

Two Ipoh areas locked down after infection of factory workers

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COVID-19 | Two residential areas in Ipoh - Zone A of Taman Klebang Jaya and Taman Pinji Mewah - have been placed under the enhanced movement control order (MCO) from Dec 1 to 14.

This was decided by the National Security Council at a special meeting today, after being briefed on a sharp surge of Covid-19 in the areas, with workers at two electronics factories nearby mainly infected.

"The Health Ministry confirmed that the infection involving workers of both factories has spread to people in these areas," Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Ismail Sabri Yaakob told a press conference today.

"As of today, a total 1,402 workers from Kamaya factory have been tested and 228 of them were found positive with Covid-19. Out of the 228 cases, 110 of them were workers residing at Zone A, Taman Klebang Jaya.

"As for the Salutica factory, a total of 119 out of 737 workers screened were tested positive for Covid-19," he said, adding that the lockdown is expected to affect close to 10,000 people.

Similarly, Ismail Sabri said, a full lockdown would be imposed on Kampung Desa Bajau and Kampung Dasar Baru in Lahad Datu, Sabah, for two weeks from Dec 2.

He said 90 people there tested positive for Covid-19 out of 665 screenings conducted in both villages.

The lockdown will affect 914 houses with 4,934 residents.

He added that the Sibuga Temporary Detention Centre in Sandakan will also be placed under an enhanced MCO for the same period, involving 1,209 individuals comprising 1,104 detainees and 105 staff.

Meanwhile, the enhanced MCO at Putra Point Nilai in Negeri Sembilan since Oct 28 ended today as planned, Ismail Sabri said.

The lockdown in Sekolah Agama Bantuan Kerajaan Maahad Al Yahyawiyah, Padang Rengas in Perak also ended today, earlier than scheduled on Dec 5.

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