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MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

28 peratus kanak-kanak didaftarkan dapat vaksin

Ibu bapa digesa segera bawa anak untuk pelalian, elak dedah risiko kesihatan

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Putrajaya: Lebih satu juta atau 28 peratus kanak-kanak berusia lima tahun hingga 11 tahun di negara ini sudah berdaftar untuk mendapatkan vaksin COVID-19.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin, berkata, seramai 1,022,966 kanak-kanak akan mendapatkan pelalian berkenaan menerusi Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak (PICKids), yang diperkenalkan sejak 3 Februari lalu.

Pada masa sama, Khairy berharap ibu bapa tidak mengambis sikap 'tunggu dan lihat' dalam isu pemberian vaksin kepada

anak mereka.

"Ini kerana kadar kemasukan kanak-kanak ke hospital mula meningkat. Daftarkan anak anda untuk PICKids hari ini," katanya dalam ciapan di Twitter.

Khairy berkata seramai 269,400 kanak-kanak di Selangor sudah didaftarkan untuk menerima imuniti COVID-19, sekali gus menjadi negeri paling tinggi dalam pendaftaran PICKids.

"Ia diikuti Johor (150,800), Kuala Lumpur (96,700), Sarawak (90,000), Pulau Pinang (69,000), Perak (66,000), Kedah (55,400), Pahang (44,500), Melaka (39,500), Sabah (39,000) dan Negeri Sembilan (36,000).

"Selain itu, Terengganu (28,100), Kelantan (21,900), Putrajaya (9,200), Perlis (4,700) dan Labuan (2,000)," katanya.

Memperincikan jumlah pemberian vaksin mengikut etnik, Khairy berkata, kanak-kanak daripada kaum Cina paling tinggi mendapatkan pelalian berkenaan di negara ini iaitu sebanyak 46.4 peratus.

"Kanak-kanak kaum Cina dilapan negeri yang sudah mendapat-

kan vaksin melebihi 50 peratus ialah di Melaka (80.3 peratus), Kedah (65.5 peratus), Kuala Lumpur (61.3 peratus), Perak (58.4 peratus), Pahang (58.1 peratus), Perlis (59 peratus), Terengganu (53.6 peratus) dan Selangor (53.5 peratus)," katanya.

Sementara itu, menerusi laman web COVIDNOW, sehingga kelmarin, sebanyak 14.5 peratus atau 513,393 kanak-kanak di negara ini sudah mendapatkan sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin COVID-19.

Jumlah itu dicapai selepas sejumlah 58,894 dos diberikan kelmarin.

Berdasarkan data menerusi laman web COVIDNOW, sebanyak 513,393 individu atau 14.5 peratus populasi kanak-kanak berusia lima hingga 11 tahun di Malaysia menerima dos pertama vaksin COVID-19 melalui PICKids, setakat kelmarin.

Sejumlah 13,992,391 atau 59.5 peratus populasi dewasa di dalam negara pula menerima dos penggalak COVID-19 dan seramai 22,944,168 atau 97.5 peratus lengkap vaksinasi, manakala

23,221,715 atau 98.7 peratus sudah menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos.

Bagi remaja berusia 12 hingga 17 tahun, sejumlah 2,799,806 individu atau 90 peratus daripada kumpulan itu melengkapkan vaksinasi mereka, manakala 2,884,882 atau 92.8 peratus menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin.

Sebanyak 128,153 dos suntikan vaksin diberikan kelmarin, membabitkan 61,230 suntikan dos pertama, 464 suntikan dos lengkap dan 66,459 suntikan dos penggalak menjadikan jumlah kumulatif vaksin bagi Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kebangsaan (PI-CIK) kini meningkat kepada 66,148,498.

Sementara itu, menurut portal GitHub Kementerian Kesihatan, 37 kes kematian akibat COVID-19 direkodkan kelmarin, dengan Johor merekodkan sembilan kes, diikuti Selangor (tujuh), Kedah (enam), Perak dan Sabah masing-masing empat kes, Pulau Pinang (tiga), Pahang (dua) dan satu kes masing-masing di Melaka dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan.

Lapor KKM jika majikan larang bawa anak ambil suntikan

Bagan Serai: Pekerja yang dilarang majikan untuk membawa anak mendapatkan suntikan vaksin COVID-19, boleh membuat laporan terus kepada Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM).

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali, berkata semua majikan sudah diminta membantu proses pelalian itu dengan memberi kelengkapan kepada pekerja masing-masing, seperti kerja separuh hari atau cuti bagi membolehkan mereka membawa anak mendapatkan vaksin.

"KKM tetap memantau perkara ini biarpun belum ada sebarang laporan diterima berikutan majikan melarang pekerja membawa anak mereka disuntik vaksin. Sejak Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kanak-kanak (PI-

CKids) bermula 3 Februari lalu, tidak ada laporan mengenai perkara itu diterima.

"Difahamkan sudah ramai ibu bapa mengemukakan cara sendiri untuk membawa anak mendapatkan vaksin dan saya yakin semua majikan dapat memberi kerjasama baik," katanya pada sidang media selepas lawatan kerja ke Pusat Pemberian Vaksin Kanak-kanak di Dewan Seri Selinsing, Gunung Semanggol, di sini semalam.

Dr Noor Azmi berkata, ibu bapa juga disarankan mendapatkan imunisasi COVID-19 untuk anak masing-masing ekoran kebimbangan peningkatan Sindrom Kerdangan Pelbagai Sistem Dalam Kanak-kanak (MISC).

"Berdasarkan kajian 14 hospital di bawah KKM, 174 orang



Dr Noor Azmi melakukan suntikan vaksin kepada Muhammad Iqbal Ishak pada Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak di Dewan Seri Selinsing, Gunung Semanggol, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

didapati ada MISC dan daripada itu, 50.1 peratus adalah kanak-kanak berumur lima hingga 11 tahun, manakala rekod kematian adalah empat peratus," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan lain, beliau menasihati ibu bapa pelajar Kolej Matrikulasi Gopeng tidak bimbang keselamatan kesihatan anak mereka walaupun

terdapat penularan jangkitan COVID-19 di kolej itu, baru-baru ini.

"Difahamkan pihak kolej telah mengasingkan semua pelajar yang dijangkiti di kuarters kakitangan dan bilik tetamu, manakala pelajar yang tidak dijangkiti pula diasingkan di tempat lain dan tidak dibenarkan keluar atau pulang," katanya.

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MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

Kesan jangkitan terhadap kanak-kanak lebih parah

Ibu bapa perlu sedar COVID-19 bukan seperti demam selesema, influenza

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Putrajaya: Ibu bapa yang enggan atau teragak-agak untuk melaksanakan vaksinasi terhadap anak perlu sedar COVID-19 bukanlah seperti demam selesema atau influenza, sebaliknya kesannya lebih parah.

Pakar kanak-kanak negara, Datuk Dr Musa Mohd Nordin, berkata data dari Amerika Syarikat (AS) menunjukkan kesan COVID-19 terhadap kanak-kanak sehingga menyebabkan kematian adalah jauh lebih teruk berbanding demam selesema.

Beliau berkata, sepanjang lima tahun, iaitu antara 2015 hingga 2019, seramai 668 kanak-kanak di AS maut akibat demam selesema berbanding kematian 737 kanak-kanak akibat jangkitan COVID-19 sepanjang dua tahun iaitu 2020 dan 2021.

Katanya, pada 2021, hanya tiga kanak-kanak di AS maut akibat

demam selesema berbanding 539 kanak-kanak yang menderitai COVID-19.

"Pada tahun ini di AS, dua kanak-kanak meninggal dunia akibat demam selesema berbanding 58 yang maut akibat COVID-19."

"Bagi melindungi anak anda daripada demam selesema atau influenza sejak mereka berusia enam bulan dan pelalian terhadap COVID-19 bermula pada usia lima tahun," katanya kepada BH.

Pada masa sama, beliau berkata, kanak-kanak yang dijangkiti COVID-19 terdedah kepada *Multi System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)* iaitu kesan COVID-19 yang paling parah.

Katanya, apabila ia berlaku, hampir keseluruhan organ dalam kanak-kanak boleh dijangkiti dan mengalami keradangan. Dr Musa berkata, kanak-kanak

berusia antara lima hingga 11 tahun golongan yang paling mudah diserang keadaan sedemikian.

Pakar Perunding Pediatrik dan Pediatrik Nefrologi Hospital Selayang, Dr S Selva Kumar, berkata kanak-kanak berumur lima hingga 11 tahun yang tidak divaksin dan dijangkiti COVID-19 berisiko menghadapi komplikasi serius khususnya MIS-C memabatkan pelbagai organ dalam terutama jantung, paru-paru dan otak.

Katanya kebimbangan pakar pediatrik ketika ini ialah ramai dalam kalangan golongan itu telah dijangkiti COVID-19 dan terdedah dengan risiko MIS-C.

"Kami (pihak hospital) juga gerun sekiranya kanak-kanak mempunyai masalah MIS-C. Misalnya, tahun lalu, seorang pesakit kanak-kanak mengalami MIS-C, keadaannya serius dan

membimbangkan yang memerlukan rawatan intensif (alat pernafasan dan dialisis) sehingga pulih," katanya ketika dihubungi BERNAMA, semalam.

Dr Selva Kumar yang juga Ketua Jabatan Pediatrik Hospital Selayang berkata ibu bapa yang mempunyai anak dengan penyakit kronik disarankan segera mendaftar vaksinasi COVID-19.

Pakar Perunding Pediatrik dan Penyakit Berjangkit Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II Kota Bharu, Dr Nik Khairulddin Nik Yusoff, pula berkata MIS-C berpotensi menjadi kesan jangkitan COVID-19 berpanjangan pada tubuh badan kanak-kanak yang dijangkiti COVID-19.

Beliau berkata, dengan suntikan vaksin COVID-19, ia mampu menghasilkan imuniti dalam tubuh badan kanak-kanak dan memberikan perlindungan daripada kesan wabak berkenaan.

Dr Nik Khairulddin berkata, ibu bapa sebagai 'pelindung pertama' anak-anak perlu memainkan peranan mereka dan mengambil langkah proaktif bagi melindungi golongan itu daripada terdedah kepada kesan jangkitan virus berbahaya itu.

"Ibu bapa perlu memahami fakta tepat daripada sumber yang sahih berkaitan vaksin untuk menangkis segala kekusaran berkenaan vaksin COVID-19," katanya.

18,230 kes paling tinggi babit pesakit kategori dua

Putrajaya: Sebanyak 26,832 kes baharu COVID-19 dilaporkan kelmarin, sekali gus menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan individu dijangkiti virus berkenaan di negara ini meningkat kepada 3,221,680 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata kes yang direkodkan itu membabitkan 26,764 kes penularan tempatan dengan 68 kes lagi adalah import yang mendapat jangkitan dari luar negara.

Memperincikan mengenai kes kelmarin, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, paling tinggi adalah pesakit dalam kategori dua, iaitu 18,230 kes atau 67.94 peratus.

"Selain itu sejumlah 8,469 kes (31.56 peratus) pula adalah pesakit dalam kategori satu, diikuti kategori tiga (66 kes), kategori empat (38 kes) dan kategori lima (29 kes)," katanya dalam kenyataan, semalam.

Sementara itu, katanya, kadar kebolehjangkitan atau R-naught (Rt) COVID-19 di negara ini menurun kepada 1.21 pada Sabtu lalu berbanding 1.24 yang direkodkan hari sebelumnya.

Katanya, pada Sabtu sebanyak 13 negeri mencatatkan nilai Rt lebih tinggi berbanding Rt nasional.

Negeri yang mencatatkan nilai Rt melebihi 1.21 adalah Labuan (1.71), Sarawak (1.48), Sabah (1.40), Pulau Pinang (1.36), Terengganu (1.36), Negeri Sembilan (1.35), Perlis (1.32), Kedah (1.31), Kelantan (1.31), Selangor (1.30), Pahang (1.29), Johor (1.24) dan Kuala Lumpur (1.23), Perak (1.20), Melaka (1.19) dan Putrajaya (1.17).

