

Covid-19-positive voters must wear face masks

PETALING JAYA: Covid-19-positive voters intending to cast their ballots on Saturday must wear face masks, says Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

"The Health Ministry has taken the initiative to advise members of the public to adhere to health recommendations.

"This is to ensure the voting process is conducted smoothly, particularly in terms of reducing the spread of Covid-19.

"Among them is that individuals who are Covid-19 positive are required to wear face masks while it is highly recommended for the other voters to do so," the Health director-general said in a statement yesterday.

He added that voters who tested positive for Covid-19 must ensure physical distancing when at the polling stations.

He said Covid-19-positive voters would also be barred from using public transportation, including e-hailing services, when travelling to vote.

"Covid-19-positive voters are not allowed to stop anywhere before and after voting and must return immediately after casting their ballots," he said.

Prior to this, the Health Ministry submitted recommendations on Covid-19 preventive measures to the Election Commission (EC).

The recommendations include the setting up of special booths or



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lanes for Covid-19 voters.

On Nov 2, the EC announced that it had no plans to impose Covid-19

standard operating procedure for GE15.

The EC said that no Covid-19 screenings would be carried at the polling stations or the setting up of special tents.

The EC added that it was up to individuals to take the necessary precautions but recommended that those in the high-risk groups wear face masks at the voting centres.

Meanwhile, Dr Noor Hisham said the number of Covid-19 deaths almost doubled to 53 cases last week compared with the previous week despite a recent drop in infections.

"New cases for (epidemiological week) ME45/2022 (last week)

decreased by 13.4% from 26,616 cases the previous week to 23,045 cases while local infections also decreased by 13.4% from 26,577 cases to 23,027 cases.

"The number of deaths for the same period increased by 82.8% from 29 cases to 53," he said.

Although there has been a decrease in infections, the number of daily active cases last week increased by 1.7% to 33,449 cases against 34,033 the previous week.

The Health Ministry's KKMNow portal said 2,234 new Covid-19 infections were recorded on Sunday.

This brings the total to 4,948,817 cases since the pandemic began.



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Individu positif Covid-19 yang akan mengundi pada Pilihan Raya Umum ke-15 (PRU-15) wajib memakai pelitup muka manakala pemakaian pelitup muka bagi pengundi lain adalah amat digalakkan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata pengundi positif Covid-19 juga tidak dibenarkan menaiki kenderaan awam termasuk e-hailing.

"(Pengundi positif Covid-19 tidak dibenarkan) singgah di mana-mana sebelum dan selepas mengundi dan perlu pulang segera selepas selesai mengundi," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Bagi memastikan proses pengundian berjalan lancar dan selamat terutamanya bagi mengurangkan risiko penularan jangkitan, Dr Noor Hisham berkata pengundi positif Covid-19 perlu mematuhi penjarakan fi-



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PENGUNDI POSITIF COVID-19

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zikal yang selamat manakala penjarakan fizikal bagi pengundi lain amat digalakkan.

Katanya pengundi juga perlu menggunakan pensanitasi tangan yang disediakan di tempat mengundi,

selain disyorkan membawa pensanitasi tangan sendiri.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata individu yang belum menerima dos penggalak vaksin Covid-19 dinasihatkan supaya segera mendaftar dan mendapatkan vaksin bagi

melindungi diri dan orang sekeliling.

"Marilah kita bersama-sama mengurangkan risiko jangkitan Covid-19 kepada pengundi dan petugas di pusat mengundi sepanjang PRU-15," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham turut berkongsi infografik mengenai nasihat am kepada pengundi PRU15 bagi mengurangkan risiko penularan jangkitan Covid-19 di laman Facebooknya kelmarin.

Beliau berkata petugas kesihatan akan ditempatkan di pusat pengundian bagi membantu melicinkan urusan pengundi positif Covid-19 dan menasihatkan mereka untuk mematuhi nasihat petugas kesihatan itu.

Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya (SPR) menetapkan hari ini sebagai hari mengundi awal manakala 19 November bagi hari pengundian PRU-15.

Kes baharu Covid-19 turun 13.4 peratus

Kuala Lumpur: Kes baharu Covid-19 di negara ini menurun 13.4 peratus kepada 23,045 kes pada Minggu Epidemiologi ke-45 (ME 45/2022) iaitu dari 6 hingga 12 November berbanding 26,577 kes pada ME sebelumnya.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah dalam kenyataan semalam berkata kes kematian pula meningkat sebanyak 82.8 peratus daripada 29 kes kepada 53 kes.

Katanya, bilangan kes sembuh pada ME 45 turut meningkat sebanyak 38.5 peratus kepada 28,704 kes berbanding 20,718 kes pada minggu sebelumnya.

"Purata kes aktif setiap hari bagi ME 45/2022 meningkat sebanyak 1.7 peratus (33,449 kes kepada 34,033 kes) berbanding ME 44/2022," katanya.

Beliau berkata secara kumulatif sebanyak 4,946,583 kes baharu Covid-19 dicatatkan sejak ME 4/2020 iaitu 25 Jan 2020 hingga ME 45/2022 (12 November 2022), sementara kes sembuh yang direkodkan adalah sebanyak 4,879,195 kes.

Katanya, kumulatif kes kematian yang dicatatkan bagi tempoh sama adalah 36,546 kes.