

TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS

SELANGOR, KL AREAS PLACED UNDER EMCO

Movement limited to one person per household in 10km radius, travel for vaccination allowed

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A TWO-WEEK Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) will be enforced in major sub-districts of Selangor and some localities here from tomorrow.

Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said as such all routes in the areas would be closed and monitored by the police.

"Residents in the affected areas are not allowed to leave their homes, except one person from each household to buy necessities within a 10km radius," he said in a statement yesterday.

The affected sub-districts in Selangor are Petaling, Damansara, Sungai Buloh, Hulu Langat, Ampang, Cheras, Kajang, Semenyih, Beranang, Dengkil, Labu, Sepang, Batu, Rawang, Setapak, Hulu Kelang, Kuang, Tanjung 12 (1), Tanjung 12 (2), Teluk Panglima Garang, Morib, Bandar, Jugra, Batu, Kapar, Klang, Ijok, Bestari Jaya, Serendah, Rasa, Ulu

Yam and Batang Kali.

In the capital here, the affected localities are the Sri Semarak People's Housing Project (PPR), PPR Batu Muda, Flat Seksyen 2 Wangsa Maju, Flat Seksyen 1 Wangsa Maju, Kampung Padang Balang, Taman Koperasi Polis (Fasa 1 & 2), Flat Sri Sabah, Kampung Puah, PPR Kampung Baru Air Panas, Flat Desa Pandan (including Baiduri and Delima), Kampung Batu Muda, PPR Kerinchi, Bandar Baru Sentul and Taman Ikan Emas.

Ismail Sabri said the Health Ministry would conduct targeted Covid-19 screening on residents in these areas.

He said movement in and out of the areas, as well as operations, would be restricted to essential services from 8am to 8pm, as well as for vaccination.

Only factories producing food and daily essentials like rice, bread, sugar, cooking oil, flour, fresh milk, medicines and face masks were allowed to operate.

Ismail Sabri reminded employers to adhere to the EMCO and allow their staff to work from home.

He said the National Security Council had discussed several actions to be taken in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur as they had recorded 2,885 and 988 Covid-19 cases, respectively, yesterday, the highest among all states.

He said the authorities had been conducting daily checks on SOP compliance.

Selangor had consistently re-

ported four-digit Covid-19 infections in past months, accounting for the majority of daily cases in the country.

On average, Selangor reported between 1,800 and 1,900 cases daily, while Kuala Lumpur had between 600 and 1,000 cases.

"All Selangor districts and Kuala Lumpur reported Covid-19 incidents beyond 12.1 cases for every 100,000 residents. The infectivity rate projection (R-naught) is around 1.0 and showed no sign of going down."

He also raised concern over the high number of cases, taking into consideration the density of the population and three fast-spreading variants of concern — the Beta B.1.351 (from South Africa), Delta B.1.617.2 (India) and Alpha B.1.1.7 (United Kingdom).

Ismail Sabri said public transport services, including e-hailing, are allowed to operate at 50 per cent capacity, while airports and ports are allowed to operate as usual. The number of people in taxi and e-hailing cars is limited to two, including the driver, he said.

Essential services like utilities, cleaning and sewerage were allowed to operate between 8am and 8pm, with an approval letter issued by the International Trade and Industry Ministry.

Other premises allowed to operate from 8am to 8pm are eateries and stalls (only for delivery and drive-through), grocery shops, convenience stores, pharmacies, veterinary clinics and pet shops. Hospitals, clinics and medical laboratories would be allowed to operate for 24 hours or as stipulated in their licences.



A roadblock on the Federal Highway in Petaling Jaya on Wednesday. All routes into several subdistricts in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur will be closed tomorrow. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH