

Covid-19 deaths (Sept 26): 25,000 death toll breached as 228 fatalities reported

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COVID-19 | The Health Ministry's Github data repository reported a total of 228 Covid-19 fatalities yesterday (Sept 25), bringing the cumulative death toll to 25,159.

September is Malaysia's deadliest month since the start of the pandemic, underscoring the country's position as the worst in Asia in the number of Covid-19 deaths per capita.

From the newly reported deaths, 15.79 percent or 36 died before they could receive treatment at a hospital.

Selangor recorded the highest number of new deaths at 75, making up 32.89 percent of the latest fatalities.

Other states with a significant number of new deaths include Johor (56).

The remaining deaths were in Sabah (19), Kelantan (18), Kedah (15), Perak (14), Sarawak (9), Penang (8), Malacca (4), Terengganu (4), Pahang (3) and Kuala Lumpur (3).

No new deaths were reported in Negeri Sembilan, Perlis, Labuan and Putrajaya.

A total of 137 out of the 228 reported deaths happened in the last seven days.

The rest were from more than a week ago but were only recorded yesterday due to delays in data reporting.

An average of 332 Covid-19 deaths was reported daily in the last 30 days compared to the seven-day average of 299, indicating a downtrend.

To date, 8,504 such deaths have been reported this month.

A total of 7,642 Covid-19 deaths were reported in August, 3,858 in July, 2,380 in June and 1,302 in May.

As of yesterday, there were 191,434 active Covid-19 cases. This is a reduction of 12.73 percent from the 219,359 active infections a week ago.

Compared to 30 days ago, the number of active cases has fallen by 27.99 percent from 265,844.

The Health Ministry's post-midnight update also provided further insights into the new infections yesterday.

Cluster-linked cases

From the 13,899 new cases, a total of 876 of them could be traced to ongoing clusters.

From the cluster-linked cases, 470 (53.65 percent) were from workplaces while another 284 (32.42 percent) were community transmission.

Another 23 (2.63 percent) were from clusters linked to education institutions.

The remaining cases were traced to clusters related to high-risk groups such as old folks home (72 - 8.22 percent), detention centres (24 - 2.74 percent) and religious events (3 - 0.34 percent).

Previously, the Health Ministry released deaths statistics together with the number of new Covid-19 cases in the evening. This had since changed.

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