Tiga negeri merekodkan penggunaan katil di wad unit rawatan rapi (ICU) melebihi 50 peratus iaitu Johor 32 daripada 46 katil yang dikhaskan untuk kes COVID-19 kini sudah diisi.

"Selain itu ialah Kuala Lumpur yang sudah menggunakan 65 peratus daripada keseluruhan 26 katil ICU yang diperuntukkan kepadanya untuk merawat pesakit COVID-19 serta Melaka merekodkan 50 peratus pengisian daripada jumlah keseluruhan 24 katil di wad berkenaan," katanya.

Bagi katil bukan ICU, terdapat empat negeri merekodkan penggunaan katil melebihi 90 peratus iaitu di Selangor dengan 104 peratus, Perlis (101 peratus), Kelantan (96 peratus) dan Perak (91 peratus).

Dr Noor Hisham turut memaklumkan pesakit COVID-19 yang memerlukan alat bantuan pernafasan turut meningkat kepada 139 pesakit serta peratusan penggunaan alat berkenaan adalah sebanyak 36 peratus.

“Bagi melindungi anak anda daripada demam selesema atau influenza sejak mereka berusia enam bulan dan pelalian terhadap COVID-19 bermula pada usia lima tahun”

Dr Musa Mohd Nordin,
Pakar kanak-kanak negara



Kebanyakan mukim di negeri Semenanjung kategori Zon Merah

Kuala Lumpur: Sebahagian besar mukim di negeri Semenanjung dikategorikan Zon Merah COVID-19 berikutan penularan wabak itu.

Di Selangor, data pergerakan 14 hari taburan kes COVID-19 sehingga semalam yang diperoleh daripada Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri melalui laman Facebook masing-masing, menunjukkan hanya mukim Hulu Semenyih di daerah Hulu Langat serta Hulu Tinggi (Kuala Selangor) dan Sungai Tinggi di Hulu Selangor ditakrifkan Zon Hijau, iaitu tiada kes.

Mukim Peretak dan Sungai Gumut dekat Hulu Selangor ditakrifkan sebagai Zon Kuning, manakala mukim Pasangan dekat Kuala Selangor dan mukim Kelanang, Kuala Langat pula dika-

tegorikan Zon Jingga.

Sesuatu daerah akan dikategorikan sebagai Zon Merah apabila mencatat 41 kes ke atas, Zon Jingga (21 hingga 40 kes), Zon Kuning (satu hingga 20 kes) dan Zon Hijau bagi daerah bebas kes COVID-19.

Begitu juga dengan Johor, empat daerah mencatatkan keseluruhan Zon Merah, iaitu Muar, Batu Pahat, Kulai dan Johor Bahru, sementara pulau dekat Mersing dan Kambau, Kota Tinggi antara dua mukim masih dikategorikan Zon Hijau.

Beberapa mukim seperti Bekok dan Sermin dekat Segamat serta Sungai Pinggan (Pontian) dikategorikan Zon Jingga enam mukim lain berada dalam Zon Kuning, iaitu Kundang (Tangkak), Nyior (Kluang), Lenggur,

Penyabong dan Sembrong dekat Mersing serta Sungai Karang, Pontian adalah Zon Kuning.

Kebanyakan daerah di Terengganu dan Perak masing-masing menunjukkan taburan kes yang tidak terlalu tinggi bagi Zon Merah memabatkan mukimnya.

Tinjauan di Facebook Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri yang lain, menunjukkan ada yang tidak menunjukkan kemas kini taburan kes mengikut daerah dan mukim.

Di Negeri Sembilan, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Bertindak Kesihatan, Kepenggunaan dan Alam Sekitar negeri, S Veerapan, berkata semua tujuh daerah di negeri itu merekodkan jumlah pesakit COVID-19 yang tinggi dan diletakkan dalam Zon Merah.

Katanya, daripada 61 mukim di negeri berkenaan, 38 daripadanya Zon Merah dengan Mukim Ampangan mencatatkan kes baharu paling tinggi, iaitu sebanyak 63 kes.

"Antara mukim yang mencatatkan kes aktif paling tinggi ialah Labu (1,357), Ampangan (1,284), Si Rusa (661) dan Setul (606). Lima mukim di Zon Jingga dan 15 mukim mencatatkan Zon Kuning."

"Hanya terdapat tiga mukim di Zon Hijau, iaitu Langkap dan Parit Tinggi masing-masing di Kuala Pilah serta Legung Ulu di Rembau," katanya.

Beliau berkata, semua mukim di daerah Seremban, Port Dickson dan Jempol mencatatkan Zon Merah membabitkan 18 mukim.

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 18
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

8 pusat kosmetik haram diserbu

**Imigresen
bongkar kegiatan
guna pekerja
warga asing tawar
harga murah**

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Dengkil: Jabatan Imigresen membongkar kegiatan pusat kecantikan dan pergigian haram yang menggunakan warga asing sebagai pekerja dengan menawarkan harga murah berbanding perkhidmatan profesional.

Ketua Pengarah Imigresen, Datuk Seri Khairul Dzaimie Daud, berkata pusat berkenaan mengenakan caj murah antara RM350 hingga RM8,000 yang menjadi modus operandi utama bagi menarik perhatian pelanggan.

Katanya siasatan mendapati pelanggan yang berminat mendapatkan suntikan kecantikan di bahagian mata (eye filler) dikenakan bayaran RM350, suntikan membesarkan payudara (RM1,900), tegangan kulit punggung atau botox punggung (RM3,500) dan pembedahan plastik mencecah hingga RM8,000.

Katanya modus operandi itu dikesan hasil serbuan serentak di lapan premis kecantikan se-



Khairul Dzaimie pada operasi penguatkuasaan Imigresen di Southville City, Dengkil, semalam.

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kitar Lembah Klang seperti Dengkil, Kepong, Puchong dan Kuchai, selain Pulau Pinang serta Negeri Sembilan, semalam.

Beliau berkata, serbuan dengan kerjasama Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dan Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri (LHDN) membawa kepada penahanan 16 warga Vietnam termasuk seorang lelaki dan lima wanita warga Indonesia berusia antara 25 hingga

40 tahun.

Katanya, siasatan mendapati perkhidmatan rawatan kecantikan itu dijalankan warga asing tidak mempunyai kemahiran profesional dan tidak diiktiraf KKM, selain boleh mendatangkan risiko kematian, kerosakan organ serta tubuh badan.

"Berdasarkan pemerhatian, pelanggan terdiri daripada warga tempatan seperti suri rumah

dan eksekutif, manakala tujuh premis diserbu disewa dan satu lagi milik warga asing.

"Perkhidmatan pusat rawatan kecantikan itu mendapat sambutan menggalakkan kerana mengenakan bayaran rendah, berbanding pusat rawatan berlesen dikendalikan golongan profesional bertauliah.

"Hasil risikan empat bulan, kita mendapati pusat itu menawar-

kan pelbagai rawatan mencantikan hidung dan membesarkan anggota badan, selain suntikan vitamin C, perkhidmatan kuruskan badan, rawatan pemutihan serta pemasangan pendakap gigi.

"Perkhidmatan itu diiklankan di Facebook, WeChat dan Instagram. Semakan lanjut mendapati pelanggan perlu request (membuat permohonan) untuk mendapat akses iklan itu terutama di Instagram," katanya pada sidang media di lokasi serbuan di Southville City, di sini, semalam.

Semua tahanan ditempatkan di depot imigresen mengikut Seksyen 6(1)(c), Seksyen 15(1)(c) Akta Imigresen 1959/63 (Akta 155) dan Peraturan 39(b) Peraturan-Peraturan Imigresen 1963 kerana kesalahan tinggal lebih masa serta salah guna pas lawatan sosial.

Ditanya kegiatan itu didalangi sindiket, Khairul Dzaimie berkata perkara itu masih dalam siasatan.

"KKM juga akan siasat jika tahanan ada membuat kesalahan lain. Kita terus bekerjasama dengan pelbagai agensi penguatkuasaan untuk menumpaskan sindiket atau individu yang menjalankan kegiatan itu.

"Ia untuk memberikan kesedaran kepada rakyat mengenai bahayanya rawatan kecantikan tidak bertauliah. Tindakan tegas akan dikenakan ke atas mereka yang didapati melanggar kesalahan berkaitan," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
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LAPAN SERBUAN DI EMPAT NEGERI

21 'pakar' kecantikan ditahan

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Seramai 21 warga asing ditahan selepas dipercayai terbabit dengan sindiket pusat rawatan kecantikan serta rawatan gigi tanpa tauliah dalam lapan serbuan berasingan di Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan dan Pulau Pinang, semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Imigresen Datuk Seri Khairul Dzaimie Daud berkata, pihaknya melakukan serbuan itu bersama Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) dan Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri selepas risikari dilakukan sejak lima bulan lalu di premis itu yang tidak berdaftar.

"Dalam serbuan ini, kami menahan seramai 21 warga asing termasuk seorang lelaki membabitkan 16 individu dari Vietnam dan lima individu dari Indonesia berusia 25 hingga 40 tahun.

"Semasa pemerhatian dilakukan sepanjang tempoh risikari di pusat rawatan kecantikan berkenaan, mereka didapati memberikan perkhidmatan serta rawatan kompleks yang memerlukan penggunaan alat perubatan.

"Ini termasuk rawatan mencantikkan hidung, rawatan membesarkan anggota badan tertentu atau dikenali sebagai *filler*, khidmat dan rawatan pemutihan gigi, perkhidmatan suntikan vitamin C dan botox serta perkhidmatan menguruskan badan seperti prosedur *Slimming Drimp*," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media di sebuah pusat rawatan kecantikan di Southville City, semalam.

Dalam serbuan itu, pihaknya menahan seorang wanita warga Indonesia yang juga pekerja di pusat kecantikan berkenaan bersama dua pelanggan warga tempatan dan seorang pelanggan warga Indonesia berusia lingkungan 20-an hingga 30-an.

Katanya, perkhidmatan rawatan kecantikan itu dijalankan oleh warga asing yang tidak mempunyai kemahiran profesional diiktiraf oleh KKM yang boleh mendatangkan risiko kematian serta kerosakan organ dan tubuh badan.

"Berdasarkan pemerhatian dilakukan, kami mendapati pelanggan pusat rawatan kecantikan ini terdiri daripada individu tempatan



ANGGOTA penguat kuasa menahan pemilik pusat kecantikan yang beroperasi secara haram di Southville City, Dengkil. - Gambar NSTP/AIZUDDIN SAAD



ANTARA alat perubatan yang digunakan warga asing terbabit sindiket pusat rawatan kecantikan tanpa tauliah.

seperti suri rumah dan pegawai eksekutif.

"Perkhidmatan pusat rawatan kecantikan ini mendapat sambutan yang tinggi kerana menawarkan bayaran rendah berbanding pusat rawatan berlesen yang dikendalikan oleh profesional yang bertauliah.

"Kadar caj dikenakan adalah antara RM350 dan RM8,000 bagi rawatan seperti *eye filler* sebanyak RM350, *breast filler* RM1,900, *botox filler* punggung RM3,500 dan pembedahan plastik RM8,000," katanya.

Beliau berkata, modus operandi sindiket berkenaan adalah mempromosi perkhidmatan itu melalui media sosial seperti Facebook, Instagram dan WeChat.

"Hasil semakan dilakukan mendapati kebanyakan akaun pusat rawatan kecantikan berkenaan diletakkan dalam status *private* khususnya bagi aplikasi Instagram sekali gus memerlukan pelanggan untuk *request* bagi

mengikuti akaun mereka.

"Semakan juga mendapati tujuh dari lapan pusat rawatan diserbu ini didapati disewa manakala satu lagi premis adalah dimiliki seorang warga asing," katanya.

Menurutnya, semua warga asing yang ditahan akan direman untuk siasatan lanjut mengikut Seksyen 6(1)(c) dan Seksyen 15(1)(c) Akta Imigresen 1959/63 serta Peraturan 39(b) Peraturan-Peraturan Imigresen 1963.

"Kes ini akan disiasat secara lanjut oleh pihak KKM atas mana-mana pelanggan yang berkaitan. Semua tahanan akan ditempatkan di Depot Imigresen untuk tindakan lanjut.

"Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia akan terus bekerjasama dengan pelbagai agensi penguatkuasaan untuk menumpaskan sindiket atau individu yang menjalankan kegiatan ini bagi memberikan kesedaran kepada orang ramai mengenai bahaya rawatan kecantikan yang tidak



Kami mendapati pelanggan pusat rawatan kecantikan ini terdiri daripada individu tempatan seperti suri rumah dan pegawai eksekutif"

Khairul Dzaimie

bertauliah.

"Tindakan tegas juga akan dikenakan ke atas mereka yang didapati melanggar kesalahan di bawah Akta Imigresen 1959/63, Peraturan-Peraturan Imigresen 1963, Akta Pasport 1966 serta Akta Anti-Pemerdagangan Orang dan Penyeludupan Migran 2007," katanya.

Harian Metro melalui laporan khas secara eksklusif sebelum ini melaporkan terdapat lebih 20 pusat kecantikan atau medispa di Lembah Klang dan beberapa negeri di utara serta selatan tanah air didalangi pakar bedah warga asing yang menjalankan prosedur pembedahan untuk rawatan berkenaan dengan harga bajet.

Biar pun tidak mempunyai lesen sah atau tauliah, pusat kecantikan terbabit aktif mempromosikannya di media sosial seperti TikTok, Instagram dan Facebook dengan memuat naik gambar atau video testimoni pelanggan yang sudah berjaya menjalani pembedahan berkenaan selain 'menjaja' pembedahan itu dilakukan 'pakar luar negara'.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : COVID-19

Vaksin jadi 'perisai'

Tiada kes kematian ibu hamil akibat Covid-19 setakat 15 Februari

Kuala Lumpur

Sebanyak 79 peratus daripada 191 kes kematian akibat komplikasi jangkitan Covid-19 dalam kalangan ibu hamil pada tahun lepas terdiri daripada mereka yang tidak menerima suntikan vaksin.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham

Abdullah berkata, semua kematian dalam kalangan ibu hamil yang dilaporkan sejak pandemik Covid-19 melanda negara, turut melibatkan 83 peratus daripada mereka yang mempunyai komorbiditi.

Namun, menurutnya, bagi

tahun ini sehingga 15 Februari, tiada kes kematian melibatkan ibu hamil disebabkan oleh jangkitan Covid-19 dilaporkan.

"Liputan vaksin yang tinggi iaitu 94.7 peratus pada umur 18 tahun ke atas tercapai pada

Oktober 2021 dan ini menyumbang kepada penurunan kematian ibu hamil akibat komplikasi Covid-19," katanya dalam satu hantaran di laman Facebook beliau.

Beliau berkata, sejumlah 18,277 kes jangkitan Covid-19 dalam kalangan ibu hamil dilaporkan dari Mac 2020 sehingga Januari tahun ini.

Liputan vaksin yang tinggi tercapai pada Oktober 2021



Tenang ambil vaksin

SEORANG kanak-kanak menerima suntikan vaksin dos pertama di Pusat Pemberian Vaksin (PPV) Tapak Pesta, Sungai Nibong, Georgetown, semalam. - Gambar NSTP/MIKAIL ONG

Jumlah kes catat sedikit penurunan

Kuala Lumpur: Kes harian baharu Covid-19 yang direkodkan kelmarin menurun kepada 26,832 berbanding 28,825 kes pada Sabtu.

Ketua Pengarah Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, jumlah kes baharu itu menjadikan kumulatif kes jangkitan virus itu di negara ini sebanyak 3,221,680 kes.

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 18,459 kes sembuh direkodkan kelmarin, menjadikan kumulatif sebanyak 2,937,655 kes.

"Daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes harian, 68 kes import dicatatkan iaitu membabitkan 28 warganegara (41.2 peratus) dan 40 bukan warganegara (58.8 peratus).

"Penularan kes tempatan pula membabitkan 26,764 kes iaitu 26,054 warganegara

(97.3 peratus) dan 710 bukan warganegara (2.7 peratus)," katanya dalam kenyataan media mengenai status terkini kes Covid-19 di Malaysia pada 20 Februari 2022, semalam.

Beliau berkata, kes yang memerlukan rawatan di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) adalah 261 kes (yang mana 98 kes disahkan Covid-19; 163 kes disyaki, kemungkinan dan kes dalam siasatan).

Katanya, sebanyak 139 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan yang mana 61 kes disahkan Covid-19; 78 kes disyaki, kemungkinan, dan kes dalam siasatan.

"Daripada jumlah kes

harian yang dilaporkan pada 20 Februari, sebanyak 133 kes (0.50 peratus) adalah kategori 3, 4, dan 5 dan 26,699 kes (99.50 peratus) lagi adalah kategori 1 dan 2.

"Kategori 1 adalah 8,469 kes (31.56 peratus), kategori 2 sebanyak 18,230 kes (67.94 peratus), kategori 3 sebanyak 66 kes (0.25 peratus), kategori 4 sebanyak 38 kes (0.14 peratus) dan kategori 5 sebanyak 29 kes (0.11 peratus)," katanya.

Beliau berkata, daripada 133 kes Covid-19 kategori 3, 4 dan 5 yang baharu dilaporkan, sebanyak 29 kes (21.80 peratus) tidak divaksinasi atau belum lengkap divak-

sinasi; 75 kes (56.39 peratus) sudah menerima dua dos vaksin Covid-19; 29 kes (21.80 peratus) sudah menerima dos penggalak; 62 kes (46.62 peratus) berusia 60 tahun dan ke atas; 47 kes (35.34 peratus) mempunyai komorbid; dan enam kes (4.51 peratus) ibu mengandung.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sebanyak 15 kluster baharu dilaporkan kepada Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) kelmarin.

"Ini menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan kluster Covid-19 sejak wabak bermula di negara ini adalah 6,719 kluster, dengan 6,219 kluster sudah tamat.

"Jumlah kluster aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan ketika ini adalah 500 kluster," katanya.

Jumlah kluster aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan ketika ini adalah 500 kluster
Dr Noor Hisham

PENGISIAN KATIL PKRC

Enam negeri catat kenaikan

Kuala Lumpur: Data Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mendapati penggunaan katil kes kritikal atau unit rawatan rapi (ICU) di tiga negeri iaitu Johor, Kuala Lumpur dan Melaka, sama atau melebihi 50 peratus.

Johor mencatatkan 70 peratus, Kuala Lumpur (65 peratus) dan Melaka (50 peratus).

Sementara, katil bukan ICU di sembilan negeri menunjukkan peratusan pengisian melebihi atau sama 50 peratus.

Negeri berkenaan adalah Selangor (104 peratus), Perlis (101 peratus), Kelantan (96 peratus), Perak (91 peratus), Putrajaya (82 peratus), Johor (82 peratus), Sabah (79 peratus), Kuala Lumpur (77 peratus) dan Pulau Pinang (50 peratus).

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, enam negeri iaitu Selangor (74 peratus), Terengganu (58 peratus), Sabah



(57 peratus), Melaka (53 peratus) dan Kelantan (50 peratus) menunjukkan peratusan pengisian katil di Pusat Kuarantin dan Rawatan Covid-19 (PKRC) melebihi atau sama 50 peratus.

"Pesakit Covid-19 yang memerlukan alat bantuan pernafasan meningkat kepada 139 pesakit dan peratusan penggunaan ventilator secara keseluruhan adalah sebanyak 37 peratus," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Secara keseluruhan, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, KKM mendapati kapasiti fasiliti kesihatan di hospital awam masih boleh menampung kes Covid-19 dan bukan Covid-19.

Kematian dalam kalangan tidak ambil vaksin lebih tinggi

Kuala Lumpur: Kadar kematian pesakit Covid-19 dalam kalangan mereka yang tidak mengambil vaksin adalah jauh lebih tinggi berbanding mereka yang mengambil vaksin lengkap dan mendapat dos penggalak.

Menurut data Kematian per (bagi setiap) 100,000 populasi mengikut status vaksinasi bagi 1 Januari hingga 19 Februari yang dikongsi Menteri Kesihatan Khairy Jamaluddin di Twitternya, menunjukkan kadar kematian dalam kalangan pesakit berumur antara 40 hingga 49 tahun adalah sebanyak 92.09 bagi setiap 100,000 penduduk.

Kadar itu jauh lebih tinggi berbanding kadar kematian 3.08 kematian bagi pesakit yang lengkap vaksin dan 3.18 kematian bagi kalangan pesakit yang mengambil dos penggalak bagi kategori usia yang sama.

Bagi pesakit berusia 80 tahun ke atas, kadar kematian ialah 167.06 dalam kalangan yang tidak mengambil vaksin, berbanding 119.34 kematian yang mem-

punyai vaksin lengkap dan 42.00 kematian bagi pesakit yang mendapat dos penggalak.

Menurut data itu lagi, kadar kematian bagi pesakit berumur 18 hingga 29 tahun yang tidak mengambil vaksin ialah 8.14 berbanding 0.98 bagi penerima vaksin lengkap dan 0 bagi pesakit yang mengambil dos penggalak.

Bagi kumpulan pesakit berusia 30 hingga 39 tahun, data tersebut menunjukkan kadar kematian 14.00 bagi setiap 100,000 penduduk berbanding 1.90 kematian bagi yang menerima vaksin lengkap manakala 4.18 kematian bagi pesakit yang mengambil dos penggalak.

Data itu menunjukkan kadar kematian sebanyak 49.46 bagi setiap 100,000 penduduk dalam kalangan pesakit yang tidak mengambil vaksin, 6.62 kematian dalam kalangan lengkap vaksin dan 4.41 kematian bagi yang mengambil dos penggalak bagi kumpulan pesakit berusia 50 hingga 59 tahun.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 7
RUANGAN : COVID-19

37 kematian baharu dicatatkan kelmarin

Kuala Lumpur: Sebanyak 513,393 individu atau 14.5 peratus populasi kanak-kanak berusia lima hingga 11 tahun di Malaysia sudah menerima dos pertama vaksin Covid-19 melalui Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak (PICKids) setakat kelmarin.

Berdasarkan data menerusi laman web COVIDNOW, sejumlah 13,992,391 atau 59.5 peratus populasi dewasa di dalam negara pula telah menerima dos penggalak Covid-19 dan seramai 22,944,158 atau 97.5 peratus lengkap vaksinasi manakala 23,221,715 atau 98.7 peratus sudah menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos.

Bagi remaja berusia 12 hingga 17 tahun, sejumlah 2,798,806 individu atau 90 peratus daripada kumpulan itu telah melengkapkan vaksinasi mereka manakala



SEORANG kanak-kanak, Hafizatul Zulfalida Mohd, 9, melihat picagari sebelum menerima suntikan vaksin pada Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak (PICKids) di Dewan Seri Selinsing, Gunung Semanggi, semalam.

2,884,882 atau 92.8 peratus menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin.

Sebanyak 128,153 dos suntikan vaksin telah diberikan semalam membabitkan 61,230 suntikan dos pertama, 464 suntikan dos lengkap dan 66,459 suntikan dos penggalak menjadikan jumlah kumulatif vaksin bagi Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan (PICK) kini meningkat kepada 66,148,498.

