

NEW COVID-19 CASES AT 17,105

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THE number of Covid-19 cases rose to 17,105 up to noon yesterday, bringing the total number of infections to 1,163,291.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said Selangor still recorded the most number of cases with 5,836, followed by Kuala Lumpur (2,309), Johor (1,275), Kedah (1,036) and Sabah (1,010).

Most states logged cases in the hundreds, including Perak (967), Kelantan (915), Negri Sembilan (816), Penang (798), Pahang (628), Melaka (508), Sarawak (494) and Terengganu (429). Putrajaya had reported 72 cases, while Perlis and Labuan recorded seven and five cases respectively.

He said 195 people had died from the virus, including 173 Malaysians and 22 foreigners.

Selangor reported the highest number of deaths with 88. The state also recorded the most number of patients brought in dead with 20.

Johor logged 24 deaths, 15 in Penang, 13 in Kedah, 12 in Sabah, and eight each in Negri Sembilan, Melaka and Pahang.

There were also seven deaths

reported in Terengganu, Perak (four), Kelantan (three), Sarawak (two), and one death each in Kuala Lumpur, Labuan, and Perlis. In total, 34 out of the 195 deaths were brought in dead.

"Of the 17,105 cases reported today, 317 (1.9 per cent) are in Categories Three, Four and Five, while 16,788 (98.1 per cent) are in Categories One and Two.

"This is based on the current clinical conditions of newly diagnosed Covid-19 patients.

"There are some cases that remain in the same category throughout the infection period, but there are also those whose health status may change to either improve to a better category or may deteriorate," he said in a statement yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham added that in total, only 3,115 cases, or 18.2 per cent, of the cases reported yesterday had a history of Covid-19 vaccination.

Most of those with a history of vaccination (3,041 people) were in categories one and two, who were either asymptomatic or only had minor symptoms.

He said 48 of those vaccinated were in category three (pneumonia), while 18 were in category four (pneumonia and needing oxygen). Only eight who had been inoculated were in category



A senior citizen in a wheelchair resting after being inoculated at the SPICE Convention Centre mega vaccination centre in Bayan Baru, Penang yesterday. PIC BY MIKAIL ONG

five (critical and requiring ventilator support).

Currently, 1,066 patients were being warded in the Intensive Care Unit, with 537 requiring ventilators.

Another 12,297 people have recovered from Covid-19, increasing the number of recoveries to 950,029.

Meanwhile, Malaysia's infectivity rate or Rt dropped slightly from 1.08 on Sunday to 1.07 on Monday, said Dr Noor Hisham.

Terengganu reported the highest Rt with 1.3, followed by Ke-

lantani (1.25) and Perak (1.20).

He said all states reported an Rt higher than one, except for Negri Sembilan (0.91), Perlis (0) and Labuan (0).

On clusters, Dr Noor Hisham said the ministry detected 30 new clusters, with 14 being workplace clusters, 14 were community clusters and two involved high-risk groups.

They were reported in Kelantan, Kedah, Terengganu, Sarawak, Sabah, Pahang, Selangor, Perak, Johor, Negri Sembilan and Kuala Lumpur.