

KL eateries, convenience stores can now open until 2am

KUALA LUMPUR: Restaurants and convenience stores here will now be allowed to operate until 2am, effective today.

Federal Territories Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa said the stand adopted by Kuala Lumpur City Hall on Saturday to limit the outlets' operating hours until midnight has since been reversed.

Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob had on Thursday announced that the National Security Council (NSC) had agreed that eateries and convenience stores nationwide would be allowed to extend their operating hours until 2am.

Operating hours had been limited to midnight when the Recovery Movement Control Order was first implemented.

Annuar said City Hall would is-

sue a circular detailing the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and date of implementation for the new operating hours, today.

"I have discussed this matter with Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan earlier today (yesterday). He had voiced his concern over businesses that have been suffering since the Movement Control Order took effect.

"It is best to provide them with an opportunity to boost their income in line with the directive from the NSC at the federal level.

"City Hall will announce the mode of implementation.

"I hope businesses will adhere to the SOPs and the new closing time of 2am instead of remaining open till morning," he said at the Bukit Kiara Public Park here yesterday.