

Covid-19 deaths (Nov 22): 24 reported fatalities, total now over 30k

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COVID-19 | The Health Ministry's Github data repository reported a total of 24 Covid-19 fatalities yesterday (Nov 21), bringing the cumulative death toll to 30,002.

This is the lowest number of reported deaths in over six months - 194 days.

Malaysia has the highest number of deaths per capita in the Asean and East Asian regions with 909 deaths per 1 million population, and fourth-worst in Asia after Iran, Lebanon and Jordan – all in the Middle East.

From the newly reported deaths yesterday, 25 percent or 6 died before they could receive treatment at a hospital.

Kelantan recorded the highest number of new deaths at 5, making up 20.8 percent of the newly reported fatalities.

The remaining deaths were in Johor (4), Kedah (3), Perak (3), Sabah (2), Sarawak (2), Terengganu (2), Negeri Sembilan (1), Pahang (1) and Penang (1).

No new deaths were reported in Malacca, Perlis, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya.

A total of 22 out of the 24 reported deaths or 91.7 percent happened in the last seven days.

The remaining deaths happened more than a week ago but were only recorded yesterday due to delays in data reporting.

An average of 56 Covid-19 deaths were reported daily in the last 30 days compared to the seven-day average of 47, indicating a downtrend.

To date, 1,187 Covid-19 deaths have been reported this month.

A total of 2,704 Covid-19 deaths were reported in October, 9,680 in September, 7,642 in August and 3,858 in July.

As of yesterday, there were 68,790 active Covid-19 cases. This is an increase of 5.2 percent from the 65,417 active infections a week ago.

Compared to 30 days ago, the number of active cases has fallen by 14.8 percent from 80,697.

The Health Ministry's post-midnight update also provided further insights into the new Covid-19 infections yesterday.

From the 4,854 new cases yesterday, a total of 114 of them could be traced to ongoing Covid-19 clusters.

From the cluster-linked cases, 83 (72.8 percent) were from workplaces while 14 (12.3 percent) were from community transmissions.

Another eight (7 percent) were from clusters linked to education institutions.

The remaining cases were traced to clusters related to detention centres (5 - 4.4 percent) and high-risk groups such as old folks homes (4 - 3.5 percent).

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