Sementara itu, menurut portal GitHub Kementerian Kesihatan, 37 kes kematian akibat Covid-19 direkodkan kelmarin, dengan Johor merekodkan sembilan kes, diikuti Selangor (tujuh), Kedah (enam), Perak dan Sabah masing-masing empat kes, Pulau Pinang (tiga), Pahang (dua) dan satu kes masing-masing di Melaka dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan.

Rt Covid-19 negara menurun kepada 1.21

Kuala Lumpur: Kadar kebolehan jangkitan atau R-naught (Rt) Covid-19 di negara ini menurun kepada 1.21 pada Sabtu lalu, berbanding 1.24 yang direkodkan hari sebelumnya.

Data dikongsi Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah menunjukkan pada Sabtu sebanyak 13 negeri mencatatkan nilai Rt lebih tinggi berbanding Rt nasional.

Negeri yang mencatatkan nilai Rt melebihi 1.21 adalah Labuan (1.71), Sarawak (1.48), Sabah (1.40), Pulau Pinang (1.36), Terengganu (1.36), Negeri Sembilan (1.35), Perlis (1.32), Kedah (1.31), Kelantan (1.31), Selangor (1.30), Pahang (1.29), Johor (1.24) dan Kuala Lumpur (1.22).

Negeri dengan kadar Rt di bawah paras 1.21 adalah Perak (1.20), Melaka (1.19) dan Putrajaya (1.17). Kelmarin, Malaysia merekodkan 26,832 kes baharu menjadikan keseluruhan kes positif di negara ini mencecah 3,221,680 kes.

Dr Noor Hisham berka-



DR Noor Hisham

ta, maklumat terperinci berkenaan situasi semasa jangkitan dan penularan Covid-19 di Malaysia akan dimuatnaik ke laman web COVIDNOW di <https://covidnow.moh.gov.my> yang mana data akan dikemas kini pada jam 12 tengah malam setiap hari.

Bellau berkata, individu positif Covid-19 kategori 1 dan 2A serta tidak berisiko tinggi (60 tahun ke bawah dan tidak mempunyai komorbid) tidak perlu hadir ke Pusat Penilaian Covid-19 (CAC), sebaliknya hanya perlu melakukan pemantauan sendiri melalui Health Assessment Tool (HAT) dalam aplikasi MySejahtera.

KANAK-kanak ditemani ibu bapa dan penjaga mereka dilihat sedang menunggu giliran untuk menerima suntikan vaksin masing-masing melalui PICKids ketika tinjauan di Pusat Pemberian Vaksin (PPV) Axiata Arena, Bukit Jalil.



Lepasi angka sejuta

Pendaftaran kanak-kanak mendapatkan vaksin dalam PICKids

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Putrajaya

Pendaftaran kanak-kanak berusia lima hingga 11 tahun bagi mendapatkan vaksin dalam Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak (PICKids) kini sudah melepasi sejuta individu.

Jumlah itu bersamaan 28 peratus daripada jumlah populasi berkenaan di negara ini.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, sebanyak 1,022,966 kanak-kanak

akan mendapatkan pelalian berkenaan dalam PICKids yang diperkenalkan sejak 3 Februari lalu.

Dalam pada itu, Khairy turut berharap supaya ibu bapa tidak mengambil sikap 'tunggu dan lihat' dalam isu pemberian vaksin kepada anak mereka.

"Ini kerana kadar kemasukan kanak-kanak di dalam hospital mula meningkat. Daftarkan anak anda di PICKids hari ini," katanya dalam satu ciapan di Twitter, semalam.

Menerusi ciapan yang sama, Khairy turut memaklumkan sebanyak 269,400 kanak-kanak di Selangor sudah didaftarkan untuk me-

nerima imuniti COVID-19, sekaligus menjadi negeri paling tinggi dalam pendaftaran PICKids.

"Ia diikuti Johor (150,800), Kuala Lumpur (96,700), Sarawak (90,000), Pulau Pinang (69,000), Perak (66,000), Kedah (55,400), Pahang (44,500), Melaka (39,500), Sabah (39,000), Negeri Sembilan (36,000), Terengganu (28,100), Kelantan (21,900), Putrajaya (9,200) dan Perlis (4,700) dan Labuan (2,000)," katanya.

Memperincikan jumlah pemberian vaksin mengikut etnik, Khairy berkata kanak-kanak daripada kaum Cina paling tinggi mendapatkan pelalian berkenaan

di negara ini iaitu sebanyak 46.4 peratus.

"Kanak-kanak kaum Cina di luar negeri yang sudah mendapatkan vaksin melebihi 50 peratus ialah di Melaka (80.3 peratus), Kedah (65.5 peratus), Kuala Lumpur (61.3 peratus), Perak (58.4 peratus), Pahang (58.1 peratus), Perlis (59 peratus), Terengganu (53.6 peratus) dan Selangor (53.5 peratus)," katanya.

Sementara itu, menerusi laman web COVIDNOW, sehingga semalam 14.5 peratus atau 513,393 kanak-kanak di negara ini sudah mendapatkan sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin Covid-19.

AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 2
RUANGAN : NEGARA

Oleh SYALMIZI HAMID, HARRITH HISHAM, DIYANATUL ATIQA ZAKARYA, TENGKU DANISH BAHRI TENGKU YUSOFF, LIYANA RAMLI dan NUR AMALINA AZMAN

Pendapatan merudum ekoran pelanggan batal tempahan ketika cuti sekolah

Omicron jejas industri pelancongan

PETALING JAYA - Rata-rata pengusaha hotel, rumah penginapan dan peniaga di seluruh negara bakal mengalami penyusutan pendapatan apabila ramai pelanggan mula membatalkan tempahan bilik selepas risau dengan keselamatan masing-masing ekoran peningkatan jangkitan Covid-19 varian Omicron ketika ini.

Pembatalan tempahan sepanjang musim cuti penggal persekolahan selama tiga minggu bermula Sabtu ini menyebabkan ramai hanya mahu bersiar-siar di lokasi dekat dengan kediaman yang tidak memerlukan mereka menginap di kawasan sesak.

Bagaimanapun, ada juga pengusaha yang masih menerima tempahan dan premis dikunjungi pelancong dengan syarat mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ketat dan lengkap dos vaksin.

Di **Kuala Terengganu**, Setiausaha Persatuan Pengusaha Resort Pulau Redang, Lim You Jing berkata, hampir 80 peratus tempahan yang diterima untuk musim cuti sekolah telah dibatalkan oleh pelanggan.

"Kami akur kerana sebahagian besar pengunjung risau dengan peningkatan mendadak kes Covid-19 kebelakangan ini. Ini satu berita buruk buat pengusaha seperti kami yang telah menanggung kerugian selama dua tahun."

"Kami baru hendak bangkit tetapi sudah terjejas. Sekumpulan 10 pengusaha resort di sini sudah belanja puluhan ribu ringgit seorang untuk membuat persediaan pembukaan semula 1 Mac ini, namun terpaksa ditangguhkan semula," katanya ketika dihubungi Kosmo! di sini semalam.



PENINGKATAN kes Covid-19 mengakibatkan pelancong mengelak untuk pergi ke lokasi pelancongan.



BANDAR raya Melaka yang sering dipenuhi pengunjung menjadi lengang apabila ramai yang membatalkan tempahan hotel menjelang cuti sekolah.

Pengusaha Redang Bay Resort itu berkata, semangat mereka seolah-olah direntap kerana segala usaha promosi sudah dilakukan.

Di **Melaka**, Pengerusi Persatuan Hotel Bajet dan Bisnes Malaysia Melaka, Szaliti Sabri berkata, sebanyak 30 peratus tempahan bilik hotel telah dibatalkan pengunjung.

Katanya, ketika ini, pengunjung yang menempah untuk menginap hanya 40 peratus.

"Pada musim perayaan Tahun Baharu Cina, hotel-hotel di negeri ini memang penuh, namun sejak kes Covid-19 meningkat, jumlah tempahan turun 40 peratus dan kini kami menerima pembatalan sehingga 30 peratus," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Pengerusi Inap Desa Melaka, Datuk Akramuddin Abdul Aziz pula memberitahu, setakat ini tempahan diterima masih memberangsang-

kan sehingga hujung minggu ini. "Pada hari biasa pun masih ada pengunjung yang menginap di rumah inap desa," katanya.

Di **Langkawi**, Naib Pengerusi Persatuan Hotel Malaysia Kedah dan Perlis, Razmi Rahmat berkata, tempahan hotel dan pakej pelancongan di pulau peranginan itu tidak menunjukkan peningkatan ketara pada musim cuti sekolah.

"Hotel tiga bintang secara kasar terima 20 peratus tempahan. Mungkin ada yang buat tempahan saat akhir," katanya.

Bagi Pengarah Urusan Honeyzone Travel And Tours Sdn. Bhd., Hanishah Hasan, 42, dia menerima kira-kira 50 peratus tempahan pakej pelancongan berbanding pada cuti persekolahan sebelum ini.

"Biasanya kami menerima lebih kurang 80 hingga 90 tempahan. Kereta sewa juga tidak habis ditempah," ujarnya.

Berbeza pula di **Pulau Pinang** apabila Pengerusi Persatuan Hotel Malaysia Pulau Pinang, K. Raj Kumar memberitahu, peningkatan kes Covid-19 tidak begitu memberi kesan kepada kehadiran pelancong.

"Percutian diteruskan kerana ramai sedar terpaksa hidup dengan Covid-19 dan kebanyakannya sudah mengambil vaksin dan dos penggalak."

"Tempahan hotel ketika cuti sekolah mencecah 60 peratus dan ia kurang ketika Disember lalu iaitu 95 peratus. Kebanyakan yang membatalkan tempahan melibatkan acara atau majlis," katanya.

Menurut Raj Kumar, kekurangan tempahan juga disebabkan oleh faktor lain seperti melancong ke tempat lain kerana sudah kerap ke Pulau Pinang.

Hendak cuti boleh tetapi ambil vaksin, dos penggalak

PETALING JAYA - Orang ramai boleh meneruskan percutian tetapi perlu memastikan mereka sudah mengambil vaksin dan dos penggalak selain membuat ujian saringan setiap kali terdedah dengan risiko jangkitan Covid-19.

Pakar Kesihatan Awam, Fakulti Perubatan dan Sains Kesihatan Universiti Putra Malaysia, Profesor Dr. Malina Osman berkata,

perkara itu penting bagi mengurangkan risiko jangkitan varian Omicron yang semakin menular.

"Bagaimanapun, orang ramai terutama kumpulan berisiko dinasihatkan supaya mengurangkan pergerakan dan perjalanan yang tidak penting ketika musim cuti sekolah bagi menyekat penularan Covid-19."

"Bagi yang bekerja, patuhi

prosedur operasi standard serta menghadkan penggunaan pantri dan surau. Jangan buka pelitup muka di tempat kerja," katanya.

Dalam pada itu di **Perak**, seorang pengunjung Pulau Pangkor, Muhaimin Ahmad, 31, berkata, dia hampir membatalkan percutian yang telah dirancang selama enam bulan itu kerana khuatir dengan kes Covid-19 yang sama-

kin meningkat.

"Saya pergi minggu ini untuk elak orang lebih ramai ketika cuti sekolah. Kalau sudah sesak, kadar kebolehan jangkitan pun tinggi," katanya.

Seorang lagi pelancong, Nora Ashikin Abdul Rahman, 45, berkata, dia terpaksa membatalkan percutiannya ke Pulau Pinang pada musim cuti sekolah

ini dan pergi ke Pulau Pangkor.

"Ahli keluarga di Pulau Pinang juga ada yang telah dijangkiti Covid-19, jadi kami batalan saja cuti ke sana."

"Saya pergi minggu ini kerana saya rasa orang akan lebih ramai masuk ke Pulau Pangkor pada minggu hadapan kerana musim cuti sekolah. Saya tidak mahu merisikokan diri," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO
 MUKA SURAT : 5
 RUANGAN : NEGARA

79 peratus ibu hamil kena Covid-19 maut

PUTRAJAYA – Sebanyak 18,277 kes Covid-19 melibatkan golongan ibu hamil telah dilaporkan di seluruh negara sejak Mac 2020 sehingga Januari lalu.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak 191 kes kematian telah dilaporkan dengan 79 peratus daripadanya dikesan tidak menerima vaksin.

