

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 14

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Program Imunisasi COVID-19 untuk Kanak-kanak

517,107 kanak-kanak sudah daftar

KKM harap hampir separuh akan dapat dos menjelang akhir bulan ini

Kuala Lumpur: Seramai 517,107 kanak-kanak berusia lima tahun hingga 11 tahun di negara ini sudah didaftarkan oleh ibu bapa mereka untuk menerima vaksin Pfizer COVID-19, setakat kelmarin.

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin, menerusi akaun Twitter berkata, angka itu merangkumi kira-kira 15 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kohort 3.6 juta kanak-kanak.

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Khairy berkata, beliau berharap hampir separuh daripada kanak-kanak di Malaysia akan mendapatkan suntikan vaksin menjelang akhir bulan ini.

Beliau berkata, untuk tujuan itu, Pasukan Petugas Khas Imu-

nisasi COVID-19 untuk Kanak-kanak di bawah pengawasan timbalannya, Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali, akan bekerja keras bersama-sama Kementerian Pendidikan.

Katanya, pautan bagi tempahan Program Imunisasi COVID-19 untuk Kanak-kanak (PI-CKids) dimuat naik berdasarkan tarikh pendaftaran dan ibu bapa yang tidak menerima pautan akan mendapatkannya tidak lama lagi.

Khairy turut memuat naik info grafik mengenai pendaftaran PI-CKids, yang menunjukkan Selangor mencatat jumlah pendaftaran tertinggi dengan 131,500 kanak-kanak mendaftar, manakala

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Menteri Kesihatan



Labuan mencatatkan pendaftaran terendah dengan 900 kanak-kanak.

Kerajaan sebelum ini mengemukakan, pemberian dos kepada kanak-kanak lima tahun hingga 11 tahun akan bermula

esok, di hospital dan pusat vaksin bersepadu, di Lembah Klang.

Sejumlah empat juta kanak-kanak berusia bawah 12 tahun di Malaysia layak menerima vaksin itu. **BERNAMA**

Penularan COVID-19

KKM disaran aktifkan lebih banyak penjujukan genom

Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) disaran mengaktifkan lebih banyak penjujukan genom bagi mengenal pasti kemungkinan wujudnya varian baharu yang menyumbang terhadap penularan dan peningkatan kes.

Pakar virologi dari Universiti Malaya (UM), Prof Dr Sazaly Abu Bakar, berkata langkah sebahagian besar komuniti memilih membuat ujian saringan sendiri menyebabkan sampel bagi penjujukan genom semakin berkurangan.

"Di makmal saya sendiri, penerimaan terhadap sampel untuk melakukan penjujukan genom semakin perlahan kerana ramai yang membuat ujian sendiri."

"Justeru, KKM perlu meningkatkan semula ujian melalui *Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)* untuk membolehkan lebih banyak penjujukan genom dilakukan."

"Jika varian yang ada ini Omicron, saya rasa tidak perlu risau kerana majoritinya iaitu lebih 90 peratus adalah kategori 1 dan 2, namun kita kena pastikan tiada varian baharu melalui penjujukan genom," katanya kepada *BH* di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian bagi mengulas kes COVID-19 yang menunjukkan pola peningkatan kepada 5,566 kes semalam.

Pada akhir Disember lalu, jumlah kes harian COVID-19 di-

laporkan kembali merekodkan penurunan apabila berada bawah angka 3,000 sebelum meningkat semula pada 21 Januari melepasi angka 4,000.

Bagaimanapun, angka harian kes COVID-19 di negara ini kembali melepasi 5,000 pada 27 Januari lalu dengan 5,439 kes baharu dilaporkan.

Kali terakhir negara merekodkan kes melebihi 5,000 adalah pada 1 Disember 2021 dengan 5,439 kes.

KKM memulakan penjujukan genom bagi varian COVID-19 secara konsortium dengan kerjasama Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI), universiti dan Institut Penyelidikan Perubatan (IMR) sejak Julai lalu.

Dr Sazaly berkata, pihaknya tidak melihat pola peningkatan kes COVID-19 menunjukkan keseimbangan selagi peratusan pesakit kategori tiga, empat dan

lima kekal rendah.

Malah, beliau melihat peningkatan kes COVID-19 kali ini tidak memerlukan tindakan lebih ketat daripada kerajaan seperti sebelum ini, termasuk sekatan.

"Kadar vaksinasi tinggi negara kini banyak membantu dalam membendung jangkitan serius termasuk Omicron."

"Pemberian vaksin amat membantu yang mana banyak jangkitan dikesan adalah gejala ringan. Walaupun kes lebih 5,000, golongan memerlukan rawatan bagi kategori serius tiada peningkatan."

"Indikatornya adalah pesakit yang menerima rawatan, selagi ia masih rendah, maka tidak perlu risau kecuali jika ada varian baharu."

"Jangkitan akibat varian Omicron ini mungkin membimbangkan bagi negara yang kadar vaksinasinya rendah," katanya.

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Seorang remaja menerima suntikan vaksin di Pusat Pemberian Vaksin (PPV) Offsite Tapak Ekspo Seberang Jaya pada Isnin lalu.

(Foto Dariani Saad/BH)

5,736 Kes baharu, kadar jangkitan meningkat

Kuala Lumpur: Penularan COVID-19 terus menunjukkan trend peningkatan apabila Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) melaporkan 5,736 kes COVID-19 di seluruh negara, semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata perkembangan itu menjadikan 2,882,324 individu sudah dijangkiti virus berkenaan, setakat ini.

Sementara itu, sejumlah 12,022,117 individu dewasa atau 51.4 peratus daripada populasi kumpulan itu di negara ini sudah menerima suntikan dos penggalak COVID-19 setakat kelmarin.

Berdasarkan data di laman web COVIDNOW, sejumlah 22,925,383 individu atau 97.9 peratus daripada populasi dewasa di negara ini sudah melengkapkan vaksinasi mereka, manakala 99.1 peratus atau 23,202,227 individu sudah menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin.

Bagi populasi remaja berusia antara 12 hingga 17 tahun, sejumlah 2,788,724 individu atau 88.6 peratus daripada kumpulan itu melengkapkan vaksinasi manakala 2,867,902 individu atau 91.1 peratus menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin.

Kelmarin, sejumlah 20,683 dos vaksin diberi membabitkan 210 dos pertama, 288 sebagai dos kedua dan 28,185 dos penggalak, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif dos vaksin yang diberikan di bawah Program Imunisasi COVID-19 Kebangsaan (PICK) sebanyak 63,601,771 dos.

Sementara itu, menurut portal Github Kementerian Kesihatan, tujuh kematian akibat COVID-19 dilaporkan kelmarin, dengan masing-masing dua di Johor dan Selangor, manakala satu kematian direkodkan masing-masing di Pahang, Perak dan Terengganu.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : COVID-19

Vaksin bukan tiket rasa selamat

Peningkatan kes, kluster pasca sambutan Tahun Baharu Cina tidak mustahil boleh berlaku

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Kebarangkalian berlaku peningkatan kes dan wujudnya kluster baharu pasca sambutan perayaan Tahun Baharu Cina tidak mustahil seandainya masyarakat gagal mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ditetapkan.

Demikian pandangan Presiden Persatuan Pakar Perubatan Kesihatan Awam Malaysia (PPPKAM) dan pakar perunding Epidemiologi Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Profesor Dr Mohamed Rusli Abdullah.

Menurut Dr Rusli, jangkaan itu berdasarkan data terdahulu yang menunjukkan peningkatan kes pasca sesuatu perayaan walaupun dalam pelaksanaan SOP yang ketat.

"Ketika ini, ki-

ta sudah memasuki fasa keempat dan SOP ditetapkan agak ringan berbanding dahulu.

"Dalam erti kata lain, pergerakan kini agak bebas dan walaupun kepentingan menjaga SOP diberi penekanan seperti kewajipan memakai pelitup muka, amalan penjarakan sosial selain sa-
ranan melakukan ujian ken-

diri sebelum pulang ke kampung namun masih ramai rakyat tidak akur.

"Mereka menganggap pematuhan kepada SOP sebagai perkara remeh dan ada kluster sebelum ini juga wujud disebabkan sikap individu tidak bertanggungjawab yang masih pulang ke kampung walaupun ada gejala," katanya ketika dihubungi Harian Metro.

Tambah Dr Rusli, lebih membimbangkan jika sikap mengambil lewa sege-
linter ma-

sarakat terhadap Covid-19 dan kepentingan mematuhi SOP akan menyebabkan penyebaran jangkitan kepada golongan berisiko tinggi.

