

## **Covid-19 (March 19) - 1,576 new cases, record high in Sarawak**

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COVID-19 | The Health Ministry today reported 1,576 new Covid-19 cases in the country as well as two new deaths attributed to the disease.

Sarawak recorded the highest number of cases in the country with 407 cases which is also a record high for the state.

Prior to this, the highest number of cases recorded in the state was 361 cases on March 4.

A large portion of the Sarawak cases is attributed to the Semuja Immigration Depot cluster that was first detected in Serian yesterday. There were 146 new cases in the cluster today.

In addition, two new clusters involving immigration detention facilities were detected in Penang and in Kuala Lumpur.

Overall, clusters involving detention facilities accounted for 298 (18.9 percent) of today's national figures.

Meanwhile, Selangor recorded the second-most number of cases at 348 followed by Penang at 182.

Malaysia's cumulative total of Covid-19 cases has now reached 330,042.

- Active cases: 14,360
- Patients in ICUs: 151
- Intubated: 57

## **Deaths**

Both deaths reported today involved Malaysian citizens – one in Kuala Lumpur, and the other in Sarawak.

The 55-year-old deceased male in Sarawak had no history of chronic illness.

The deaths bring Malaysia's Covid-19 death toll to 1,225.

Details of the victims are on Malaysiakini's Covid-19 tracker page.

## Clusters

The Health Ministry is currently tracking 427 active clusters including 64 that recorded new cases today.

Twelve of these clusters are newly identified while, on the other hand, the ministry has ceased monitoring 13 clusters that have not recorded any new cases for 28 consecutive days.

Ten of the new clusters involve workplaces, half of which were only detected after the index case developed symptoms. Meanwhile, the other two new clusters are detention centre clusters.

The cluster with the highest number of new cases today is the Semuja Immigration Depot cluster in Serian, Sarawak, which recorded 146 new cases for a total of 245 cases.

This is followed by the 94 cases recorded by the Jalan Pelabuhan cluster in Perak (756 total cases) and the 89 cases in the Juru Immigration Depot cluster in Penang (167 total cases).

Details of the new clusters are as follows:

### **Sungai Berumbung cluster**

District(s): Kluang, Johor

Locality/Source: Supermarket near Sungai Berumbung, Simpang Renggam, Kluang

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: Feb 25, index case with symptoms

Total infected: 13 out of 27 screened

### **Lorong Usaha Utama cluster**

District(s): Kulai and Johor Bahru, Johor

Locality/Source: Factory at Lorong Usaha Utama, Taman Perindustrian Ulu Choh, Pekan Nenas, Kulai

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: March 16, contact tracing

Total infected: 7 out of 36 screened

### **Jalan Dahlia 22 cluster**

District(s): Johor Bahru, Johor

Locality/Source: Educational centre at Jalan Dahlia 22, Taman Cempaka, Johor Bahru

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: March 17, index case with symptoms

Total infected: 13 out of 421 screened

### **Jalan Industri Sofa cluster**

District(s): Tangkak, Johor

Locality/Source: Furniture factory at Tangkak

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: March 18, targeted screening

Total infected: A out of B screened

### **Jalan Besar Kepong cluster**

District(s): Kepong, Kuala Lumpur

Locality/Source: Factory at Jalan Besar Kepong

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: March 18, index case with symptoms

Total infected: 17 out of 38 screened

### **Jalan Daun cluster**

District(s): Kepong, WP Kuala Lumpur; Gombak and Petaling, Selangor

Locality/Source: Jalan Daun Inai 7, Kepong

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: March 13, index case with symptoms

Total infected: 8 out of 61 screened

### **Lorong Nibong cluster**

District(s): Titiwangsa and Cheras, Kuala Lumpur

Locality/Source: Supermarket at Lorong Nibong, Taman U-Thant, Titiwangsa

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: March 19, index case with symptoms

Total infected: 21 out of 43 screened

### **Tapak Bina Persiaran Cybersouth cluster**

District(s): Sepang, Selangor

Locality/Source: Construction site at Cybersouth, Sepang

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: March 17, targeted screening

Total infected: 10 out of 17 screened

### **Persiaran Hemisfera cluster**

District(s): Petaling and Klang, Selangor

Locality/Source: Factory at Persiaran Hemisfera, Shah Alam

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: Feb 22, targeted screening

Total infected: 13 out of 119 screened

### **Bandar Baru cluster**

District(s): Petaling and Hulu Selangor, Selangor

Locality/Source: Factory at Bandar Baru Sungai Buloh, Petaling

Cluster category: Workplace

First case: Feb 28, targeted screening

Total infected: A out of B screened

### **DTI Juru cluster**

District(s): Seberang Perai Tengah, Penang

Locality/Source: Juru Immigration Detention Centre, Simpang Ampat, Seberang Perai Tengah

Cluster category: Detention centre

First case: March 9, targeted screening

Total infected: 167 out of 393 screened

### **DTI Jalan Duta cluster**

District(s): Kepong, Kuala Lumpur

Locality/Source: Jalan Duta Immigration Detention Depot, Kepong

Cluster category: Detention centre

First case: March 17, pre-deportation screening

Total infected: 18 out of 68 screened

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