angka tertinggi harian

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Putrajaya: Jumlah kes jangkitan harian COVID-19 turun kepada 1,529 kes semalam, tendah pernah dilaporkan sejak Ordinan Darurat (Kuasa-Kuasa Perlu 2021) dikuatkuasakan pada 11 Januari lalu.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah yang berharap trend itu akan berterusan dan seterusnya melandaikan keluk jangkitan COVID-19 di negara ini, berkata kes aktif dilaporkan semalam juga kurang daripada 20,000, iaitu 19,778 kes selepas kali terakhir ia dilaporkan bawah 20,000 adalah pada 25 Disember lalu.

Beliau berkata, Selangor kekal merekodkan kes harian baharu tertinggi iaitu 726 kes atau 47.5 peratus semalam dan daripada jumlah itu, 645 kes atau

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88.8 peratus membabitkan kluster sedia ada dan saringan kontak rapat COVID-19 di lapangan, diikuti Sarawak dengan 252 kes atau 16.5 peratus dan Johor dengan 120 kes atau 7.8 peratus.

"Selain itu 34 atau 2.2 peratus kes yang dilaporkan adalah berkaitan kluster dalam penjara, lokap dan depot tahanan imigrasi (DTI)," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Antara kluster berkenaan, katanya, Kluster DTI Persiaran Wawasan dengan 17 kes, Kluster Penjara Jalan Harapan (8), Kluster Tembok Taiping (5), Kluster Penjara Sungai Jelok (2) dan masing-masing satu kes dalam Kluster Tembok Bukit Besi serta Kluster Tembok Pengkalan Chepa.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, lapan kematian dilaporkan semalam membabitkan tujuh warganegara dan seorang warga asing, masing-masing dua kes di Sabah, Pulau Pinang dan Johor serta satu kes di Kuala Lumpur dan Sarawak, semua berusia antara 61 hingga 89 tahun yang kebanyakannya mempunyai sejarah penyakit kronik.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, empat kluster baharu dikesan termasuk tiga berpunca di tempat kerja dan satu kluster

membabitkan komuniti.

"Kluster Cyber 72 membabitkan tempat kerja dikesan di daerah Kulai, Johor. Kes indeks bagi kluster ini (kes ke-306,783) dilaporkan positif COVID-19 pada 4 Mac lalu hasil saringan individu bergejala. Kluster ini membabitkan sebuah kilang di Jalan Cyber 5, Senai, Kulai dan sehingga kini, 163 individu disaring sebelum 18 kes dikesan positif COVID-19.

"Bagi Kluster Jalan i-Park Tiga, ia turut dikesan di tempat kerja di Kulai. Kes indeks bagi kluster ini (kes 311,121) dilaporkan positif COVID-19 pada 6 Mac lalu hasil saringan individu bergejala. Kluster ini membabitkan pekerja kilang di Jalan i-Park 1/3, Bandar Indahpura, Kulai dan kini menjangkiti lapan kes," katanya.

Kluster ketiga, katanya, dikenali sebagai Kluster Jalan Loke Yew membabitkan daerah Cheras dengan kes indeks dilaporkan positif COVID-19 pada 2 Mac lalu hasil saringan bersasar pekerja pasar raya di Jalan Loke Yew sebelum 11 daripada 16 individu yang, didapati positif jangkitan virus itu.

"Bagi kluster dalam kalangan komuniti, ia dikenali sebagai Kluster Bukit Bayas



2.2 peratus kes yang dilaporkan adalah berkaitan kluster dalam penjara, lokap dan DTI.

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah,
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan

membabitkan daerah Kuala Terengganu, Johor Bahru dan Petaling di Selangor. Kes indeks bagi kluster ini (kes 305,877) dilaporkan positif COVID-19 pada 3 Mac lalu hasil saringan individu bergejala.

"Nama kluster merujuk kepada lokaliti di mana kes dilaporkan iaitu di Kampung Bukit Bayas, Kuala Terengganu," katanya menambah seramai 139 individu disaring dan 23 dikesan positif COVID-19.

Sementara itu, katanya, sebanyak 2,076 kes sembuh dilaporkan semalam, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya sebanyak 294,034 kes atau 93.4 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.



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A RESIDENTIAL area in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur has been identified as the site of a chikungunya outbreak in the city, with 56 confirmed cases so far.

Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya Health Department said the outbreak in Taman Dato Senu was first detected on Feb 16.

Its director Datuk Dr Param Jeeth Singh told *StarMetro* that even though the situation was under control, residents in the neighbourhood should take extra precautions to stop the spread of the virus.

Dr Param Jeeth said after the first few cases were detected, immediate steps were taken to control and monitor the situation.