"Bukan yang beraya saja namun mereka yang mengambil kesempatan pulang ke kampung sempena cuti Tahun Baharu Cina juga perlu mengambil berat soal SOP.

"Harus diingat, vaksin dan dos penggalak bukan tiket untuk berasa selamat kerana hanya melindungi diri daripada mendapat gejala se-

rius, bukan seratus peratus menghalang jangkitan.

"Apa dikhawatirkan adalah jika virus menjangkiti golongan berisiko tinggi misalnya ibu bapa sudah berusia ditemui ketika pulang beraya kerana kealpaan kita lebih-lebih lagi dengan kehadiran varian Covid-19 seperti Omicron yang mempunyai keupayaan kebolehhajjangan yang tinggi," katanya.

Justeru, Dr Rusli mengingatkan orang ramai supaya terus mematuhi SOP dan pastikan semua ahli keluarga sudah menerima vaksin Covid-19 sebelum berkumpul.



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517,107 kanak-kanak sedia terima vaksin

Kuala Lumpur: Seramai 517,107 kanak-kanak berusia lima hingga 11 tahun sudah mendaftar untuk menyertai Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak (Pick Kids) yang akan dilaksanakan mulai hari ini.

Menteri Kesihatan Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, data terkini setakat Selasa lalu itu satu permulaan yang baik untuk memastikan kanak-kanak di negara ini turut dilindungi daripada jangkitan Covid-19.

Katanya, Jawatankuasa Bertindak Imunisasi Covid-19 Kanak-Kanak (CITF-C) serta Kementerian Pendidikan akan berusaha keras untuk memastikan sasaran 4.1 juta kanak-kanak menerima vaksinasi Covid-19 dapat dicapai.

"Saya berharap hampir separuh daripada ka-

nak-kanak di Malaysia akan divaksin pada penghujung Februari ini.

"Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) juga akan terus menyampaikan manfaat mengambil vaksin," katanya menerusi Twitter, semalam.

Pick Kids akan dilaksanakan secara berperingkat bermula di Lembah Klang mulai hari ini.

Khairy berkata, pautan tempahan vaksinasi kanak-kanak berusia lima hingga 11 tahun

itu sedang diberikan secara berperingkat bagi mereka yang mendaftarkan anak masing-masing melalui aplikasi MySejahtera.

"Tarikh temu janji diberikan berdasarkan tarikh pendaftaran.

"Ibu bapa yang belum menerima pautan, jangan risau.

"Anda akan menerimanya (tarikh) tidak lama lagi," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Jawatankuasa Khas Jaminan Akses Bekalan Vaksin Covid-19 (JKAV) menerusi perkongsian infografik di Twitter berkata, orang ramai perlu mengemaskini aplikasi MySejahtera masing-masing kepada versi yang terkini serta patuhi

langkah membuat janji temu vaksinasi kanak-kanak.

"Selepas mendaftarkan anak anda, sila tunggu untuk menerima pautan tempahan janji temu.

"Link (pautan) pendaftaran akan diberikan berperingkat. Ibu bapa boleh memilih PPV (Pusat Pemberian Vaksin), masa dan tarikh yang bersesuaian melalui link ini," katanya.

Sistem tempahan melalui aplikasi MySejahtera untuk Pick Kids mula dibuka sejak penghujung Januari lalu.

KKM menyasarkan 70 peratus kanak-kanak berusia 5 hingga bawah 12 tahun dalam sistem pendidikan diberikan dos pertama vaksin Pfizer dalam tempoh dua bulan selepas Pick Kids dijalankan serta 80 peratus menerima dos lengkap bagi tempoh enam bulan pelaksanaan.

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AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NEGARA

KKM sasar separuh daripada 3.6 juta disuntik vaksin menjelang akhir bulan ini **517,107 kanak-kanak daftar Pfizer**

Oleh SITI A'ISYAH SUKAIMI

PUTRAJAYA – Seramai 517,107 kanak-kanak berusia antara lima hingga 11 tahun sudah berdaftar untuk suntikan vaksin Covid-19 Pfizer oleh ibu bapa masing-masing bagi Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kanak-kanak (PICKids).

Data sehingga kelmarin itu dikongsikan oleh Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar menerusi ciapan ringkas di laman Twitter beliau.

"Ia adalah 15 peratus daripada jumlah kohort 3.6 juta (kanak-kanak negara ini), permulaan yang baik dan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) akan terus menyampaikan manfaat untuk mendapatkan vaksin."

"Saya berharap hampir separuh kanak-kanak di Malaysia akan mendapat vaksin menjelang akhir Februari."

"Badan Bertindak Imunisasi Covid-19 (CITF) di bawah Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Noor Azmi Ghazali akan bekerja keras bersama Kementerian Pendidikan," menurut ciapan tersebut di sini semalam.

Pemberian vaksin untuk



PEMBERIAN vaksin untuk kanak-kanak berusia antara lima hingga bawah 12 tahun menerusi PICKids akan bermula hari ini. – GAMBAR HIASAN

kanak-kanak berusia lima hingga bawah 12 tahun, menerusi PICKids akan bermula hari ini dengan anggaran seramai empat juta kanak-kanak layak menerima vaksin jenis Comirnaty10mcg

Concentrate for Dispersion (PfizerBioNTech).

Menerusi sidang akhbar Dr. Noor Azmi pada 27 Januari lalu, beliau dilaporkan berkata, sebagai permulaan pemberian vaksin

tersebut akan dilaksanakan di Lembah Klang.

Sebanyak tiga pusat pemberian vaksin (PPV) dibuka di Lembah Klang mulai hari ini iaitu World Trade Centre (WTC)

di Kuala Lumpur, Axiata Arena, Bukit Jalil dan Ideal Convention Centre, Shah Alam, manakala 25 lagi PPV mula beroperasi pada 5 Februari ini.

Berdasarkan data yang dikongsi, Selangor mencatatkan pendaftaran paling tinggi iaitu lebih 131,000 orang, diikuti Johor (81,400) dan Kuala Lumpur (47,500).

Tiga negeri yang mencatatkan pendaftaran vaksin kanak-kanak terendah setakat ini ialah Labuan kira-kira 900 orang, Perlis (1,900), dan Putrajaya (3,400).

Program vaksinasi kanak-kanak ini memerlukan dua suntikan dos vaksin dengan sela masa lapan minggu selepas dos pertama.

Berdasarkan data terkini yang diperolehi, sela masa lapan minggu di antara dua dos yang diberikan akan memberi kesan tindak balas imuniti dan kadar keberkesanan yang lebih tinggi serta berpotensi untuk memberikan perlindungan yang lebih lama.

Bagaimanapun, setakat ini pengambilan vaksin dalam kalangan kanak-kanak tidak diwajibkan.



PROGRAM pemberian vaksinasi dos penggalak yang giat dilaksanakan ketika ini dapat meningkatkan tahap imunisasi seseorang.

Lima kali kes harian jangkitan Covid-19 lempi angka 5,000

PUTRAJAYA – Jangkitan baharu Covid-19 semalam terus meningkat dengan 5,736 kes dilaporkan berbanding 5,666 kes yang dicatatkan kelmarin.

Ia adalah kali kedua kes harian melepasi angka 5,000 untuk bulan ini, manakala kali kelima untuk tahun ini selepas mencatatkan sebanyak 5,439 kes pada 27 Januari lalu, 5,525 kes (28 Januari) dan 5,139 kes (29 Januari).

Sementara itu, mengenai kes kematian akibat Covid-19, tujuh kematian telah dilaporkan, menjadikan jumlah kematian terkini sebanyak 31,985 kes.

Bagaimanapun, tiada kematian dalam tempoh 24 jam dilaporkan kelmarin.

"Terdapat satu kes meninggal dunia di luar hospital atau brought-in-death (BID), dengan jumlah kes BID sebanyak 6,447

kes," demikian maklumat berdasarkan laman web CovidNow semalam.

Sementara itu, dalam tempoh tujuh hari sahaja, kemasukan kes ke hospital negara ini mencatatkan peningkatan 13 peratus dengan kadar penggunaan katil sebanyak 60 peratus.

Menurut data dalam laman web CovidNow, Pulau Pinang mencatatkan peningkatan tertinggi kadar penggunaan katil sebanyak 70 peratus, diikuti Melaka (60 peratus), Kuala Lumpur (51 peratus), Kedah (39 peratus) dan Sarawak (30 peratus).

Perak pula mencatatkan sebanyak 19 peratus, Negeri Sembilan (17 peratus), Putrajaya (17 peratus), Pahang (14 peratus), Perlis (12 peratus), Johor (10 peratus), Sabah (enam peratus) dan Selangor (lima peratus).

