

317 new Covid-19 cases, another record high for second straight day

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COVID-19 | There were 317 new cases of Covid-19 recorded in the country over the past 24 hours all of which were local infections.

This is the second straight day in a row where the number of new infections recorded has been the highest in the country to date.

There are now, 1,735 active Covid-19 cases nationwide.

A total of 37 of the new cases were linked to those returning from Sabah.

Health Ministry director-general Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said there was also one new death and three new infection clusters.

Of the new patients, 303 were Malaysians and 14 non-citizens.

Sabah recorded 155 new cases including 100 infections detected from screening patients with symptoms and four community infections.

Of the clusters in Sabah, Bangau-Bangau had 35 new cases, Benteng LD, 10 cases, Laut, three cases, Joo Hwa, two cases and Buang Sayang, one case.

The one new death recorded was also in Sabah. The deceased was a 57-year-old man who first displayed symptoms including coughing and fever since Sept 10.

The deceased was only brought to a hospital on Sept 24 after having difficulty breathing and was confirmed Covid-19 positive four days later.

He died at 11.44 pm last night.

Meanwhile, Kedah recorded the second-highest number of cases with 102 new infections, including two patients who returned from Sabah.

There were 97 cases in the state from the Tembok prison cluster and one from the Bah Ketil cluster.

There is also the new Bah Lunas cluster in Kedah which has four patients, of which two were discovered today.

The index patient for the Bah Lunas cluster was a 35-year old man who returned from Sabah. Three others were close contacts.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry has also identified another new cluster from previous infections, dubbed Bah Rose. The cluster has seven patients in Kedah and one in Penang.

The index patient for the Bah Rose cluster is a 48-year-old man who also returned from Sabah. He tested positive on Sept 29.

Selangor has 32 new cases which include 15 people who returned from Sabah, 12 cases from the Jalan Meru cluster, and three from the new Jelok cluster.

The Jelok cluster has four patients in total, and the index case was a 27-year-old man who tested positive on Oct 1 after being screened for having symptoms.

There were also four new cases recorded in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya (2), Negeri Sembilan (1), Johor (4) Terengganu (9), Kelantan (2), Penang (3) and three cases in Sarawak.

Overall, 29 patients are in intensive care units, four of whom require ventilators.

There were also 121 patients who recovered in the last 24 hours.

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