He said health officers from the department and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) inspected a total of 1,381 houses for potential mosquito breeding grounds, and 852 households underwent fogging.

Some 2,416 residents were screened while active detection is ongoing following the initial outbreak.

Between Feb 16 and March 5, a total of 56 cases were reported in Taman Dato Senu and its surrounding areas.

Two individuals were hospitalised and the rest received outpatient treatment. Apart from that, two other cases were reported in Lembah Pantai and Titiwangsa.

When asked about the reasons for the outbreak in Taman Dato Senu, Dr Param Jeeth cited clogged drains and abandoned houses.

"Like dengue, for chikungunya, the hot-spots are areas with clogged drains and water ponding as well as abandoned houses which are perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes," he said.

Just like dengue, chikungunya is spread by the *Aedes* mosquito.

"Dengue is endemic in Malaysia with a high number of cases mostly in urban areas whereas chikungunya typically occurs in rural areas.

"However due to the high mobility of people (including those infected with the disease), chikungunya can be transmitted in urban areas.

"We notified DBKL and immediate measures were taken to stop the spread."

On alert following chikungunya outbreak

56 cases reported and over 2,400 residents in Taman Dato Senu and surrounding areas screened for virus



An Alam Flora worker clearing a drain that is clogged up with debris.

he added.

When contacted, DBKL Health and Environment Department director Dr Umi Ahmad said apart from fogging, the city council had also put up posters and banners to create awareness of the disease.

"The Batu area is the most affected and our investigation points to factors like clogged drains resulting in stagnant water.

"Unsanctioned renovations by residents have resulted in drains being covered up and rubbish accumulating, causing water to stagnate.

Alam Flora cleaners have reported to us that they were not able to clean the drains as they were blocked," she said.

Dr Umi also attributed the outbreak to abandoned houses with overgrown shrubs and uncollected rubbish inside.

"We are trying everything we can to control the situation here, but the public must play their part in making sure that all breeding points are eradicated," Dr Umi said, adding that DBKL would liaise with residents associations to get the community to carry out a *gotong-royong* session.



A Kuala Lumpur health department worker conducting a fogging exercise in Taman Dato Senu, Sentul.

Meanwhile, those experiencing symptoms like fever, joint pain, muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue and rash are advised to visit the nearest medical facility as soon as possible.



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Council using solar CCTVs to nab those dumping rubbish illegally

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LITTERBUGS beware – Ipoh City Council (MBI) has been using portable solar CCTV cameras to be its additional “eyes and ears”

to catch those throwing rubbish at illegal dumpsites.

The city council's Engineering Department senior chief assistant director Arif Mohd Zainudin said MBI had purchased two sets of the cameras at the

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end of 2019.

He said the cameras were fixed at specific locations for a period of time, according to recommendations by the anti-litter unit.

“Usually the cameras, which are not visible to the public, are placed at a location for about three months.

“So far, seven locations have been fitted with the cameras since 2019 on a rotation basis, where the video footage has allowed us to nab culprits,” he said when contacted after a live Facebook show called “MBI dan Anda” on March 4.

The session on waste management was hosted by the city council's senior director Musa Dun.



A team from MBI fixing the portable solar CCTV. The cameras cost RM500 each and are set up at hotspots for a three-month period.

“When compounds were issued to the culprits, they realised that the place was being monitored and they stopped littering.”

Arif Mohd Zainudin

Arif added that the cameras were mainly installed at sites where construction waste was discarded.

He said the camera was first installed in Meru near the now-closed Movie Animation Park Studios which was a hotspot for lorries discarding construction waste.

“When compounds were issued to the culprits, they realised that the place was being monitored and they stopped littering.”

“We have also placed cameras in several

market areas which are also hotspots for people to throw rubbish,” he added.

Arif said one set cost RM500, and it ran on solar power in the daytime, with a battery back-up for night.

“This method of being ‘watched’ has created awareness among people who discard rubbish anywhere.

“I hope this additional step will deter people from littering and creating unwanted illegal dumpsites,” he said.

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THE Rentak Selangor programme went virtual this year, via digital recording and live stream on social media.

In addition to adhering to the guidelines and physical distancing measures set by the Health Ministry and National Security Council, the event was in line with the Selangor government's efforts to explore digitalisation initiatives to benefit the people.

Held since 2016, Rentak Selangor aims to enliven the arts, culture and heritage sector by providing a platform for perfor-

mances and knowledge sharing among cultural heritage personalities and performance arts activists from various communities in the state.

The virtual event showcased diverse arts and cultural shows practised by local communities in Selangor.

Performances included *cem-puling* and *angklung* music, lion and peacock dances as well as *tarian kuda, joget* and *zapin*.

To view the show, visit Rentak Selangor's official Facebook and Youtube pages.