AKHBAR : KOSMO
 MUKA SURAT : 10
 RUANGAN : NEGARA



Oleh SITI KAMILAH MUSTAPHA
 PENOLONG PENGARANG BERITA

Salahkah ambil booster dan sihat?

KIRA-KIRA dua bulan lalu penulis telah menerima suntikan dos penggalak (booster) Covid-19 jenis Pfizer.

Pada awalnya penulis agak ragu-ragu untuk menerimanya disebabkan dos Sinovac (dua dos awal yang diterima) akan bercampur dengan Pfizer (dos penggalak), namun pada tarikh berkenaan penulis pejam mata dan tawakal sahaja.

Alhamdulillah tiada kesan sampingan teruk, hanya sakit pada bahu beberapa hari. Tiada rasa kemaruk lapar atau mengantuk seperti dua dos sebelum ini.

Cuma kadang-kala penulis merasakan diri cepat penat atau 'pendek nafas' ketika kelim kabut dalam sesuatu perkara, tidak mahu menyalahkan dos penggalak 'husnuzon' saja mungkin itu adalah faktor usia.

Apa yang pelik, komen penulis di media sosial mengenai dos penggalak berbunyi 'saya sudah ambil booster, Alhamdulillah tiada kesan sampingan' menerima komen balas tidak puas hati netizen baru-baru ini.

Hanya 10 peratus komen yang bersependapat dengan penulis menyatakan mereka juga sihat dan tiada kesan sampingan selepas mengambil dos berkenaan.

Selebihnya netizen lain meninggalkan komen balas berbaur sinis antaranya, 'mediaaaa... memang kempen suruh ambil pun', 'Sekarang ok, tengoklah akan datang', 'mungkin tidak kena diri sendiri, mungkin kena kat keluarga' dan 'kalau ada anak kecil cuba cucuk anak pulak ya'.

Membaca komen-komen berkenaan membuatkan penulis berfikir salahkah mengambil booster Covid-19 dan sihat, netizen itu semua mahu kita masuk hospital ke lepas terima suntikan.

Mungkin cerita-cerita buruk orang selepas ambil booster mereka suka baca berbanding orang sihat dan bersyukur tiada kesan sampingan.

Menjengah di aplikasi TikTok golongan itu memang bermaharajalela, maaf cakap mereka adalah golongan antivaksin. Pelbagai video menakut-nakutkan orang berlambak di situ.

Kalaulah penulis bukan 'orang media' yang membaca data Covid-19 daripada Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) hari-hari, tidak mustahil penulis juga akan jadi antivaksin.

Komuniti mereka sangat kuat sokong-menyokong antara satu sama lain di aplikasi berkenaan, pelbagai video termasuk daripada selebriti (bukan doktor) antivaksin turut ada.

Fakta mereka petik yang entah dari mana, kadang-kala kedengaran agak lucu dan tidak masuk akal tetapi dipercayai bulat-bulat.

Mujurlah ada beberapa petugas kesihatan mula menggunakan TikTok dengan membuat content kesedaran cara orang muda. Tidak dapat menyedarkan semua pun tidak mengapa, lima peratus pun sudah okay.

Bawa membacalah semua, bila dengar video antivaksin cuba lah semak fakta itu betul atau salah, jadi orang cerdik semak dulu baru percaya.

Jika anda baca kenyataan akhbar KKM bertarikh 1 Februari ada menyebut walaupun kes harian 5,566 tetapi 99 peratus adalah daripada kategori 1 dan 2 (gejala ringan). Selebihnya kategori 3,4 dan 5.

Macam mana kes tetap tinggi, jangan salahkan dos vaksin ya, anda sendiri beratut panjang makan cendol, pergi kenduri salam orang sana sini, oh tidak lupa pelitup muka pun letak kat dagu.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 10
RUANGAN : VAKSIN UNTUK RAKYAT

Dos penggalak jenis berbeza lebih baik

Hasil keberkesanan antibodi lebih tinggi berbanding vaksin jenis yang sama

Oleh LIZA MOKHTAR

SHAH ALAM

Pemberian dos penggalak sama ada daripada jenis yang sama (homologus) atau daripada jenis yang berbeza (heterologus) amat disyorkan bagi mengembalikan perlindungan terhadap Covid-19 ke tahap optimum.

Ini kerana imuniti yang terbentuk selepas lengkap dua dos vaksin Covid-19 menurun dalam tempoh tertentu, menambahkan lagi perlunya pengambilan dos penggalak.

Pakar Perubatan Kesihatan Masyarakat, Fakulti Perubatan Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Profesor Dr Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh mengakui, dos penggalak heterologus menghasilkan keberkesanan antibodi lebih tinggi daripada vaksin jenis sama.

"Pemberian dos penggalak menggunakan vaksin jenis yang berbeza (heterologus) sudah dikaji keberkesanannya di luar ne-



DR SHARIFA

gara dan dalam kebanyakan kes kesan sampingan adalah rendah," katanya kepada *Sinar Premium*.

Untuk rekod, di Malaysia vaksin Pfizer, AstraZeneca dan Sinovac diberi sebagai dos penggalak Covid-19 bagi individu berumur 18 tahun dan ke atas.

Mengulas kesan sampingan yang berlaku akibat reaksi tindak balas sistem imun badan terhadap

vaksin yang diterima, Dr Sharifa menambah, ia terbahagi kepada dua iaitu kesan ringan dan serius.

Katanya, kesan sampingan ringan termasuklah demam, sakit tangan, keletihan, sedikit bengkak, cirit birit, pening, lesu, letih, pening dan sakit ke-

pala adalah paling banyak dialami di mana badan bereaksi terhadap vaksin dan ini adalah baik kerana ia menunjukkan badan menghasilkan antibodi terhadap virus.

"Kesan sampingan berat adalah seperti alergi teruk (badan membengkak, naik ruam, kesukaran bernafas, mata bengkak dan gatal, gangguan jantung, pitam, demam berpanjangan, gangguan haid (selalunya sementara sahaja dan tidak mengganggu fertiliti) serta gangguan saraf *Gullain Barre*," katanya.

Gangguan saraf *Gullain Barre* ini merupakan gangguan



saraf autoimun badan terhadap saraf menyebabkan paralisis otot, malah pernafasan dalam kes yang teruk.

Selalunya steroid diperlukan dalam rawatan dan ia bersifat sementara.

Penyakit ini boleh terjadi akibat serangan virus Covid-19 itu sendiri atau selepas vaksin.

Dr Sharifa menjelaskan, kesan sampingan teruk sebenarnya jarang berlaku dan kadar infla-

MEDEPANI KRISIS COVID-19: APA TINDAKAN KITA?

masi miokarditis (otot jantung) atau perikarditis (otot selaput jantung) selepas suntikan vaksin (terutama jenis mRNA) dianggap antara 1.6-3.0 di kalangan 100,000 penduduk.

"Dalam kes di mana alergi atau kesan sampingan serius berlaku maka penerima vaksin dinasihatkan mendapat rawatan di hospital.

"Ini juga sebab mengapa penerima suntikan vaksin diminta

berhatih di pusat vaksin selama 15-30 minit untuk memantau sebarang tanda atau rungutan selepas vaksin yang bersifat akut manakala kesan sampingan lewat masih boleh berlaku selalunya dalam tempoh enam minggu selepas vaksin," katanya.

Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan (PICK) Penggalak (Booster) atau lebih dikenali sebagai PICK-B bermula pada 13 Oktober 2021. Program ini dijangka melibatkan seramai 23 juta orang di Malaysia.

Lebih 12 juta populasi dewasa terima suntikan dos penggalak

KUALA LUMPUR - Sebanyak 12,022,117 individu dewasa atau 51.4 peratus daripada populasi kumpulan itu di negara ini telah menerima suntikan dos penggalak Covid-19 setakat Selasa.

Berdasarkan data di laman web CovidNow, sejumlah 22,925,383 individu atau 97.9 peratus daripada populasi dewasa di negara ini telah melengkapkan vaksinasi mereka manakala 99.1 peratus atau 23,202,227 individu telah menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin.

Bagi populasi remaja berumur antara 12 hingga 17 tahun, sejumlah 2,788,724 individu atau 88.6 peratus daripada kumpulan itu telah melengkapkan vaksinasi manakala 2,867,902 individu atau 91.1 peratus telah menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin.

Pada Selasa, sebanyak 28,683 dos vaksin telah diberikan, melibatkan 210 dos pertama, 288 sebagai dos kedua dan 28,185 dos penggalak menjadikan jumlah kumulatif dos vaksin yang diberikan di bawah Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan (PICK) sebanyak 63,601,771 dos. - *Bernama*

5,736 kes baharu Covid-19

SHAH ALAM - Kes harian Covid-19 negara menunjukkan sedikit peningkatan kepada 5,736 kes pada Rabu berbanding 5,566 yang direkodkan pada Selasa.

