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MO infects seven family members

PETALING JAYA: The failure of one medical officer to fully comply with standard operating procedures (SOP) has resulted in the spread of Covid-19 to seven of his family members. The man tested positive for Covid-19 yesterday.

The medical officer, who comes under the Sungai Cluster, is one of the 100 new positive Covid-19 cases reported yesterday.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah has strongly urged medical and government personnel on the frontlines to adhere to the SOP issued under the recovery movement control order.

To date, a total of 96 clusters in the country have ended but another 10 remain active.

"Many Malaysians, especially the frontliners, have taken the Health Ministry's advice lightly in either private or government medical facilities," Noor Hisham said during a press conference yesterday.

"It is vital to observe full compliance to stop the virus from spreading to the community. Failure to comply (with the SOP) will lead to an outbreak of the virus."

He added border control had been tightened since yesterday to prevent new cases from high-risk countries.

"The immigration has tightened control on the entry of citizens from 23 countries. Their entry will depend on the Long-Term Visit Pass and is applicable to citizens from countries which have recorded a total of 150,000 Covid-19 cases or more.

"The ministry will continue with the risk assessment of countries worldwide, with the latest list of countries facing restrictions to be updated from time to time," he added. — by **Alisha Nur Mohd Noor**

Sharp hike in cases, 100 new infections recorded

► Sabah hardest hit with 62 patients, 23 from Perlis and Kedah and 15 imported cases

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PETALING JAYA: A sharp increase in positive Covid-19 cases was reported yesterday with 100 cases detected. The spike took the total number of cases in the country to 9,559.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said of the 100 cases,

Benteng Lahad Datu (LD) recorded the highest number with 62 cases. The Labad Datu district in Sabah has been declared a red zone.

A total of 128 cases have been recorded in the Benteng LD cluster involving two Lahad Datu and Tawau districts.

"Of the 100 new cases, 85 are through local transmission involving 55 Malaysians and 30 foreigners. The remaining 15 are imported cases involving two Malaysians and the rest are foreigners," he said during a media briefing yesterday.

"As for local transmission, 62 are cases from the Benteng LD cluster in Sabah which involved 37 detainees in Lahad Datu district police headquarters and 25 detainees in Tawau prison."

He said the remaining 23 new cases yesterday were from the Sungai cluster, which were detected in Perlis and Kedah.

"From the Sungai cluster, 22 were reported in Kedah and one in Perlis. They comprised 16 medical workers and seven of their family members," he said.

The imported cases are from India (11), Indonesia (two), the Philippines (one) and Pakistan (one).

As of noon yesterday, 12 patients had been discharged, bringing the total number of recoveries to 9,136.

Seven patients are in the intensive care units with four requiring ventilator support.

No death was reported yesterday with the toll still at 128.