

More than half of 3,499 new infections are from Selangor, KL

KUALA LUMPUR: More than half of the country's 3,499 new Covid-19 cases yesterday are from Selangor and Kuala Lumpur.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said Selangor recorded 1,345 cases, while Kuala Lumpur logged 511.

Selangor remains the only state to report four-digit cases.

Other states that recorded cases in the hundreds were Johor (802), Sarawak (152), Penang

(138), Perak (121), Kedah (111) and Sabah (101).

These bring the total number of cases to 261,805, with 51,558 active cases.

Of yesterday's tally, 1,871 cases, or 53.5 per cent, involved Malaysians.

"Seventy cases reported today (yesterday) were linked to clusters in prisons in Tembok Bendera, Tembok Sungai Udang, and Seberang Prai."

Dr Noor Hisham said five people died from the virus. All were Malaysians.

"Two of the deaths were reported in Selangor, and one death each in Sabah, Johor and Terengganu."

The youngest death was a man, 20, in Selangor, with a history of lymphoma, while the eldest was a 68-year-old man in Johor who had hypertension and chronic kidney disease.

Another 3,515 people recovered yesterday, increasing the total number of recoveries to 209,289.

He said 263 people were undergoing treatment in Intensive

Care Units, with 118 people needing ventilators.

The Health Ministry detected 10 new clusters in Johor, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Negri Sembilan, and Terengganu.

Dr Noor Hisham said 90 per cent of these clusters were linked to workplaces.

Four of these clusters — the Persiaran Synergi Utama and Jalan i-Park Satu clusters (Johor), the Lorong Peel Construction site and Jalil Utama Construction site clusters (Kuala Lumpur), and the Lebuhr Keluli

cluster (Selangor) — recorded three-digit cases.

One cluster involved a high-risk group in Lembah Pantai, Titiwangsa, Cheras and Kepong in Kuala Lumpur, and Petaling in Selangor.

This cluster, the Jalan Tun Razak cluster, was detected when its index case tested positive after a screening.

"This cluster involves a medical centre in Jalan Tun Razak.

"Up to today, 884 people have been screened, and 26 tested positive."