Perkara itu dimaklumkan oleh Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah menerusi ciapan di Twitternya pada Rabu.

Sementara itu, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) melaporkan sebanyak tujuh kes kematian akibat Covid-19 pada Selasa dengan satu daripadanya membabitkan kematian di luar hospital (*brought-in-dead* atau BID).

Ini menjadikan jumlah ke-

seluruhan kematian disebabkan pandemik mencecah 31,985 orang, daripada lebih 2.8 juta kes positif Covid-19 yang dikesan di negara ini.

Menurut data daripada KKM portal CovidNow, kes kematian itu direkodkan di 14 buah negeri dengan tertinggi direkodkan di Selangor dan Johor dengan dua kes.

Satu kes direkodkan di tiga negeri iaitu Pahang, Perak dan juga Terengganu.

Bagi kes BID pula, satu kes direkodkan di Terengganu dan 11 negeri iaitu Kedah, Kelantan, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Perlis, Pulau Pinang, Sabah, Sarawak, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur dan Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya men-

catatkan sifar kes kematian.

Sementara itu, menerusi portal itu juga terdapat 57,152 kes aktif Covid-19 di seluruh negara.

Daripada jumlah tersebut, 49,787 individu atau 87.1 peratus daripadanya sedang menjalani kuarantin di rumah.

Seramai 4,211 orang pula ditempatkan di Pusat Kuarantin dan Rawatan Covid-19 (PKRC).

Sebanyak 3,041 kes dirawat di Hospital dan seramai 113 pesakit ditempatkan di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU).

Kes ICU membabitkan 59 pesakit memerlukan alat bantuan pernafasan dan 54 yang lain tidak memerlukannya.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : VAKSIN UNTUK RAKYAT

Vaksin kanak-kanak bermula hari ini

Ikhtiar untuk memastikan golongan berkenaan selamat daripada kesan jangkitan Covid-19

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Pemberian vaksin Covid-19 untuk kanak-kanak berusia lima hingga 11 tahun menerusi Program Imunisasi Kanak-Kanak (PICKids) akan bermula hari ini di Lembah Klang sebagai permulaan.

Ibu bapa yang ditemui berpendapat keputusan untuk memvaksin anak-anak mereka adalah sebagai ikhtiar untuk memastikan kanak-kanak selamat daripada kesan jangkitan Covid-19 dan membantu mengekang penularan varian baharu.

Selain itu, rata-rata daripada mereka turut memuji proses pendaftaran dan tempahan janji temu vaksinasi yang amat mudah dan cepat menerusi aplikasi MySejahtera malah teruja untuk membawa anak mereka menjalani proses vaksinasi Covid-19.

MENDEPANI KRISIS COVID-19: APA TINDAKAN KITA?



Kanak-kanak berumur 5 hingga 11 tahun akan menerima vaksin bermula hari ini.

Ahmad Sufian Abdul Karim, 46, berkata, beliau dan isteri mahukan anak-anak mereka diberikan vaksin Covid-19 seperti vaksin lain yang disarankan oleh pakar perubatan bagi mencegah jangkitan penyakit berjangkit.

Katanya, beliau membuat tempahan janji temu vaksinasi anak lelakinya yang berusia lima tahun sebaik sahaja menerima notifikasi vaksinasi di MySejahtera pada Selasa.

"Lepas dapat SMS (khidmat pesanan ringkas) vaksinasi anak, saya terus buat tempahan slot janji temu di MySejahtera. Proses lancar dan

mudah. Anak dapat vaksin pada Sabtu ini," katanya yang sudah lengkap menerima suntikan vaksin Covid-19 dan dos penggalak.

Senada dengannya, Fong Yee Zie, 38, berkata, dua anaknya masing-masing akan menerima vaksin pada Ahad ini. Beliau percaya vaksin adalah langkah terbaik untuk melindungi diri daripada jangkitan wabak itu.

Dalam pada itu, semakan di media sosial mendapati rata-rata ibu bapa yang telah menerima notifikasi vaksinasi anak mereka, berkongsi keterujaan serta tangkap layar tempahan janji temu vaksinasi, selain turut mencadangkan kerajaan meningkatkan promosi serta panduan untuk pendaftaran PICKids me-

PICKids PROGRAM IMUNISASI COVID-19 KANAK-KANAK (PICKids)

SENARAI PFVKIDS YANG BOLEH DIPILIH UNTUK VAKSINASI KANAK-KANAK BAGI KAWASAN LEMBAH KLANG

BERMULA 3 FEBRUARI 2022

WORLD TRADE CENTRE (WTC), KUALA LUMPUR
AXIATA ARENA BUKIT JALIL
IDEAL CONVENTION CENTRE (IDCC), SHAH ALAM

BERMULA 5 FEBRUARI 2022

PPV OFFSITE BANGSA MEDICAL GROUP	PPV OFFSITE DA MEN MALL
PPV OFFSITE TAJAN AZHAR (BUKIT DAMANSARA)	PPV DEWAN BANGSABUAYA SITI, TAMBAH SAYA
PPV DEWAN KEMAMPAK KEMAS, KEMAS	PPV OFFSITE DEWAND SEASON HOTEL (DEWAND CLINIC)
PPV OFFSITE BANGSA MEDICAL GROUP TAJAN BUDARA	PPV OFFSITE DEWAND BUKIT KEDAH (AMOH)
PPV OFFSITE WYNDHAM HOTEL KLANG (DEWAND CLINIC)	PPV DEWAN DEWAND BUKIT AMPANG MEWAH
PPV OFFSITE KLANG PARKWAY	PPV DEWAN DEWAND BUKIT AMPANG MEWAH PUTRA PERDANA
PPV OFFSITE MUTIARA BUKIT (LINK 517)	PPV OFFSITE DEWAND BANGSABUAYA KOTA DAMANSARA (DEWAND CLINIC)
PPV OFFSITE POLITEKNIK PRIMA	PPV OFFSITE POST KLANG AMPHIBITY (WAL MEDICAL CENTRE)
PPV OFFSITE KOTA CITY TOWER 1	PPV OFFSITE ANONMALL BUKIT KUALA (KORLIN PERDANA)
PPV INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTER	PPV OFFSITE IMPORUS PRIMER EMBRANO CLINIC KOTA DAMANSARA 24H
PPV OFFSITE PARADISE MALL	PPV OFFSITE MINNIE E CONVENTION CENTER (WAL MEDICAL CENTRE)
PPV CENTREPOINT BANGSA UTAMA	
PPV OFFSITE BUKIT BAKAR	
PPV OFFSITE DEWAND MCKS SAGAHIA UTAMA (DEWAND CLINIC)	

Tarikh Kemulakan: 2 Februari 2022

LINDUNG DIRI, LINDUNG SEMUA.

PASUKAN PETUGAS KHAS MAMBAKSI COVID-19 (CITF)

nerusi aplikasi itu.

Pengguna Twitter @farafera9 mencip, "Done (daftar vaksin kanak-kanak)...semoga dapat memberi manfaat dan ada asbab kebaikan, amin. #PICKids."

Seorang lagi pengguna Twitter @syikinyunusMD mencip, "Alhamdulillah, recieved date for my son's #PICKids. Taking this step to protect my son from #COVID, #LongCovid & MIS-C." - Bernama

517,107 kanak-kanak daftar vaksin

SHAH ALAM - Seramai 517,107 kanak-kanak berusia lima hingga 11 tahun di Malaysia sudah didaftarkan untuk Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan Kanak-Kanak (PICKids).

Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, rekod data pada Selasa itu merupakan satu tanda permulaan yang baik ke arah memastikan seluruh masyarakat Keluarga Malaysia dilindungi daripada pandemik Covid-19.

"517,107 kanak-kanak (lima-11 tahun) di Malaysia telah didaftarkan untuk vaksin Pfizer Covid-19 oleh ibu bapa mereka.

"Permulaan yang baik dan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) akan terus menyempatkan faedah mendapatkan vaksin,"



KHAIRY

katanya menerusi ciapan di Twitternya pada Rabu.

Pada 20 Januari, KKM memaklumkan akan melaksanakan pemberian vaksin Covid-19 jenis Cominaty keluaran Pfizer-BioNTech untuk kanak-kanak berumur lima

hingga 11 tahun bermula Februari.

Mengulas lanjut, beliau berharap hampir separuh kanak-kanak di Malaysia akan mendapat suntikan vaksin Covid-19 pada penghujung Februari ini.

"Jawatankuasa Bertindak Imunisasi Covid-19 Kanak-Kanak (CITF-C) di bawah Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali akan bekerja keras bersama-sama Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM)," katanya.

Kanak-kanak golongan berisiko tinggi, perlu suntikan vaksin

SHAH ALAM - Pemberian vaksin kepada kanak-kanak yang berumur antara lima hingga 12 tahun adalah penting memandangkan golongan tersebut juga dianggap sebagai berisiko tinggi pada ketika ini. Pakar Perubatan Keluarga, Dr Suhazeli Abdullah berkata, ini kerana terdapat pelbagai kelonggaran telah dibenarkan yang turut melibatkan golongan tersebut terdedah dengan risiko jangkitan.

"Menurut kajian dan data saintifik daripada Amerika Syarikat (AS), Singapura dan beberapa negara lain, kita dapat bahawa vaksin Covid-19 perlu diberikan kepada anak-anak. Mereka adalah golongan yang mudah untuk dijangkiti. Sama seperti golongan dewasa.

"Melihat kepada akhir-akhir ini, banyak kelonggaran yang telah diberikan seperti rentas negeri dan aktiviti besar-

besaran seperti membuat majlis. Walaupun dibuat dengan prosedur operasi standard (SOP), tetapi saya lihat benda ini telah dilonggarkan menyebabkan risiko untuk dijangkiti masih wujud.

"Sekarang kita lihat jumlah pe-

sakit harian masih lagi melebihi 4,000 kes. Ini membimbangkan. Walaupun golongan dewasa hampir mencecah 100 peratus kadar vaksinasi. Golongan berisiko seperti kanak-kanak yang tiada perlindungan ini amat diperlukan perlindungan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian dalam Agenda Awani yang bertajuk "Vaksin Kanak-Kanak: Apa Kata Doktor?" yang disiarkan pada Selasa.



DR SUHAZELI

Menurut Dr Suhazeli, pemberian vaksin kepada kanak-kanak baru dilaksanakan kerana ia bergantung kepada laporan dan juga perubahan yang berlaku dari masa ke masa.

"Kita mengikut kepada situasi keadaan semasa. Andai

kata ia memerlukan, maka di sini tugas kerajaan yang diberi amanah dan tanggungjawab untuk menjaga perkara ini secara keseluruhannya.

"Masyarakat di luar sana, yakinlah dengan apa yang dilakukan dengan kerajaan. Sebab kalau kita melihat dari sumber yang tidak sah, individu yang tidak bertanggungjawab, ia mendatangkan satu kekeliruan bagi masyarakat," ujarnya.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 16

RUANGAN : SUARA SINAR HARIAN

Warganet 'galak' komen isu dos penggalak

APABILA Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar menerusi ciapan Twitter berkata, Malaysia kini lebih bersedia untuk menangani lonjakan kes angkara Omicron, ternyata warganet tidak boleh duduk diam.

Ketersediaan negara yang dikaitkan dengan Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan (PICK) yang berjalan lancar ketika ini mengundang pelbagai reaksi berbeza.

Khairy berkata, lebih sebulan lalu kementerianya sudah menjangkakan varian Omicron akan menjadi dominan seperti di kebanyakan negara lain, seterusnya menyebabkan lonjakan kes Covid-19. Sehubungan itu, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mempercepatkan program suntikan dos penggalak di negara ini.

Kenyataan itu mengundang reaksi negatif pengguna alam maya yang berpandangan dos penggalak bukan penyelesaian kepada lonjakan kes Covid-19 di Malaysia.

"Janganlah paksa, kalau jadi apa-apa kamu nak bertanggungjawab ke?" Itu antara ribuan komen di Facebook pada salah satu laporan berkaitan kenyataan Khairy.

Laman web *covid-19.moh.gov.my* dalam kemas kini terkini memaklumkan, imuniti yang terbentuk selepas lengkap vaksinasi menurun selepas tempoh tertentu. Pemberian dos penggalak amat disyorkan bagi mengembalikan perlindungan terhadap Covid-19 ke tahap optimum.

Tempoh penerimaan dos penggalak berbeza berdasarkan jenis dos primer dan ia boleh dari jenis yang sama (homologus) atau dari jenis berbeza (heterologus) mengikut jenis disyorkan Jawatankuasa Kerja Teknikal dan Pekeliling KPK Bil 1/2022.

Jika dilihat sehingga Selasa lalu, seramai 12,022,117 individu dewasa atau 51.4 peratus daripada populasi kumpulan itu sudah menerima suntikan dos penggalak. Berdasarkan data di laman web CovidNow pula, sejumlah 22,925,383 individu atau 97.9 peratus daripada populasi dewasa di negara ini sudah melengkapkan vaksinasi mereka.

Kerajaan mungkin perlu mengambil kira sedikit pandangan orang ramai memandangkan peratusan yang belum mengambil vaksin penggalak dilihat masih jauh berbeza berbanding mereka yang belum melengkapkan pengambilan vaksinasi.

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA

MUKA SURAT : 10

RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

Suara PPP Kontrak tular di media sosial

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PETALING JAYA: Walaupun tiada demonstrasi tunjuk perasaan dan mogok besar-besaran dilakukan oleh kumpulan Penolong Pegawai Perubatan (PPP) lantikan kontrak, namun, solidariti dan semangat tunjuk perasaan memperjuangkan nasib mereka hangat diperdebatkan dalam media sosial.

Tinjauan *Utusan Malaysia* mendapati, siri mogok menggunakan tanda pagar #suara-pppkontrak mendapat sokongan padu bukan sahaja melibatkan warga PPP, tetapi juga melibatkan kakitangan kesihatan lain seperti pegawai perubatan yang simpati dengan nasib menimpa mereka.

Seorang pengguna Facebook bernama Mawar Berduri berkata, sekali pun tiada demonstrasi, tunjuk perasaan dan mogok terbuka dilakukan oleh PPP lantikan swasta dan Kementerian Kesihatan, namun mereka mampu melakukan melalui

hantaran status di media sosial Facebook dan Instagram.

Katanya, pihaknya berbuat demikian kerana ingin menjadi contoh buat masyarakat dan profesion lain dalam melahirkan bersolidariti kerana masih berpegang dan patuh pada SOP kerajaan Malaysia.

"Alhamdulillah, sokongan yang tidak berbelah bahagi dalam kalangan PPP senior, PPK (pembantu perawat kesihatan) dan HO (pegawai perubatan) khas buat PPP kontrak lantikan kerajaan dan swasta kerana mereka tahu penat lelah bersama-sama di dalam menangani pandemik Covid-19," katanya.

Utusan Malaysia semalam melaporkan PPP juga akan mengadakan siri tunjuk perasaan bagi memperjuangkan lantikan mereka, di samping beberapa manfaat lain tidak diperolehi kerana berstatus 'kontrak'.

Mendedahkan kepada akhbar ini, salah seorang PPP kontrak yang enggan dikenali berkata, kebanyakan daripada mereka

akan menamatkan perkhidmatan kontrak semalam.

Nada sama juga disampaikan oleh seorang PPP dikenali Din Dressar apabila dia mengharapkan dan rakan sekerja lain agar dilantik ke jawatan tetap dengan sesegera mungkin.

Katanya, sebagai salah satu tulang belakang petugas kesihatan, pihaknya lebih menonjol dan ke hadapan dalam menguruskan kes berkaitan Covid-19 kerana mempunyai semangat juang yang tinggi.

"Tetapi tidak bagi kami adik PPP lantikan kontrak ini. Kami ditawarkan ke lantikan kontrak ini dan terus masuk kerja dan menghadapi suasana perang melawan Covid-19," katanya.

Menerusi data diberikan oleh sumber, sejumlah 4,300 penolong pegawai perubatan telah direkrut kerajaan sejak sistem kontrak diperkenalkan pada 2018, menyaksikan 3,400 tajaan Kementerian Kesihatan dan 900 lagi dilantik daripada kolej-kolej swasta.



Mawar Putih Berduri is with Moshe Aren and 7 others.

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MOGOK Suara PPP Kontrak turut mendapat sokongan melibatkan kakitangan perubatan lain yang bersolidariti dengan nasib menimpa mereka.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : NEWS / NATION



An adolescent getting a dose of a Covid-19 vaccine at the Seberang Jaya expo grounds in Penang on Monday. PIC BY DANIAL SAAD

MORE THAN 500,000 REGISTERED

KIDS' VAX DRIVE STARTS IN KLANG VALLEY TODAY

Links to book slots are being released to parents in stages, says vaccine panel

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THE Special Committee on Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee has released a list of vaccination centres in the Klang Valley for those aged 5 to 11.

