

## **Agong to open 5th session of 14th Parliament today**

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The first meeting of the Fifth Session of the 14th Parliament will be opened by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah in the Dewan Rakyat today.

The Dewan Rakyat meeting, which was adjourned on Dec 20 last year, is the second under the administration of Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

Today's sitting is reserved for the royal address by the king, and according to the Dewan Rakyat calendar, this meeting will run for 16 days until March 24.

Meanwhile, the Dewan Negara meeting, which will be opened simultaneously with the Dewan Rakyat today, will last for nine days beginning March 21.

To reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection in the Parliament building, Dewan Rakyat Speaker Azhar Azizan Harun said the standard operating procedure

(SOP) for the previous Parliament meeting will be maintained.

It includes requiring members of Parliament (MPs) and staffers to undergo the Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test three days before the sitting and the installation of transparent partitions between the seats of MPs as part of physical distancing practice.

Azhar also said on Saturday that 146 positive cases were detected after 1,474 individuals comprising MPs, staffers and media representatives underwent RT-PCR tests over two days from Thursday at the Parliament building.

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