

TWO DAYS IN A ROW

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NEW COVID-19 HIGH OF 9,353 CASES

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MALAYSIA set a new record for daily Covid-19 cases with 9,353 infections yesterday, the highest since the start of the pandemic last year.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said this brought the total number of people who have been infected to 827,191, with 84,021 still being treated.

He said Malaysia's death toll from the Covid-19 pandemic had topped 6,000 with 87 fatalities recorded yesterday.

This is an increase of 1,000 fatalities in less than two weeks.

On June 28, the country's Covid-19 death toll hit 5,001 when it registered 57 deaths.

"The deaths today (yesterday) bring the number of fatalities to 6,067. The 87 deaths involved 78 Malaysians and nine foreigners, aged between 26 and 97.

"Fifty deaths were reported in Selangor. Other deaths were registered in Johor (eight), Pahang (six), Kuala Lumpur (five), Kedah (five), Negri Sembilan (five), Melaka (four), Penang (two), Ke-



People who tested positive for Covid-19 queuing outside the Covid-19 Assessment Centre at Malawati Stadium in Shah Alam yesterday. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

lantan (one) and Labuan (one)."

Dr Noor Hisham said of yesterday's cases, 9,342 were local infections (involving 6,645 Malaysians and 2,697 foreigners) and the remaining 11 were imported cases (three Malaysians and eight foreigners).

The first time Malaysia logged more than 9,000 cases was on May 29, with 9,020.

The number of cases has been

on a steady rise since July 7, with 7,097 cases, followed by 8,868 on July 8 and 9,180 on Friday.

Dr Noor Hisham said Selangor recorded 4,277 cases, a slight dip from Friday's 4,400, but remained the state with the highest number of new infections.

He said Kuala Lumpur logged 1,398 cases, while Melaka saw a spike in new infections with 835 cases. On Friday, Melaka record-

ed only 222 infections.

"Negri Sembilan registered 638 new cases, followed by Johor (399), Kedah (364), Sarawak (352), Sabah (251), Pahang (247), Penang (180), Perak (145), Kelantan (89), Labuan (85), Terengganu (50), Putrajaya (39) and Perlis (four)."

Dr Noor Hisham said 959 cases were being treated at Intensive Care Units, where 451 were in-

tubated.

He said 5,910 Covid-19 patients were discharged yesterday, bringing the number of recoveries to 737,103, or 89.1 per cent.

He said Malaysia's Covid-19 infectivity, or R-naught (Rt) value, stood at 1.11.

Putrajaya, he said, recorded the highest Rt value at 1.19. Other states that recorded an Rt value of above 1.0 were Perak (1.17), Kuala Lumpur (1.16), Selangor (1.16), Kedah (1.13), Pahang (1.11), Sabah (1.10), Terengganu (1.08), Melaka (1.05) and Negri Sembilan (1.04).

Rt is a measure of how many cases will result from a positive patient.

Dr Noor Hisham said 29 clusters were detected yesterday.

Nineteen of them were linked to workplaces, five were community spread, two involved the high-risk group and three were in detention centres.

"The workplace clusters were identified in Johor (six), Selangor (five), Sabah (three), Kuala Lumpur (two), Pahang (two) and Terengganu (one), while the community clusters were detected in Johor, Melaka, Sarawak, Sabah, and Kuala Lumpur.

"The high-risk clusters were reported in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur and the three detention centre clusters were identified in Sarawak."

He said to date, Malaysia had 3,058 clusters, including 870 active clusters and 2,188 clusters that had ended.