The committee said parents or guardians could select the vaccination centre or postcode to book their child's vaccination appointment via the MySejahtera application.

"The booking links for children (5 to 11 years old) are being released in stages on MySejahtera for parents or guardians in the Klang Valley who have registered their children on the app."

The vaccination drive for younger children, called PICKids (a portmanteau of Program Imunisasi Covid-19 Kebangsaan in Bahasa Malaysia and the English word "kids"), begins today at World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur and Axiata Arena Bukit Jalil in Kuala Lumpur, and Ideal Convention Centre in Shah Alam, Selangor.

Off-site vaccination centres that start on Saturday are Dahlia Medical Group, Poliklinik Zain Azrai in Selayang's Bukit Idaman, Dewan Komuniti Sungai Choh, Dahlia Medical Group Taman Bidara, Wyndham Hotel Klang (George Clinic), Klang Parade, Mutiara Subang (Klinik Siti), Poliklinik Prima, IOI City Tower 1, International Youth Centre, Paradigm Mall, Centrepoin Bandar Utama, Subang Parade, Dewan MDKS Saujana Utama (George Clinic), Da Men Mall, Dewan Serbaguna SS15, Grand Season Hotel (George Clinic), Dewan Seri Bernam (Miosh), Dewan Orang Ramai Ampang Mewah, Dewan Serbaguna Seroja in Putra Perdana, Dewan Serbaguna Kota Damansara (George Clinic), Port Klang Authority (IHEAL Medical Centre), Aeon Mall Bukit Raja (Poliklinik Perdana), Emporis Primer Cherang Klinik Kota Damansara and Mines 2 Convention Centre (IHEAL Medical Centre).

Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin yesterday said 517,107 children aged 5 to 11 have been registered, and that this was 15 per cent of the 3.6 million eligible to be vaccinated.

Seven Covid-19 clusters were reported on Tuesday, bringing the number of active clusters to 318. Of the total, five are linked to education institutions, and two clusters are from workplaces.

Data on CovidNow showed that

clusters linked to education institutions topped the active clusters' list with 187, followed by workplace clusters with 75, community with 23, high-risk group with 17, imported with 11, detention centre with three, and religious, two.

Khairy on Tuesday said the country was seeing a rapid rise in Covid-19 infections due to the Omicron variant, but gave an assurance that the healthcare system was prepared for it.

"More than a month ago, I said that we expected Omicron to become dominant here as it had elsewhere, and that when it did, cases would rise. That's why we sped up our booster programme."

"We are now seeing the predicted quick rise in cases. However, there is no need to panic. There is strong indication of a decoupling between severe outcomes and cases."

"Our vaccination programmes — adults, adolescents, and soon children — are working well. Hospital capacity utilisation remains under control, and we are prepared to deal with a surge," he said on Twitter.

On Tuesday, 5,566 Covid-19 cases were recorded and the infection rate (Rt) rose to 1.15.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said Perlis had the highest Rt at 1.29, followed by Putrajaya (1.21), Johor (1.17) and Penang, Kedah and Sabah (1.16).

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

OMICRON CONCERN

'TAKE EXTRA CARE TO CURB CASES AMONG CHILDREN'

Use N95 masks, monitor ventilation and ensure distancing in schools, say experts

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CHILDREN are one of the groups most vulnerable to the Covid-19 Omicron variant, especially the unvaccinated.

Experts said besides immunising children, the government should put in place added protective measures and ensure schools comply with the standard operating procedures (SOP) to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

They said schools should encourage children and staff to double mask, or use KN95 or N95 masks, which provided more protection against Covid-19; observe 1m to 2m of physical distancing; and maintain good ventilation in classrooms.

Dr Vinod Balasubramaniam, a molecular virologist at the Jeffrey Cheah School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Monash University Malaysia, said despite the fact that 90 per cent of children aged 12 to 17 were vaccinated, a steady surge in cases was expected with the Omicron wave,

with education clusters contributing a significant number.

He said the Omicron variant (both BA.1 and BA.2 sub-variants) was capable of evading immune responses mounted by vaccines at a much better rate than the highly pathogenic Delta strain, hence the chances of reinfection in the vaccinated was higher than the previous waves.

"While vaccines offer protection from disease severity and mortality, it alone will not be enough to stop the chain of transmission."

"Public health measures such as masking (with Omicron, at least KN95 or N95), proper hand hygiene, and physical distancing at all times are of utmost importance in combating the Omicron wave," he told the *New Straits Times*.

According to the ministry's CovidNow portal, the education sector recorded the highest number of active Covid-19 clusters in Malaysia, with 187 of the 318 active clusters.

Dr Vinod further said recent studies indicated that children



The Education Ministry has been urged to put in place stricter measures to curb Covid-19 transmission in schools. FILE PIC

infected with Omicron had a 20 per cent higher risk of hospitalisation compared with Delta.

In the United States, for example, paediatric Covid-19 admissions rose by 48 per cent in the final week of December 2021 with most of these children unvaccinated or under-vaccinated.

He said young patients were at risk of developing multisystem inflammatory syndrome, a serious complication characterised by inflammation in multiple organs such as the heart, lungs and kidneys.

"They are also at risk of developing long Covid, or sustained symptoms for up to 12 weeks or more which cannot be explained by any alternative diagnosis."

"The virus itself getting into and damaging our cells might explain some symptoms, like brain fog and a loss of smell and taste, and damage to blood vessels, in particular, could lead to heart,

lung and brain problems."

Dr Vinod said it was, therefore, imperative that the Education Ministry and schools implemented added measures, such as 1m to 2m distancing and using face masks at all times, especially indoors, including cars and buses.

He said keeping students in groups, or cohorts, and limiting contact among cohorts might reduce transmission.

Dr Vinod said the management of ventilation during transport to school (buses or vans) and in classrooms was crucial, noting that most classrooms were enclosed, which increased the risk of aerosol transmission.

Protective ventilation practices and interventions could reduce the airborne concentrations and reduce the viral dose to occupants, he said.

He said spaces where there was potential for long-duration exposure over several hours within the same group, should have regular breaks, ideally with purge ventilation/airing of the room.

Dr Vinod proposed the use of carbon dioxide (CO2) monitoring systems in each classroom to ensure good air quality.

"As virus-carrying aerosols are exhaled, so too is CO2. And when ventilation is poor, CO2 accumulates along with the virus and with this, SARS-CoV-2 infection risk rises, especially when there is no air change."

"Countries like Taiwan, Norway and Portugal have laws that limit indoor CO2 to 1,000 p.p.m. (parts per million)."

"Setting CO2 limits would help to ensure that ventilation is adequate to reduce infection risk. If the CO2 exceeds recommended

levels, mitigation for proper ventilation can be done immediately to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission."

He said it was not feasible in the long run to continue online learning as the previous lockdowns had resulted in extreme psychological stress on schoolchildren.

Public health expert and epidemiologist Datuk Dr Zainal Ariffin Omar said it was impossible to get zero cases in schools and zero Covid complications among schoolchildren, and advised parents and children to take extra precautions in addition to the SOP.

"Get children (above 5 years) fully immunised (including booster jabs, if necessary), preferably use N95 or K95 masks at all times, avoid crowded areas, frequently hand-wash, do self-testing at home at regular intervals."

Dr Zainal Ariffin also called on the Health Ministry to make public details of the severity of cases, vaccination type and status, and the vaccination coverage of school clusters by age group.

Epidemiologist Professor Datuk Dr Awang Bulgiba Awang Mahmud of Universiti Malaya said vaccination would reduce the risk of severe disease among children.

However, he said the Omicron variant was more infectious and it was unlikely that transmission protection could be optimal with vaccination alone.

He said non-pharmaceutical interventions, like mask-wearing, physical distancing, and ventilation, need to be combined with vaccination to protect children.



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Curbing clusters in classes

Experts: Education sector surge expected, unavoidable

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PETALING JAYA: The surge in Covid-19 cases in the education sector was inevitable, but regular testing and reducing the density of classes could keep these numbers down, say medical experts.

"Education clusters are difficult to mitigate as schools are open and there is continuous mixing of students."

"The surge in cases was expected," said Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia health economics, hospital and health management Prof Dr Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh.

Among the measures that could help, she said, was to implement Covid-19 testing every fortnight for students who do not

stay in school hostels.

"For those staying in colleges, the test should be done before they return to campus," she added.

Prof Sharifa Ezat said the number of students in classes could also be reduced.

"One way would be to implement student rotation in schools."

"Hold online classes and assessments and reduce the number of students in class at any given time," she added.

She also said it was crucial to get students to self-test while ensuring primary school students are vaccinated.