Menurutnya, berdasarkan analisa pada data diperolehi, sebanyak 83 peratus daripada kes kematian ibu hamil itu mempunyai komorbid.

"Kesemua kematian melibatkan ibu hamil yang dilaporkan dikesan berlaku pada ta-

hun 2021 dan pada tahun ini sehingga 15 Februari lalu tiada sebarang kes kematian melibatkan ibu hamil disebabkan Covid-19 dilaporkan," katanya menerusi satu perkongsian di laman Facebook semalam.

Dr. Noor Hisham berkata, kematian tertinggi dalam kalangan ibu hamil direkodkan pada Ogos tahun lalu dengan 77 kematian.

Sementara itu, sebanyak 26,832 kes positif Covid-19 dilaporkan kelmarin dengan 133 kes daripadanya merupakan kes kategori tiga, empat dan lima, manakala 26,699 kes kategori satu dan dua. Jumlah kumulatif positif 3,221,680 kes.



GAMBAR fail pada 26 Jun 2021 menunjukkan Margi Shah (kiri), Sabrina W (tengah) dan Siti Norhafizah (kanan), gembira selepas menerima suntikan vaksin di PPV MITEC, Kuala Lumpur. – SHIDDIQIIN ZON

AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 9
RUANGAN : NEGARA



SEBAHAGIAN wanita warga asing yang ditahan dalam serbuan di sebuah premis kecantikan di Dengkil, Selangor semalam. - FAISOL MUSTAFA.

Tawar rawatan termasuk *filler* serendah RM350

Pusat kecantikan tanpa tauliah diserbu

Oleh MOHD. HUSNI MOHD. NOOR

DENGKIL — Operasi pusat kecantikan yang dijalankan wanita warga asing tanpa tauliah di sekitar Selangor, Kuala Lumpur dan Pulau Pinang tidak bertahan lama selepas digempur pihak berkuasa semalam.

Antara rawatan yang ditawarkan adalah prosedur mencantikkan hidung, membesarkan anggota badan (*filler*), rawatan pemutihan gigi, suntikan vitamin C dan rawatan menguruskan badan pada caj yang lebih murah.

Ketua Pengarah Imigresen, Datuk Seri Khairul Dzaimie Daud berkata, dalam operasi di tiga negeri itu, pihaknya menahan seramai 21 wanita warga asing melibatkan serbuan di lapangan premis kecantikan.

Siasatan awal mendapati, pusat kecantikan itu beroperasi tanpa tauliah daripada Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dan dikendalikan wanita warga asing yang

tidak mempunyai kelayakan atau kemahiran profesional dalam bidang berkaitan.

"Siasatan turut mendapati, wanita warga asing tersebut tidak mempunyai dokumen perijinan yang sah, malah premis rawatan berkenaan tidak berdaftar dengan KKM," katanya selepas menyertai operasi di sini semalam.

Seorang wanita warga Indonesia ditahan di Dengkil, 11 wanita dan seorang lelaki warga Vietnam (Kepong), seorang wanita warga Vietnam (Kuchai), empat wanita warga Indonesia (Puchong) dan tiga wanita warga Vietnam (Pulau Pinang).

"Serbuan ini dilakukan hasil risikan Jabatan Imigresen dan KKM sejak empat bulan lalu," katanya.

Jelas Khairul Dzaimie, pusat kecantikan terbabit dikunjungi wanita tempatan termasuk golongan suri rumah dan eksekutif disebabkan caj rawatan

yang dikenakan jauh lebih murah selain rawatannya yang pelbagai.

Bellau memberitahu, premis itu mengenakan caj RM350 hingga RM8,000 termasuk rawatan *eye filler* (RM350), *breast filler* (RM1,900), *botox filler* (RM3,500) dan pembedahan plastik (RM8,000).

"Pusat rawatan berkenaan juga didapati mempromosikan perkhidmatan mereka menerusi laman Facebook dan Instagram, manakala tempahan rawatan dikendalikan menerusi WeChat.

"Hasil semakan mendapati pelanggan perlu memohon terlebih dahulu untuk memasuki akaun media sosial mereka khususnya Instagram," katanya.

Kesemua suspek ditahan mengikut Seksyen 6(1)(c), Seksyen 15(1)(c) Akta Imigresen 1959/63 (Akta 155), Peraturan 39(b) Peraturan-Peraturan Imigresen 1963.

Siasatan turut dijalankan oleh pihak KKM bagi mana-mana pelanggaran akta yang berkaitan.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : VAKSIN UNTUK RAKYAT

Kadar penggunaan katil ICU bawah 50 peratus - KP Kesihatan

KUALA LUMPUR - Kadar penggunaan katil unit rawatan rapi (ICU) hospital di Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya dan Labuan serta 11 negeri lain adalah di bawah 50 peratus setakat 20 Februari, kata Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Beliau berkata, negeri-negeri itu ialah Perlis, Kedah, Pulau Pinang, Perak, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Terengganu, Kelantan, Sabah dan Sarawak.

"Katil ICU yang disediakan di Putrajaya ialah enam dan hanya mencatatkan satu-penggunaan, manakala bagi Labuan sebanyak tujuh katil disediakan dan tidak mencatatkan sebarang penggunaan," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Isnin.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, antara negeri yang mencatat kadar peratusan penggunaan katil ICU yang rendah ialah Negeri Sembilan iaitu lapan peratus, Sarawak (13 peratus), Pahang (14 peratus), Kedah (15 peratus), Putrajaya (17 peratus) dan Terengganu (20 peratus).

Beliau berkata, secara keseluruhan, Kementerian Kesihatan mendapati kapasiti fasiliti kesihatan di hospital awam masih boleh menampung

kes Covid-19 dan bukan Covid-19.

"Namun, setiap negeri telah bersiap siaga dengan pelan tindak balas cepat sekiranya berlaku peningkatan kes," katanya sambil memberitahu tiga negeri menunjukkan peratusan penggunaan katil ICU lebih 50 peratus iaitu Johor (70 peratus), Kuala Lumpur (65 peratus) dan Melaka (50 peratus).

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sebanyak 26,832 kes Covid-19 dilaporkan pada Ahad menjadikan kes kumulatif kepada 3,221,680 dan daripada jumlah kes baharu itu, 1,438 kes dimasukkan ke hospital.

Beliau berkata, bagi kes baharu, 133 daripadanya adalah kategori tiga, empat dan lima, manakala 26,699 terdiri daripada kategori satu dan dua.

"Individu yang belum menerima vaksin dan tidak pernah dijangkiti Covid-19 adalah kumpulan paling berisiko mendapat jangkitan Covid-19," katanya.

Mengenai kes sembuh, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sebanyak 18,459 kes dilaporkan pada Ahad menjadikan kes kumulatif sembuh di negara ini ialah 2,937,655. - Bernama



Kadar penggunaan katil ICU di Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya dan Labuan serta 11 negeri lain adalah di bawah 50 peratus setakat Ahad.



Sebanyak 513,393 individu atau 14.5 peratus populasi kanak-kanak berumur lima hingga 11 tahun di negara ini telah menerima dos pertama vaksin Covid-19 setakat Ahad.

Pendaftaran PICKids lepasi angka sejuta

Kuala Lumpur catat jumlah tertinggi pendaftaran diikuti Pulau Pinang dan Putrajaya

KUALA LUMPUR

Pendaftaran Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak (PICKids) kini melepasi sejuta individu iaitu 28 peratus bagi kohort kanak-kanak berumur lima hingga 11 tahun selepas tiga minggu pelaksanaan program itu, kata Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar.

Menerusi akaun Twitternya pada Isnin, Khairy berharap ibu bapa tidak lagi mengambil sikap

"tunggu dan lihat" bagi mendaftarkan anak mereka untuk mendapatkan suntikan vaksin Covid-19.

"Harap ibu bapa tidak lagi mengambil sikap 'tunggu dan lihat' sebab kadar kemasukan hospital kanak-kanak mula meningkat. Daftarkan anak anda untuk #PICKids hari ini!" menurut hantaran itu.

Beliau turut berkongsi infografik pendaftaran PICKids setakat Ahad yang menyaksikan Kuala Lumpur mencatatkan jumlah tertinggi diikuti Pulau Pinang dan Putrajaya.

Setakat Ahad, sebanyak 513,393 individu atau 14.5 peratus populasi kanak-kanak berumur lima hingga 11 tahun di negara ini telah menerima dos pertama vaksin Covid-19 melalui program itu yang mula dilaksanakan pada 3 Februari

lepas.

Menerusi satu lagi ciapan, Khairy berkata, lebih banyak kempen outreach dan kesedaran diperlukan dalam menggalakkan lebih ramai penerima yang layak menjalani saringan kesihatan percuma di bawah Skim Peduli Kesihatan untuk Kumpulan B40 (PeKa B40) berbuat demikian.

Beliau berkata, hanya 561,000 daripada 4.9 juta rakyat Malaysia yang layak telah menjalani saringan kesihatan percuma di bawah skim PeKa B40.

"Lebih banyak kempen outreach dan kesedaran diperlukan terutama dalam kalangan komuniti yang terpinggir."

"Butiran lanjut boleh didapati di @protechhealthco (ProtechHealth Corporation). Marilah kita sama-sama mencegah NCD (penyakit tidak berjangkit)," katanya. - Bernama

79 peratus daripada 191 kematian ibu hamil tidak terima vaksin

KUALA LUMPUR - Sebanyak 79 peratus daripada 191 kes kematian akibat komplikasi jangkitan Covid-19 dalam kalangan ibu hamil pada tahun lepas terdiri daripada mereka yang tidak menerima suntikan vaksin.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kesemua kematian dalam kalangan ibu hamil yang dilaporkan sejak pan-

demik Covid-19 melanda negara turut melibatkan 83 peratus daripada mereka yang mempunyai komorbiditi.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, bagi tahun ini sehingga 15 Februari, tiada kes kematian melibatkan ibu hamil disebabkan oleh jangkitan Covid-19 dilaporkan.

"Liputan vaksin yang tinggi iaitu 94.7 peratus pada umur 18 tahun ke

atas telah tercapai pada Oktober lalu dan ini menyumbang kepada penurunan kematian ibu hamil akibat komplikasi Covid-19," katanya dalam satu hantaran di laman Facebook beliau.

Beliau berkata, sejumlah 18,277 kes jangkitan Covid-19 dalam kalangan ibu hamil dilaporkan dari Mac 2020 sehingga Januari tahun ini. - Bernama

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 13

RUANGAN : MAHKAMAH & JENAYAH

Imigresen gempur pusat rawatan kecantikan haram

DENGKIL - Menawarkan harga yang jauh lebih rendah berbanding biasa, itu antara taktik yang digunakan pusat kecantikan diusahakan warga asing di sekitar Selangor dan Pulau Pinang.

Risikan dijalankan mendapati pusat-pusat kecantikan haram ini menawarkan harga antara RM3,500 bagi pembesaran buah dada, pembedahan plastik serendah RM8,000 dan pelbagai rawatan kecantikan lain yang jauh lebih rendah.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia, Datuk Khairul Dzaimie Daud berkata, pusat kecantikan haram itu dikesan menjalankan pelbagai rawatan tanpa kelulusan daripada Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM).

"Operasi yang turut disertai Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) dan Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri (LHDN) melibatkan lapan serbuan berasingan di Selangor dan Pulau Pinang.

"Seramai 21 individu warga asing terdiri daripada 20 wanita dan seorang lelaki diberkas melibatkan lapan premis di Dengkil, Kepong, Kuchai, Puchong dan Pulau Pinang," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di salah sebuah pusat kecantikan haram di sini pada Isnin.

