

New norms book an essential reference in COVID-19 fight - Community leaders

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MUAR, Aug 8 -- Community leaders are hopeful that the book on embracing new norms in the community to prevent the spread of COVID-19 launched by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today will help the public understand the meaning of self-restraint in combatting the pandemic.

Muar district senior village head Ariffpudin Abdul Latif said the guidebook would facilitate members of the community to join the government in a bid to contain the COVID-19 outbreak.

The community leader hoped that the book would be distributed as soon as possible so that community members would have a clear understanding of what were their roles in the fight against the disease.

“I can see that the content of the book is easy to understand, and the pictures included in the book will attract people to read it especially children,” he told Bernama after the ‘Embracing New Norms’ campaign launch at the Pagoh Sports Complex here today.

Meanwhile, Muar District Office village head Norhisham Mohamad said the book would help to remind the public to practise prevention measures throughout the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) period.

“During the initial stage of the pandemic, we were frequently reminded of the importance of wearing face masks and keeping a safe distance, however when cases dropped, some have abandoned these practices, so this book would remind them,” he said.

Meanwhile, a private sector employee Nur Aishah Zainal Abidin, 32, said the guidebook was an essential reference in light of public complacency in the face of the unsettling pandemic.

“I hope the book will make the public aware of their roles in ensuring that the outbreak will not spread. Even though cases have dropped, the disease will spread once again if people are complacent,” she added.

The 26-page book, published by the Ministry of Health, which will serve as a guide and reference for the public who will now play a role as frontliners to curb the spread of COVID-19.

It also outlines the actions to be taken by any individual, family and community throughout the enforcement of RMCO in the fight against COVID-19 outbreak.

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