"This would include those aged between five and 11 as most adolescents between 12 and 18 have already been vaccinated," she said.

The number of education clusters has seen a sharp increase in recent

weeks. In epidemiology week 3 (Jan 16-22), 62 new clusters involving educational institutions were recorded - a staggering 313% increase.

The figure jumped to 81 new clusters for the sector in epidemiology week 4 (Jan 23-29) while an additional 18 educational institution clusters were reported on Jan 30 and 31.

Kelantan (17) and Selangor (13) reported the most clusters.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob had said any decision on school sessions would be made after a report on the increase in education clusters is obtained.

He added that if schools are closed, parents would be worried about their children's future as not everyone had access to online learning.

Universiti Malaysia virologist Prof Dr Sazaly Abu Bakar said the rise in Covid-19 cases was also inevitable due to the Omicron variant.

"This is unavoidable and we will see a rise in cases regardless of what we do," he said, adding that it was crucial that the healthcare system was not stretched.

"As long as the number of those needing treatment in an intensive care unit (ICU) remains low, we are still in good shape," he added.

Of the 5,735 new cases detected yesterday, only 46 cases or 0.8% were in Categories 3, 4, and 5 which included those requiring admission, treatment or ventilator support.

A total of 5,690 cases or 99.2% were in Categories 1 and 2, which are not serious cases.

'Separate the vaxxed from the unvaxxed during SPM'

PETALING JAYA: Unvaccinated teachers as well as students sitting for their Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) scheduled in March should be separated from the vaccinated ones to ensure that the examination goes on smoothly, reported Astro Awani.

National Parents-Teachers Association president Assoc Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Ali Hassan said the move was necessary due to the emergence of Covid-19 clusters in schools over the last couple of weeks.

"There are some parents or caretakers, and teachers, who do not want to get vaccinated. They don't have protection from the virus, as such, these people should be fair to others. They should be separated from the ones at the exam halls who have already gotten their jabs."

"Even unvaccinated parents should not come near the school grounds including their kids when the exams are going on. This is to prevent the virus from spreading," he said.

Mohd Ali added the government should seek suitable measures for those who have yet to be vaccinated.

However, he hoped that people would continue to follow standard operating procedures (SOP) to ensure community safety was at its optimum.

Separately, he said the preparations by teachers and students for the SPM next month was going smoothly.

Despite schools reopening and the emergence of school clusters, Mohd Ali is confident with the preparations carried out for this year's examination.

Parents alarmed over rising clusters in schools

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PETALING JAYA: Concerns over the rising number of Covid-19 clusters in the education sector are causing sleepless nights for many parents as they worry that their children may contract the virus at physical classes and lectures.

Parents are urging for all parties to play their part in keeping schools safe by strictly following standard operating procedure (SOP) and taking frequent Covid-19 self-tests in order to stop new clusters at schools and educational institutions.

Liana Mohd, 29, is worried and disappointed to read reports that close to 5,000 cases have been reported between Jan 1 and 25 involving the education sector.

"It gives me anxiety... thinking when will all this end and what will it take to keep our children safe?"

"After two years, I feel like the government has tried to put things in place such as the standard operating procedure (SOP) and now the onus is on us."

"We have to trust the science and go ahead with vaccinating our young ones to protect them against the virus."

"We also have to frequently do self-testing. All of us should do it including parents, children and teachers," said the mother of a six-year-old girl.

Initially hesitant, Liana decided to sign her daughter up for the Covid-19 immunisation programme after she read that the lower dosage given to children was low-risk and safe. She wanted extra protection for her child.

Liana had also consulted her daughter's paediatrician, who assured her that he is prepared to help Liana's daughter in the face of any adverse reactions or side effects after taking the vaccine.

"He walked me through what to look out for and after listening to his explanation, I felt it was safe. I'm doing this to protect my daughter," she said.

The country's education sector recorded an increase in Covid-19 clusters after the reopening of the school session in 2022.

Since the start of the new year until Jan 25, Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said 107 Covid-19 clusters were recorded in the education sector



Urgent measures: More people waiting to get booster shots at PPV Kota Damansara in Selangor due to the recent rise in Covid-19 cases. — AZHAR MAHFUF/The Star

involving 4,633 cases.

Another parent, Jessica Lee, 37, is worried that her 10-year-old son, who attends a primary school near here, would catch the virus at school after reading reports that the number of education clusters had risen following the reopening of schools in January.

"The Covid-19 vaccination programme for children has also started but I'm not sure if this will solve all the problem of new clusters emerging in schools."

"Every few days, I would hear of so and so at the school getting infected and I can't help but be concerned about it."

"I feel like asking parents to vaccinate their children in order to curb cases at schools but it is a bit unfair because vaccination for kids is still a grey area and I still have a lot of questions about it," said the corporate communications manager.

Lee hopes that school administrators would focus on improving the ventilation in classrooms, offices, toilets as well as other rooms, as a way to curb the spread of the

virus among children.

She also encourages all adults and their children to frequently do self-testing in order to detect Covid-19 early.

Mariam Md Salleh, 35, who has two children aged nine and 10, is also worried over the possibility of her kids getting infected. She feels more should be done to curb the spread of the virus among school children.

"They are kids and can be taught the SOP but you can't expect them to really follow 100% as they don't fully understand everything and this is all very alien to them."

"The schools can only do so much but they should definitely have more safeguards in place with stricter monitoring to ensure that every necessary precaution has been taken," said the homemaker.

Knowing that vaccination does not stop someone from getting infected, Mariam said she was hesitant about getting her children inoculated as they were still young.

"The vaccine will not magically stop the clusters. What's more important are the precautions we

take such as adhering to the SOP strictly and doing self-testing," she said, adding that she would continue to consult her children's paediatrician about the vaccine.

Parent Action Group for Education (Page) chairman Datin Noor Azimah Abdul Rahim stressed on the importance of self-testing in order to curb the spread of the virus in schools that created new clusters.

"We believe that as Covid-19 gets milder, patients who are infected may think they just have the flu."

"Some do not have symptoms and do not know that they are infected. Most do not get tested. Some who are infected but feel they are able to function do not quarantine themselves as they are still able to carry on with their daily routine which leads to a growing number of clusters," she said.

As such, Noor Azimah encouraged all parents, students and teachers to strictly adhere to tightened SOP in schools.

"They should do self-tests often and if infected, quarantine as prescribed in order to prevent more cases," she said.

Registration for kids' Pfizer shots gets off to a 'good start'

PETALING JAYA: Over half a million children between the ages of five and 11, or 15% of children in Malaysia, have been registered for the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine by their parents.

Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the 517,107 children registered made up about 15% of the total cohort of some 3.6 million children in Malaysia.

Describing this as a "good start", Khairy was hopeful that close to half the children in Malaysia in the five to 11 age group would be vaccinated against Covid-19 by the end of the month.

"The Health Ministry will continue to communicate the benefits of getting vaccinated."

"I'm hopeful that almost half the kids in Malaysia will get vaccinated by the end of February," he said in a series of tweets yesterday.

The Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force for Children (CITF-C) under Deputy Health Minister Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali will also be working together with the Education Ministry on this effort, he said.

Khairy added that appointments for the Covid-19 vaccination for children were done based on the date of registration.

Parents who have yet to receive a link despite having registered need not worry, said Khairy, who assured them that they will be getting it soon.

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A salute to the heroes

Patients express their appreciation for tireless frontliners

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PETALING JAYA: Covid-19 patients who were admitted to the Covid-19 Integrated Quarantine and Treatment Centre (PKRC) at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (PKRC MAEPS 2.0) expressed their deepest appreciation to the frontliners who had worked tirelessly when caring for them at the facility.

The PKRC MAEPS 2.0 will be officially closed on Feb 8 after 14 months of operations, with the last group of Covid-19 patients receiving treatment at the PKRC allowed to leave on Sunday.

Initially, patient intake at the PKRC only involved non-citizens for Category One (no symptoms) and Category Two (mild symptoms). But on Jan 24, 2021, it was upgraded to the MAEPS Integrated PKRC 2.0 after it accepted Category Three patients (pneumonia) and Four (requiring respiratory assistance) with moderate symptoms.

A total of 166,072 Covid-19 patients were placed in MAEPS comprising Category One to Four patients during the 14-month period of its operations.

Lecturer Nor'ain Othman, who was admitted to MAEPS for 10 days in March last year said she was impressed with the efficiency of the admission process and the attentiveness of frontliners at the quarantine centre.

"Transport was provided from the Covid-19 Assessment Centre (CAC) at the Shah Alam Stadium to MAEPS and we were served with three healthy meals daily at the PKRC," she said.

