

VIRUS SURGE CONTINUES

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A RECORD 9,180 NEW COVID-19 CASES

Klang Valley makes up more than 60pc of cases, with 4,400 infections in Selangor

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NEW Covid-19 infections continue to surge in the Klang Valley, contributing more than 60 per cent of the 9,180 new cases reported up to noon yesterday.

Yesterday saw the highest single-day new cases' tally the country has recorded since the pandemic began in March last year.

The previous record was 9,020 new cases on May 29.

Selangor accounted for most of yesterday's new cases at 4,400, followed by 1,271 in Kuala Lumpur. Putrajaya had the lowest number

of new infections in the Klang Valley at 16 cases.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the cumulative number of infections now stood at 817,838.

Outside the Klang Valley, Negeri Sembilan recorded the highest number of new infections at 899 cases, followed by 417 in Kedah, 406 in Sarawak and 315 in Johor.

Dr Noor Hisham said a large portion of the new Covid-19 infections yesterday were Category 1

and 2 cases.

He said most of the new cases were identified at Covid-19 Assessment Centres in Selangor, with the majority of patients now undergoing home quarantine.

"Only 16 per cent of cases reported today (yesterday) are linked to clusters, the remaining 84 per cent were identified through screening of individuals that are not linked to any clusters.

"The cases reported today (yesterday) are from increased targeted screenings in sub-districts des-

ignated as red zones and placed under the Enhanced Movement Control Order," he said in a post on his Facebook page.

The coronavirus claimed the lives of 77 more people yesterday, bringing the overall death toll to 5,980.

Dr Noor Hisham said 959 people were receiving treatment in Intensive Care Units, including 465 who were intubated.

Yesterday also saw 5,713 people recover from Covid-19, bringing total recoveries to 731,193.