

563 new Covid-19 cases, active cases breach 5,000 mark

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COVID-19 | Malaysia has recorded 563 new Covid-19 cases as of noon today, bringing Malaysia's total active cases to a record 5,039.

Sabah continued to have the highest number of new cases (291) followed by Penang (141) where the Penjara Reman cluster accounted for all the new cases.

There were 69 new cases detected in Selangor and 28 in Kuala Lumpur.

Six new clusters have been detected and two new deaths recorded, both in Sabah.

The deceased, who was identified as a Malaysian female, 85, with a history of illnesses passed away at the Tawau hospital.

The other deceased is a foreign female, 48, who passed away at the Tuaran hospital. No other details about this victim were shared by the Health Ministry.

The number of patients requiring intensive care has risen to 98, up from 90 yesterday with the number of people requiring ventilator support remaining stable at 29.

All but one case involved local transmission.

Health director-general Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, who provided the press briefing while under home quarantine, said there were six new clusters that were detected.

The breakdown of the new locally transmitted Covid-19 cases today are as follows:

Sabah (291 new cases)

- Various screening conditions - 259

- Existing clusters - 28 cases

- Kolong cluster (new) - 4 cases

Penang (141 new cases)

- Penjara Reman cluster - 141 cases

Selangor (69 new cases)

- Existing clusters - 57 cases

- Bah Tropicana cluster (new) - 1 case

- Sabah returnee screening - 1 case

- Various screening conditions - 4 cases

- Close contact screening - 6 cases

Kuala Lumpur (27 new cases)

- Baiduri cluster (new) - 10 cases

- Bah Perdana (new) - 8 cases

- Bah Kasturi (new) - 4 cases

- Sabah returnee screening - 2 case

- Close contact screening - 2 cases

- Sungai Wei cluster - 1 case

Negeri Sembilan (12 cases)

- Sabah returnee screening - 4 cases

- Close contact screening - 3 cases

- Buang Sayang cluster - 2 cases

- Selasih cluster - 1 case

- Various screening conditions - 2 cases

Kedah (10 new cases)

- Tembok cluster - 5 cases

- Bah Ketil cluster - 3 cases

- Bah Sintok cluster - 2 cases

Perak (4 new cases)

- Tembok cluster - 2 cases

- Close contact screening - 2 cases

Johor (2 new cases)

- Rinting cluster (new) - 2 cases

Putrajaya (2 new cases)

- Kasturi (new) - 1 case

- Selasih cluster - 1 case

Labuan (2 new cases)

- Bah Bundle cluster - 1 case

- Sabah returnee screening - 1 case

Sarawak (1 new case)

- Sabah returnee screening - 1 case

Malacca (1 new case)

- Close contact screening - 1 case

Of the 562 locally transmitted cases, 498 cases involved Malaysians and 64 cases involved foreigners.

Ten cases involved recent travel to Sabah. To date, the number of Covid-19 cases stemming from recent travel to Sabah stood at 363 cases.

Meanwhile, the country's capacity to conduct RT-PCR test as of yesterday stood at 41,254 involving 60 labs.

Yesterday, 15,558 tests were conducted or 37.71 percent of capacity.

However, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Public Health Laboratory, both in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, operated over capacity yesterday at 18 percent and 41 percent respectively.

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital can only perform 400 tests daily and has a backlog of 1,200 samples to deal with. As for the Public Health Laboratory, it has a capacity of 2,000 and a backlog of 2,023.

At the time of writing, the total number of active cases in Sabah is still uncertain. At noon yesterday, the figure stood at 2,783, which was slightly more than half of the total number of active cases in the country today.

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