Beliau memberitahu, kegiatan pusat rawatan kecantikan haram itu berjaya dikesan menerusi risikan yang dijalankan bersama pegawai Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia.

"Siasatan awal dijalankan mendapati pusat rawatan kecantikan ini beroperasi tanpa tauliah KKM.

"Selain itu, ia turut dijalankan oleh



Khairul Dzaimie memeriksa barangan serta peralatan di salah sebuah pusat kecantikan haram yang diserbu di Dengkil pada Isnin.

warga asing yang tidak mempunyai kelayakan atau kemahiran profesional dalam bidang berkenaan dan pas yang sah dari Imigresen," katanya.

Jelas Khairul Dzaimie, siasatan mendapati pusat-pusat kecantikan haram berkenaan menawarkan pelbagai rawatan kecantikan tanpa kelulusan yang sah.

"Antara perkhidmatan ditawarkan adalah rawatan mencantikan hidung, rawatan membesarkan anggota badan tertentu, perkhidmatan dan rawatan pemutihan gigi, perkhidmatan suntikan vitamin C dan botoks dan perkhidmatan menguruskan badan.

"Rawatan ini dijalankan warga asing yang tidak mempunyai kemahiran formal tidak diiktiraf oleh KKM dan boleh mendatangkan risiko kematian, kerosakan organ dan tubuh badan," katanya.

Tambahnya, siasatan mendapati pelanggan pusat kecantikan haram itu terdiri daripada warganegara Malaysia seperti suri rumah, pegawai-pegawai kerajaan dan eksekutif swasta.

"Perkhidmatan pusat rawatan kecantikan ini mendapat sambutan yang tinggi kerana mereka menawarkan bayaran rendah berbanding rawatan di pusat rawatan berlesen dikendalikan oleh profesional bertauliah.

"Kadar caj yang dikenakan ialah RM350 hingga RM8,000 seperti *eye filler* (RM350), *breast filler* (RM1,900) dan *botox filler* (RM3,500), manakala pembedahan plastik mengenakan caj sebanyak RM8,000 sahaja," katanya.

Khairul berkata, kegiatan pusat kecantikan itu dikesan mempromosi perkhidmatan mereka melalui media sosial seperti Facebook dan Instagram.

"Bagaimanapun, hasil semakan mendapati pelanggan perlu memohon untuk memasuki media sosial khususnya Instagram," katanya.

Katanya, kesemua suspek ditahan di bawah Seksyen 6(1)(c), Seksyen 15(1)(c) Akta Imigresen 1959/63 (Akta 155), Peraturan 39(b) Peraturan-Peraturan Imigresen 1963.

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

Kanak-kanak tidak divaksin berisiko kategori 4 dan 5

PETALING JAYA: Kanak-kanak tidak menerima suntikan vaksin berisiko tinggi dijangkiti Covid-19 dalam kategori empat dan lima sekali gus memberi kesan jangka panjang dan paling menakutkan sehingga menyebabkan kematian.

Berdasarkan kes-kes terdahulu, pesakit yang menghidap Covid-19 kategori empat dan lima dilihat lebih cenderung menderita *Long Covid* yang boleh memberi kesan berpanjangan antara empat minggu hingga enam bulan atau setahun.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Naib Presiden II Pertubuhan Ikatan Pengamal Perubatan dan Kesihatan Muslim Malaysia (I-Medik), Prof. Madya Dr. Rafi-

dah Hanim Mokhtar berkata, kanak-kanak sepatutnya diberikan perlindungan terbaik ketika ini.

Beliau berkata, ibu bapa perlu lebih peka dan faham mengenai keadaan semasa yang melanda negara terutama ketika virus Omicron menyasarkan golongan mudah dijangkiti iaitu mereka yang tidak menerima suntikan vaksin seperti kanak-kanak.

"Jika mahu berikan timbang tara antara kesan sampingan apabila divaksin dan kesan dijangkiti Covid-19, sebenarnya kesan dijangkiti itu jauh lagi teruk dan kanak-kanak yang tidak divaksin terdedah kepada jangkitan kategori empat dan lima.

"Untuk kategori itu, pesakit berisiko mengalami *Long Covid*

iaitu sehingga menyebabkan keradangan pada organ dalam seperti paru-paru, jantung dan buah pinggang sehingga organ berkenaan mengalami kerosakan.

"Apa yang paling kita tidak mahu adalah kesan paling menakutkan iaitu kematian. Jadi, saya harap ibu bapa dapat memberi pertimbangan yang sewajarnya untuk kebaikan anak masing-masing dengan membenarkan mereka divaksin," katanya ketika dihubungi semalam.

Sebelum ini, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah mendedahkan sebanyak 50,826 kanak-kanak berusia bawah 12 tahun dijangkiti Covid-19 sekali gus menyebabkan penggunaan ka-

til harian pesakit bagi golongan itu, semakin meningkat.

Dr. Noor Hisham berkata, peningkatan jangkitan dalam kalangan kanak-kanak itu bermula awal Januari dengan majoritinya berada dalam kategori dua namun, peningkatan dilihat lebih ketara dalam bulan ini terutama bagi kategori dua hingga kategori lima.

Peningkatan jangkitan mungkin disebabkan penularan varian Omicron serta peningkatan pergerakan kanak-kanak dalam komuniti susulan pembukaan semula sesi persekolahan, pusat jagaan kanak-kanak dan bayi, lalu menyebabkan risiko pendedahan kanak-kanak kepada jangkitan Covid-19," kata Dr. Noor Hisham.

Mengulas lanjut, Dr. Rafidah Hanim berkata, untuk suntikan vaksin kepada kanak-kanak, ibu bapa tidak perlu terlalu bimbang kerana inisiatif berkenaan telah berjaya dan ia boleh dilihat pelaksanaannya di negara luar.

"Malaysia beruntung sebabnya, kita boleh jadikan negara-negara luar seperti Korea Selatan, Singapura dan United Kingdom sebagai contoh program suntikan vaksin untuk kanak-kanak yang berjaya," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau menyarankan kerajaan melakukan sekatan tertentu terhadap kanak-kanak yang tidak menerima suntikan vaksin sepertimana yang telah dikenakan kepada golongan dewasa.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : NEWS / STORY OF THE DAY



An elderly man waiting for his turn as a woman gets a Covid-19 vaccine booster dose at the Axiata Arena vaccination centre in Bukit Jalil yesterday. PIC BY AZIAH AZMEE

STAYING VIGILANT

STATES TOLD TO PLAN FOR ADMISSION SURGE

Come up with rapid response plan, urges Health D-G as ICU, non-ICU bed use rises nationwide

KUALA LUMPUR

THE Health Ministry is urging states to prepare a rapid response plan for a surge in Covid-19 cases. This comes after intensive care unit (ICU) bed use in Kuala Lumpur and two states exceeded the 50 per cent mark.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said ICU bed use was at 70 per cent in Johor, 65 per cent here and 50 per cent in Melaka.

As for non-ICU wards, Selangor and Perlis have both exceeded capacity, hitting 104 per cent and 101 per cent, respectively.

Non-ICU ward use in other states also saw high numbers — Kelantan at 96 per cent, Perak at 91 per cent, Putrajaya and Johor at 82 per cent, Sabah at 79 per cent, Kuala Lumpur at 77 per cent

and Penang at 50 per cent.

Covid-19 quarantine and treatment centres (PKRC) in several states also exceeded 50 per cent occupancy, namely Selangor (74 per cent), Perak (58 per cent), Terengganu (58 per cent), Sabah (57 per cent) and Melaka (53 per cent).

Dr Noor Hisham said the Health Ministry determined that general hospitals could still handle both Covid-19 and non-Covid patients.

"However, each state must be prepared with a rapid response plan should there be a surge in cases."

He said the difference between the number of daily Covid-19 hospital admissions and daily new cases in categories 1 to 5 was due to the dynamics of the patients' conditions.

For example, he said, patients who were initially diagnosed as Category 2A and isolated at home could have worsened and required hospitalisation.

He said some patients in categories 1 and 2 were admitted to hospitals and PKRC as a precautionary measure.

He said 261 patients were being treated in the ICU, with 98 confirmed as Covid-19 and 163 either suspected, possible or under in-

vestigation for Covid-19.

He said 139 ICU patients were on ventilator support, involving 61 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 78 either suspected, possible or under investigation for Covid-19.

The national infectivity rate (Rt) is at 1.21, with Labuan recording the highest rate at 1.71, followed by Sarawak (1.48), Sabah (1.40), Penang and Terengganu (both 1.36) and Negri Sembilan (1.35).

Of the 26,832 new cases on Sunday, 133 (0.5 per cent) were in categories 3, 4 and 5 and 26,699 (99.5 per cent) in categories 1 and 2.

Most Covid-19 cases reported on Sunday were in Category 2 (18,230, 67.94 per cent), followed by Category 1 (8,469, 31.56 per cent), Category 3 (66, 0.25 per cent), Category 4 (38, 0.14 per cent) and Category 5 (29, 0.11 per cent).

"Of the 133 categories 3, 4 and 5 patients, 29 of them, or 21.8 per cent, were not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated."

"Seventy-five patients or 56.39 per cent have received two Covid-19 vaccine doses, 29 cases or 21.8 per cent have received a booster dose, 62 cases or 46.62 per cent are aged 60 and above, 47 cases or 35.34 per cent have comorbidities, and six patients or 4.51 per cent are pregnant," Dr Noor Hisham said.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
 MUKA SURAT : 3
 RUANGAN : NATION / NEWS

VACCINATION UPDATES

513,393 GET FIRST DOSE UNDER PICKIDS

90pc of teens,
 97.5pc of adults
 have completed
 their vaccination

KUALA LUMPUR

A TOTAL 513,393 children aged 5 to 11 have received the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine under the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme for Children (PICKids) up to Sunday.

According to the Health Ministry's CovidNow portal, 2,798,806 adolescents aged 12 to 17 (90 per cent of the age group) have completed their vaccination, while 2,884,882 (92.8 per cent) have received at least one dose.

Based on the latest update on the website at 8.12am yesterday, 13,992,391 adults (59.5 per cent)

have received booster doses.

A total of 22,994,158 adults (97.5 per cent) have completed their vaccination, while 23,221,715 adults (98.7 per cent) have received at least one dose of vaccine.

On Sunday, 128,153 Covid-19 vaccine doses were administered, involving 61,230 first doses, 464 second doses and 66,459 booster doses, bringing the total number of vaccine doses administered under the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme to 66,148,498.

Malaysia recorded 26,832 new Covid-19 cases on Sunday, bringing the total to 3,221,680. The Covid-19 death toll stood at 32,347, with 37 more fatalities recorded on Sunday.

Ten brought-in-dead cases were reported, bringing the tally to 6,573. Active Covid-19 cases stood at 251,678. Of the total cases, 238,620 (94.8 per cent) were in home quarantine, 5,287 (2.1 per cent) at quarantine and treatment

centres and 7,524 (three per cent) were hospitalised.

A total of 247 Covid-19 patients were in intensive care, with 139 of them on ventilator support.

There were 551 hospital admissions in the Klang Valley on Sunday, with the bed utilisation rate standing at 60.5 per cent.

Selangor saw the most daily hospital admissions at 412, with bed utilisation rate at 71.9 per cent. Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya saw 103 and 36 new admissions, respectively.

They were followed by 350 admissions in Johor, Sabah (278), Perak (168), Kelantan (125), Sarawak (107), Kedah (105), Pahang (100), Penang (91), Negri Sembilan (73), Terengganu (45) Melaka (34), Perlis (32), and Labuan (16).

Fifteen more Covid-19 clusters were detected on Sunday, bringing the total number of active clusters to 500.

Sunday also saw 18,459 new recoveries.