Nor'ain said the facilities at MAEPS were complete with large lounging areas where patients



In it together: Patients resting during their stay in the quarantine hall at the PKRC.

could relax.

"The doctors were also very attentive and thorough in their daily check-ups although I only had mild symptoms," said the 61-year-old diabetic.

Nor'ain said she was very appreciative of the frontliners who worked round the clock and still managed to carry out their tasks professionally.

"They entertained all my questions and were very pleasant. I was provided with a special diet for diabetic patients and they made sure I took my medicine daily," she said.

A housewife calling herself Man said she was admitted with mild symptoms at MAEPS for five days in January 2021.

"The facility was very well equipped and clean. The nurses were also very busy taking care of everyone. I am very thankful for their assistance as they had risked their lives to serve the people," said the 37-year-old.

Malaysians also took to social media to express appreciation to those who worked tirelessly to run the facility that was made accessible to Covid-19 patients.

"Without it, thousands would have died."

"They took increasingly complex cases as hospitals filled up and bore the brunt of the surge. They even took care of kids whose parents were not around for some reason," said @lapitemaligne on Twitter. Shuhaiba Siraj (@shuhaibaSiraj)

said the one month she spent working at MAEPS was one of the most challenging times of her working life.

"I'm glad I got the experience to work there. I hope we never need to re-open MAEPS again so all of us Malaysians, please continue to follow the standard operating procedures (SOP) and get your boosters," she wrote.

Twitter user @muhammadMSH-Trg said he was one of the patients that were admitted at MAEPS in June 2021.

"We received excellent treatment by the frontliners from the Fire and Rescue personnel, police, doctors, nurses to the cleaners and those in charge of the building maintenance," he said.

MAEPS quarantine and treatment centre to close down

SERDANG: After 14 months of operations, the Malaysian Agro Exposition Park Serdang Covid-19 Integrated Quarantine and Treatment Centre (PKRC MAEPS 2.0) here will be officially closed on Feb 8.

It is understood that the last group of Covid-19 patients who received treatment at the PKRC was allowed to leave on Sunday.

National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) director-general Datuk Dr Aminuddin Hassim said PKRC MAEPS 2.0 was closed after finding that it was no longer economical, taking into account the operating costs and the declining number of patients.

"We are only closing PKRC MAEPS 2.0, not all PKRCs are closed."

"We are committed to ensuring that there is at least one PKRC operating in each state. We will support the Health Ministry as needed," he told Bernama.

Nadma is the agency responsible for the management of PKRCs nationwide.

Currently there are 51 PKRCs operating nationwide with a total capacity of 16,863 beds and 4,061 patients being treated.

MAEPS was activated as a PKRC on April 16, 2020, with the intake of Covid-19 patients at the centre only involving non-citizens under Category 1 (no symptoms) and Category 2 (mild symptoms), and was closed on July 15 the same year.

On Dec 9, 2020, the government decided to reactivate PKRC MAEPS following the increase in Covid-19 cases.

On Jan 24, 2021, however, it was upgraded to the PKRC MAEPS 2.0 and began to accept Category 3 patients (pneumonia) and Category 4 patients (requiring respiratory assistance) with moderate symptoms.

During the 14-month period, approximately 166,072 Covid-19 patients were placed there comprising Categories 1 to 4 patients.

Aminuddin said the proposal to close PKRC MAEPS 2.0 was tabled and agreed by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Special Duties) Datuk Dr Abdul Latiff Ahmad.

He added that following the decision, the Selangor and Federal Territory disaster management committees had agreed to open a more cost-effective state PKRC as an alternative.

According to him, Categories 3 to 5 patients would be admitted to the National Leprosy Control Centre, Hospital Sungai Buloh, Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Cheras Rehabilitation Hospital (for geriatric cases) and other hospitals around the Klang Valley.

Most patients in Categories 1 and 2 will undergo self-quarantine at their homes, he added.

5,736 new cases recorded

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia recorded 5,736 new Covid-19 cases as of noon yesterday, bringing the number of total cumulative cases to 2,882,060.

Most of the new cases, 5,690 (99.2%), are in Categories 1 and 2, which meant that the patients were mostly asymptomatic or had mild symptoms. The rest - 0.8% or 46 cases - were in Categories 3, 4 and 5.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said there were a further 3,196 recoveries, which brought the cumulative total to 2,790,386 cases.

"112 cases are being treated at Intensive Care Units. We also have 54 cases that require ventilators. In terms of import cases, 183 were recorded out of which 81 cases were Malaysians while 102 cases involved non-Malaysians," he said yesterday.

Vaccination programme for children kicks off today

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme for Children (PICKids) will kick off in the Klang Valley today.

Under PICKids, an estimated four million children aged between five and 11 are eligible to receive the mRNA vaccine, Comirnaty 10mcg Concentrate for Dispersion (Pfizer-BioNTech), which will be administered under the programme.

In the Klang Valley, some 47,500 children in Kuala Lumpur, 3,400 in Putrajaya and 131,500 in Selangor have registered for PICKids.

There are three vaccination centres for children (PPVKids) for parents to choose from when booking their child's vaccination appointment slot through MySejahtera.

The PPVKs are at the World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur and Axiata Arena Bukit Jalil as well as the IDEAL Convention Centre (IDCC) in Shah Alam.

In addition, 24 more PPVKids around the Klang Valley will be available starting Feb 5.

"The process was smooth and quick."

Ahmad Sufian Abdul Karim

The list of PPV can be obtained from the official website or social media sites of the Covid-19 Special Immunisation Task Force (CITF).

Several parents interviewed believe the decision to vaccinate their children is the right one.

Ahmad Sufian Abdul Karim, 46, said he wants his children to be given the Covid-19 vaccine just as how other vaccines are recommended to prevent infectious diseases.

As soon as he received a notification via MySejahtera yesterday, he booked an appointment for his five-year-old son.

"The whole process was smooth and quick. My son will be getting his

vaccine on Saturday," Ahmad Sufian, who has completed his Covid-19 primary and booster shots, said.

Fong Yee Zie, 38, meanwhile, said his two daughters have appointments for Sunday, and believed vaccination was the best way to protect them from contracting the virus.

There were also parents who were not yet ready to vaccinate their children and are taking a wait and see approach on how the PICKids process works out, including reports of side effects on children.

Civil servant Farhah P. Ramlee, 38, has yet to register her three children for the Covid-19 vaccination, but is ready to consider.

Sales manager Ahmad Ghazi Fadillah, 42, is also taking a similar approach for his six-year-old girl for fear that she would not be able to withstand the side effects similar to what he experienced after getting the second dose of the vaccine last month.

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Vaccination for children begins in Klang Valley today

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme for Children (PICKids) will start today in the Klang Valley.

As of Tuesday, 517,107 children aged five to 11 have registered for their shots, according to data shared on Twitter by Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

He said in the Klang Valley, some 47,500 children in Kuala Lumpur, 3,400 in Putrajaya and more than 131,500 in Selangor have registered for PICKids.

Bernama yesterday spoke to several parents, many of whom were

of the view that the decision to vaccinate their children was the right one as a protective measure and also to help contain the spread of new Covid-19 variants.

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Meanwhile, Fong Yee Zie, 38, said

his two daughters have appointments for Sunday, and believes vaccination was the best way to protect them from contracting the virus.

Another parent, Aula Mohamad Fauzi, 31, said she would ensure her daughter receives the vaccine once she is eligible.

However, there were also parents who were not ready to vaccinate their children and are taking a wait-and-see approach.

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In addition, 24 more child vaccination centres around the Klang Valley will be available starting Saturday, and the list of centres can be obtained from the official website or social media sites of the Covid-19 Special Immunisation Task Force. - Bernama

12 million booster shots administered

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 12,022,117 adults, or 51.4% of the group in the country, have received Covid-19 booster doses as of yesterday.

Based on the CovidNOW portal, a total 22,925,383 individuals, or 97.9% of the adult population in the country, have completed their Covid-19 vaccine doses while 99.1%, or 23,202,227 individuals, have received at least

one dose of the vaccine.

For adolescents aged between 12 and 17, a total of 2,788,724 individuals, or 88.6% of the group, have completed their vaccination while 2,867,902 individuals, or 91.1%, have received at least one dose.

On Tuesday, a total of 28,683 doses of the vaccine were administered, with 210 as the first dose, 288 as the second and 28,185 as booster

shots, bringing the cumulative number of vaccine doses administered under the national Covid-19 immunisation programme to 63,601,771.

According to the Health Ministry Github portal, seven deaths due to Covid-19 were reported on Tuesday, with Johor and Selangor recording two cases each and one case each in Pahang, Perak and Terengganu. - Bernama