A woman calming her daughter before she gets vaccinated against Covid-19 at the Padang Hiliran People's Housing Project vaccination centre in Kuala Terengganu yesterday. PIC BY GHAZALI KORI

COOPERATION SOUGHT

'Report employers who prevent staff from taking kids for inoculation'

BAGAN SERAI: Anyone prevented by their employers from taking their children for Covid-19 vaccination should report the matter to the Health Ministry.

Deputy Health Minister Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali said the authorities had not received any report on the matter yet, but they were monitoring the situation.

"Since the Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme for Children (PICKids) began on Feb 3, there have not been reports on employers unwilling to let employees take their kids for vaccination.

"At our last press conference, we asked employers to help by extending the courtesy to their staff, such as by giving them half a day off work or even leave to allow them to take their children for vaccination.

"We understand many parents have made arrangements to get their children vaccinated against Covid-19.

"I am sure employers will give their fullest cooperation."

He was speaking after a working visit to the vaccination centre in Dewan Seri Selinsing, Gunung Semangkol here.

He urged parents to get their kids vaccinated against Covid-19 as cases of Multisystem Inflam-



A health worker showing a boy his Covid-19 vaccine shot at the Axiata Arena vaccination centre in Bukit Jalil yesterday. PIC BY AZIAH AZMEE

matory Syndrome (MIS-C) caused by Covid-19 were rising.

"Based on studies at 14 hospitals under the ministry, 174 patients had MIS-C. Of that, about 50.1 per cent were children aged 5

to 11, with four per cent of cases leading to fatalities."

On another matter, Dr Noor Azmi said parents of students at Gopeng Matriculation College need not worry about the safety

of their children despite the spread of Covid-19 at the institution.

"We have been made to understand that the college's authorities have isolated those infected

and housed them in staff and guest quarters.

"Students who are unaffected have been isolated elsewhere and are not allowed to leave the premises or return home."

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : NATION / NEWS

BLACK MARKET TRADE?

Need for alternate approach to phase out cigarettes in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR: On Jan 27, the Health Ministry announced plans to ban tobacco and other smoking products for those born after 2005.

Further clarification revealed that the proposed ban would also cover vape and vaping products. In a recent survey by the Retail and Trade Brand Advocacy Malaysia Chapter (RTBA Malaysia), the vast majority of respondents felt that the ban would not work, and would instead create a black market for illicit cigarettes and vape.

According to RTBA Malaysia managing director Datuk Fazli Nordin, while he understood the ministry's motivation, an outright ban was not the solution.

The Malaysian government's proposal is similar to New Zealand's plan to phase out smoking starting 2027. However, Fazli pointed out a stark difference in New Zealand's approach as it did not impose a ban on vape products.

"Instead, the country promotes vape as a less harmful alternative and encourages New Zealand smokers to make the switch from traditional cigarettes," he said.

Many studies have shown that vaping is much less harmful than smoking. A study from the University of Queensland found e-cigarettes to be 50 per cent more effective than nicotine replacement therapies to assist smokers in quitting.

Therefore, the idea is to develop



The Health Ministry recently proposed an outright ban on tobacco and other smoking products, but a more risk-proportionate approach is worth considering. FILE PIC

regulations in tandem with the risk-level of the product.

According to tobacco control expert, Clive Bates, it could look something like this — while traditional cigarette packs show bold graphic warnings, vaping products could have more subtle messages about the value of switching. Besides that, vape should be allowed to be advertised as a less harmful alternative to smoking, instead of having a total advertising ban. Similarly, the product ought to be accessible to consumers.

Instead of a blanket ban on tobacco and other smoking products, having less strict regulations on less harmful products such as vape could incentivise smokers to switch from high-risk to lower-

risk products.

"The trouble is that many people don't want to quit [smoking] or don't want it enough to go through the struggle. Because switching to vaping involves giving up less, it is much easier to do, therefore, many more people will be able to feel the health benefits," said Bates.

Besides that, Fazli reminded the public that regulations must be in tandem with market demand, otherwise people would go to the black market.

"For example, vape products containing nicotine are currently prohibited from being sold in the market in Malaysia. Yet, there is significant consumer demand for vape products containing nicotine.

"In Singapore, last month the

government acknowledged that despite the outright ban, unregulated vaping products are available and became a rising trend in the country.

"Another example is in the United Arab Emirates, where the country has an outright ban on vaping before mid-2019. However, because of the concerns in rising illicit markets and that users are accessing unregulated products, the local authorities reversed the ban to ensure consumers were able to access regulated products," he said.

"When demand is there, but consumers cannot find what they want legally, that's when the black market will boom, which is why the government must take a pragmatic approach."



Datuk Fazli Nordin

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Illegal beauty centres come to an ugly end with arrest of 21

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PETALING JAYA: They offered cosmetic procedures like botox, breast enhancements and teeth whitening at prices ranging from RM350 to RM8,000. But it was illegal, and the services were provided by untrained foreigners.

It all came to an end yesterday when authorities simultaneously raided eight illegal cosmetics and dental services centres in the federal capital and three other states.

The centres offered cosmetic procedures including breast fillers, teeth whitening, rhinoplasty, as well as botox fillers for the buttocks.

Immigration Department director-general Datuk Seri Khairul Dzaimi said they launched the operations on eight premises in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Penang.

"We arrested a Vietnamese man, 15 Vietnamese women and five Indonesian women during these raids."

"They were aged between 25 and 40," he told reporters at one of the premises in Dengkil yesterday.

He said the raids were conducted together with officials from the Health Ministry.



All in the name of beauty: Some of the foreign workers waiting to be processed by Immigration officials following several raids on illegal beauty centres. In the foreground are syringes and other paraphernalia used by the centres.
— Bernama

"We monitored the activities of these premises for at least five months before taking action," he said.

"We noticed that they were offering services from between RM350 and RM8,000."

"The procedures offered were conducted by untrained foreigners," he said, adding that checks revealed the services were well below the market rate offered by

registered beauty and cosmetic centres.

He said some of the procedures offered included eye filler for RM350, breast filler for RM1,900, botox fillers for buttocks at RM3,500.

"They also offered plastic surgery procedures for as high as RM8,000."

"We will remand those arrested for 14 days to assist with further investigations."

"Our checks revealed that some

of the premises had been operating since 2019," he said, adding that the Health Ministry would take action against these businesses in accordance with all available laws.

He said they would also investigate if any Malaysians were involved in these illegal businesses.

"We want to advise the public to refrain from paying for such procedures from unlicensed centres. Such service by untrained people

could lead to permanent disfigurement, or even death," he said.

One of the workers there, a 27-year-old Indonesian woman, claimed she learned the procedures from professional health practitioners in Puchong.

"We only offer regular beauty services here. The more complex procedures such as nose augmentation and plastic surgery are only performed by doctors," she said, adding that she had been in Malaysia since 2018.

The three customers, who were in the Dengkil outlet when it was raided, said they had come there after seeing advertisements on social media or after being told about it by friends.

One woman, a housewife in her 30s, said she had seen the advertisement on TikTok.

"I have friends going for beauty treatments and wanted to try it myself," she said, adding that she paid about RM350 per session.

She said she previously had skin whitening done for RM600 per treatment.

"I asked some friends if they wanted to come along."

Her friend, also in her 30s, who had accompanied her, said she came only to do facials.

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Coping with Covid-19 positive kids

Some parents find it tough to coax children to stay alone in their rooms

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PETALING JAYA: Imagine having to explain to an eight-year-old boy that he has to be "home alone" in his room for seven days.

Civil servant Azizah Ahmad, 32, said she kept her son in a separate room after he tested positive for Covid-19 when he returned home from school.

"He always asked me to hug me, but since we cannot do that, I told him to get well first," she said, adding that her son felt sad as he had to be alone in his room.

His diagnosis came after he developed a fever and a sore throat. Azizah said that her son was vac-

inated a week before his Covid-19 infection.

"We left food outside the room and he collected it himself.

"After he used the toilet, we sanitised it as well to prevent the virus from spreading," she added.

Her situation is becoming more familiar among Malaysian families as more children are found to be Covid-19 positive.

This means that parents have to find ways to cope with their sick children.

The Health Ministry's statistics showed that about 50,000 children below the age of 12 had been infected since last month.

A mother in her 40s, who only wanted to be known as Chong, said

her husband and her four children aged two, six, 11 and 13 all tested positive for the virus.

Her children, she said, were "lethargic and tired".

"They had low energy and a lack of appetite and were mostly resting or sleeping," she said.

Chong noted that her two-year-old son also had trouble sleeping through the night due to his persistent fever.

"We had to be alert to regularly check on him. It was difficult administering the liquid paracetamol because he would spit it out. We gave him the suppository when it was required," she said.

After her two younger kids recovered, her two oldest then developed

a slight fever, sore throat and cough.

However, she said these symptoms only lasted for a day or two as they recovered by the third day.

"Based on our observation, our younger kids' innate immunity is very capable of fighting off the virus which builds their natural immunity. They recovered quickly even though our three younger kids have yet to be vaccinated," she said.

Chong and her husband have received their booster dose while her eldest child has been fully vaccinated.

IT manager Nick Lim, 41, said his youngest child, who is two years old, constantly cried and needed to be held most of the time.

"I did not isolate myself because

my baby is too small and cries when she is not held. So I have to comfort her," he said, adding that his eldest child, seven, was also not as energetic as before and was fatigued most of the time.

"She was obedient and listened to what I wanted her to do. I made sure I gave her a lot of water too to ensure that she was constantly hydrated," he said.

He said the only medication he gave his family was paracetamol to ease their fever.



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Eager and ready

Chong Feng Qi, 11, receiving his Covid-19 vaccine as his siblings (from left) You Joe, 7, Jan Long, 8, and You Xuan, 6, get ready to have their jabs at the World Trade Centre PPV in Kuala Lumpur under the PICKids programme. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star



Speed up vaccination for children, urge parents

KEPALA BATAS: Parents of children at a kindergarten in Bertam here, which was ordered to close after one of its teachers tested positive for Covid-19, are calling on the government to speed up vaccination among children.

One of the parents, who wished to be known only as Harry, said it was about time the authorities take action with regard to the Omicron variant wave.

"The government must address this. Schools and kindergartens, especially, must be closed temporarily.

"It must speed up the vaccination process among children aged between five and 11," he said.

The kindergarten was ordered to close after one of its teachers tested positive for the virus on Sunday.

It is learnt that the school – a religious kindergarten with about 50 children under its care – conducted a sanitisation exercise over the weekend following the incident.

A parent, who requested anonymity, said he was forced to bring his daughter home early on Feb 18 after one of the children at the school tested positive.

"The child and her parent had tested positive and they informed the school about it on Friday.

"As a precautionary measure, I decided to bring my daughter home. I conducted a swab test on her, which turned out negative.

"I also conducted swab tests on myself and I tested negative as well," he said.

In a message to parents via the kindergarten's WhatsApp group, the school said that the teacher conducted a swab test on Sunday and tested positive for the virus.

"The school will be closed for three days, from Monday until Wednesday.

"School will resume as usual on Thursday," the message read.

The message also asked the parents to pray for the safety of all.

A dad's journey as his young family tests positive

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KEPALA BATAS: The one thing I feared most about this pandemic has reached my doorstep.

My wife Azimah Abdul Aziz, 37, and six-year-old daughter Maryam have tested positive for Covid-19.

Prior to this, our brush with the virus was merely narrowed down to "casual contacts". We had no idea who the source was.

My 68-year-old mother, who is living with us, promptly did a self-test upon hearing that my wife and daughter had contracted the virus.

"Fortunately, she was not infected. I was spared, too.

My daughter was given her vaccination on Saturday. That weekend, she and my wife travelled to Penang island for their weekend stay at my in-laws' house.

On Sunday, both mother and daughter attended a wedding in George Town. I suspect that this

was where they contracted the virus, as my mother-in-law, who was at the wedding, had also tested positive for Covid-19.

Then again, who knows? They could have been infected anywhere, given that the Omicron variant is 70 times more contagious than Delta.

I am not overly worried about my wife as she has been fully vaccinated and has received a booster jab.

But I am fretting over my little girl as it was only three days earlier that she had taken her first dose of the vaccine.

Apart from a mild fever, Maryam is doing fine so far but she has been longing for my attention while being isolated in a room on the upper floor of my house.

The tricky part is to appease her as she can't cling to her father, or carry out her normal routine at home, at least for now.

After much reassurance, she finally understands the need to be isolated from me.

My wife, who works as a Human Resource specialist, is having a sore throat and mild fever.

I do hear her coughing but other than that, there are no other serious symptoms although I will continue to monitor her situation.

With both of them testing positive for the virus, I have isolated and placed them in our master bedroom while I sleep in the living hall.

I am grateful and consider myself lucky compared to others, because the ancestral house I live in now has four rooms, three bathrooms and a big living hall, giving us more than enough space to isolate ourselves.

Being a journalist, the risk of getting infected with the virus is high and I anticipate this every day.

I even bought a tent to isolate myself just in case I get infected.

As a precautionary measure, I have informed my sister and brother not to come to my house for the time being. However, being loving siblings, they offer to help buy gro-

ceries and other necessities for our week-long quarantine.

As for my mother, she has a room to herself on the lower floor of the house and constantly monitors herself for any symptoms.

And as the most able-bodied person in the house, I have to be a jack of all trades – work, prepare meals, and take care of my family members – all while under quarantine.

As I sit alone, apart from my wife and daughter, I realise that this can happen to anyone and none of us should take Covid-19 precautionary measures mandated for granted.

Hand sanitising, physical distancing and avoidance of crowded places are important to keep infections at bay.

This has been a lesson for me to be more vigilant about our surroundings and to minimise movement as much as possible.

My hope is that Maryam's and my wife's symptoms would not worsen, and for them to be healthy again.

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Experts: Crucial to monitor infected children

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PETALING JAYA: With the rising number of Covid-19 cases among children, health experts have advised parents to monitor their children's symptoms, especially if they show signs of high fever, shortness of breath, poor appetite and dehydration.

These symptoms are indicators that their children should be sent to the hospital for further monitoring.

Universiti Malaya Medical Centre consultant paediatrician and paediatric intensivist Assoc Prof Dr Gan Chin Seng said monitoring the temperature of a child was crucial.

"If they have a fever of less than 38°C, get them fever medication like paracetamol, but if their fever is higher than that, then they need to be brought to the hospital.

"For Omicron, we have noticed different symptoms affecting children compared to the Delta variant. We have seen Omicron causing very high fever that leads to seizure.

"We are seeing fevers of more than 39°C whereby some even hit 40°C and 41°C.

"Kids younger than seven years old are at risk of getting a seizure if the fever is too high. We have children who have been warded because they have had seizures," he said when contacted yesterday.

He said parents should also monitor the breathing of their children.

"If they are breathing fast, this means their condition can progress to Categories Three or Four.

"Watch their oral intake - whether they are eating or drinking enough or if they are vomiting. Those are the signs where they are likely going to require help. They will need drips (in the hospital) to keep them hydrated," he said.

He also urged parents to get their children vaccinated as they are seeing more unvaccinated patients, aged below 11, being admitted.

In addition, medical practitioners were also seeing more patients with Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) too.

On Twitter, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin noted that the hospital rate admission for children had begun to rise and advised parents to vaccinate their children without delay.

In a graph, he pointed out that the hospitalisation rates for children under 11 between Categories Two and Five had climbed since Jan 31, with bed utilisation at more than 200 beds as of Feb 17.

Consultant paediatrician Datuk Dr Amar Singh HSS said parents of children with disabilities, who have chronic medical problems or are immunocompromised, should consult their paediatricians if their children contract the virus.

"Any child who has any 'red flag' symptoms, should be referred to a hospital for further assessment. The red flag symptoms include fits, lethargy, poor feeding, chest or abdominal pain, cold or clammy peripheries, signs of dehydration, change in mental status or a prolonged illness.

"Having a reliable pulse oximeter to monitor the child's oxygen levels is also very useful. Oxygen saturation of below 95% is a cause for concern," he said.

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RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS

Shield kids with vaccination: Expert

► Parents cautioned on impact of inflammatory syndrome affecting Covid-infected children.

KUALA LUMPUR: A doctor has cautioned parents against eschewing vaccination against Covid-19 for their children.

Selayang Hospital consultant paediatrician and paediatric nephrologist Dr S. Selva Kumar warned that a Covid-19 infection in children, especially those aged five to 11, could lead to more complicated problems.

Selva said one of the serious risks is Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). It affects various internal organs, most notably the heart, lungs and brain.

He said to protect children against the adverse effects of the pandemic and to break the chain of infection, parents should ensure that their children get vaccinated immediately through the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme for Children (PICKids).

"We at the hospital are concerned about children having MIS-C. Last year, a paediatric patient who had MIS-C had to be sent for intensive care. He needed a respirator and dialysis but fortunately, he recovered," he told Bernama.

Selva, who is also head of the Paediatric Department at Selayang Hospital, said parents of children with chronic diseases were strongly advised to register their children for vaccination immediately.

Paediatric and paediatric infectious diseases consultant at the Raja Perempuan Zainab II Hospital in Kota Bharu, Dr Nik

Khatiruddin Nik Yusoff, said MIS-C also has the potential to cause long-term Covid-19 effects on infected children.

He said the vaccine could produce immunity in the child's body and provide protection from the effects of the pandemic.

"Parents, as the first line of protection for their children, need to play their role and take proactive measures to protect them from being exposed to the effects of the infection," Selva said.

"They need to get facts from authentic sources related to the vaccine to dismiss any doubts they may have."

Earlier, Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah was reported to have said that from June 2020 to December last year, a total of 174 cases of children under 18 suffered from MIS-C due to Covid-19 infection.

Meanwhile, parents have also shared their experience of getting their children vaccinated, and felt that vaccination was the best way to ensure that their children were protected from the adverse effects of the virus.

Private sector worker Sania Mohamad, 41, said her son volunteered to receive the vaccine on Jan 16, after he noticed that other members of his family did not suffer from any side effects after the first dose.

"At first, after being vaccinated, he complained of some pain near the spot where he was injected. But at night, he could



Deputy Health Minister Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali vaccinating a boy at a PICKids inoculation centre yesterday in Gunung Semangol, Perak. —BERNAMAPIX

already go to play badminton," said the mother of nine-year-old Wan Mohammad Alsya Aydian.

Another parent, Nasri Abd Hamid, 53, said it was difficult to get a vaccination date for his daughter Nur Putry Andra due to the lack of slots, but he finally managed to get a slot yesterday.

"We will add more beds if needed. All positive cases are in categories One and Two and several individuals were admitted to the Low-risk Covid-19 Quarantine and Treatment Centre due to other reasons," he said.

On concerns raised by netizens on Facebook regarding face-to-face learning sessions that are still being conducted at the college, Noor Azmi said parents need not worry as the district health office had conducted a risk assessment before allowing the sessions to be held, on the advice of the Health Ministry. — Bernama

BRIEFS

UNVACCINATED PREGNANT WOMEN MORE AT RISK

KUALA LUMPUR: Seventy-nine percent of 191 deaths due to complications involving Covid-19 infection in pregnant women last year comprised those who were not vaccinated, Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said. Of all the deaths involving pregnant women reported since the Covid-19 pandemic hit the country, 83% were those with comorbidities. However, no deaths involving pregnant women due to Covid-19 were reported between January and Feb 15 this year. The high vaccine coverage of 94.7% for those age 18 and above was achieved in October 2021 and this contributed to a decrease in maternal mortality due to Covid-19 complications, he said in a Facebook post, adding that a total of 18,277 Covid cases among pregnant women were reported from March 2020 to January this year. — Bernama

ICU FACILITIES AT HOSPITALS NOT STRAINED

KUALA LUMPUR: Intensive care unit (ICU) bed utilisation in hospitals in Putrajaya, Labuan and 11 other states were under 50% as of Sunday, said Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah. He said the states are Perlis, Kedah, Penang, Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Terengganu, Kelantan, Sabah and Sarawak. "There are six ICU beds in Putrajaya and only one is in use while in Labuan, seven beds are available, with no beds occupied." He said among the states that recorded low ICU occupancy were Negri Sembilan (8%), Sarawak (13%), Pahang (14%), Kedah (15%), Putrajaya (17%) and Terengganu (20%). Noor Hisham said 26,832 new Covid cases were reported on Sunday and from the total, 1,438 cases were admitted to hospitals. He said health facilities at public hospitals were able to accommodate both Covid and non-Covid cases. He also said each state was prepared with a quick response plan if cases increase, adding that the three states with ICU bed occupancy above 50% were Johor (70%), Kuala Lumpur (65%) and Malacca (50%). — Bernama

Outbreak at Perak college under control

BAGAN SERAI: The spread of Covid-19 infections at the Perak Matriculation College in Gopeng is under control, said Deputy Health Minister Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali.

He said a total of 365 cases have been reported involving residents in all its five residential blocks since Feb 7. However, no new cases were reported on Sunday.

He added that the outbreak is believed to have caused by students who had just returned to the hostel after the Chinese New Year holidays.

"However, it has been handled well by the Gopeng district health office and those who

tested positive have been isolated in staff quarters and guest rooms," he said after visiting a vaccination centre for the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme for Children at Seri Selingsing Hall in Gunung Semangol yesterday.

Noor Azmi said to contain the spread of the virus, students were not allowed to return home and visitors, including parents, were not allowed to enter the college grounds.

Apart from that, he said the Perak State Secretary's office had delivered 100 beds to the college with the assistance of the Armed Forces.

513,393 children vaccinated under PICKids

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 513,393 (14.5%) of children aged between five and 11 have received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme for Children (PICKids) as of Sunday.

Based on information on the CovidNOW website, a total of 13,992,391 individuals (59.5% of the adult population in the country) have received their booster shots and 22,944,158 (97.5%) have been fully vaccinated, while

23,221,715 (98.7%) have received at least one dose.

For adolescents aged between 12 and 17, a total of 2,798,806 individuals (90% of the age group) have been fully vaccinated, while 2,884,882 (92.8%) have received at least one dose.

A total of 128,153 doses of the vaccine were administered on Sunday, involving 61,230 first doses, 464 second doses and 66,459 booster shots, bringing the cumulative number of

vaccine doses administered under the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme to 66,148,498.

Meanwhile, according to the Health Ministry GitHub portal, a total of 37 deaths due to Covid-19 were recorded on Sunday, with nine cases in Johor, followed by seven in Selangor, six in Kedah, four cases each in Perak and Sabah, three in Penang, two in Pahang and one each in Malacca and the Federal Territory of Labuan. — Bernama

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Hospital to meet family of dead infant

KOTA BARU: The management of the Raja Perempuan Zainab II Hospital (HRPZ II) will meet the family of a two-month-old baby, who is claiming negligence by the hospital staff resulted in the death of the infant last Friday.

HRPZ II director Datuk Dr Selasawati Ghazali said the hospital had conducted an investigation involving doctors and nurses who were responsible for treating the baby.

However, she said the hospital could not reveal the findings of the investigation at this time and would only inform the victim's family during the meeting.

"As soon as the issue went viral on social media, we instructed those involved, including specialist doctors, doctors, nurses as well as the committee to look into the matter.

"We will explain every action taken by the hospital in treating the baby, and the baby's next-of-kin can also ask questions

during the meeting," she said yesterday.

A video posted by Ola Ola on Facebook claimed that the hospital's negligence had led to the death of her two-month-old baby.

In the video, which garnered more than 60,000 views, Ola Ola claimed that her baby was forced to fast for five days, apart from being given milk past the expiration date, and administered with sleeping pills without her permission. - Bernama