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Applying Health in All Policies Approach in the Management of Covid-19 Pandemic in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

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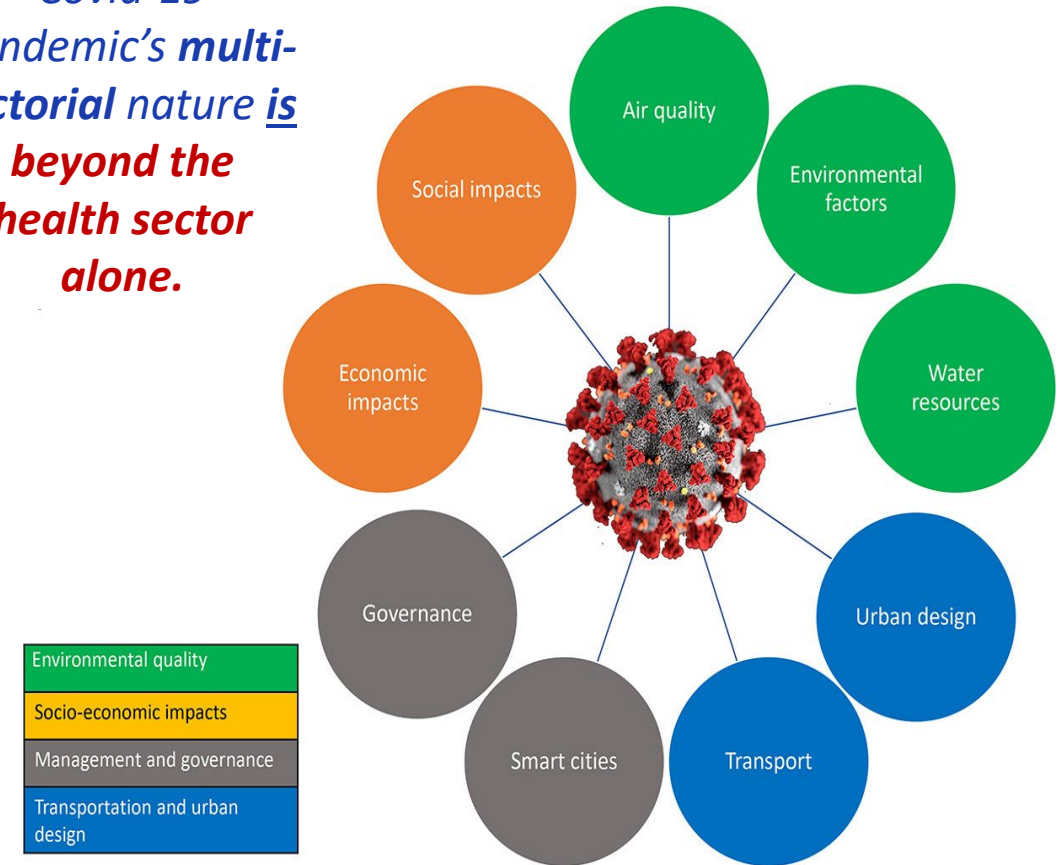
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Cities & Covid-19 Pandemic

- Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the:
 - link between **well-being, health and the economy,**
 - need to **put well-being at the centre of decision-making,** and
 - need for the **cross-sectoral** collaboration.
- It **requires every part of government in any city to work together** in a coordinated way toward shared response and recovery goals.

*Covid-19 pandemic's **multi-factorial nature is beyond the health sector alone.***



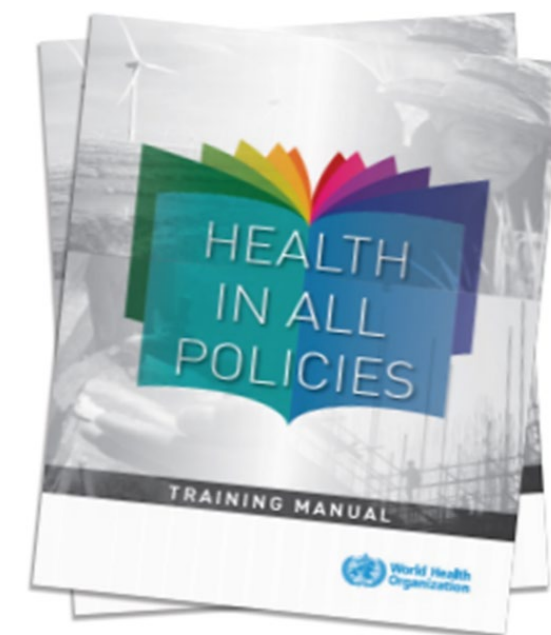
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Therefore, an **“all-hands-on-deck”** approach is required.



Adopting the Health in All Policies Approach in managing Covid-19 pandemic, Kuching, Sarawak

- One way to achieve the much-needed comprehensive Covid-19 pandemic solutions is through the **Health in All Policies** (HiAP) approach.
- HiAP is a transformative, collaborative approach that **incorporates health** considerations **into policy-making across sectors** to **improve the health and well-being of all communities and people** (CDC, USA).
- At its core, HiAP is about practicing **a whole-of-government approach** to solving major **challenges** that are **too big and complicated** that no one **single government agency** can manage them on their own.





State Disaster Management Committee

Sarawak Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) - A HiAP-Style Interagency Committee

- SDMC was established by the Sarawak Government to **coordinate preparedness and response to major events** including natural disasters (*floods, transboundary haze*) and infectious disease epidemic/pandemic.
- **Recognising and acknowledging that Covid-19 was a potential major event** in Sarawak, **SDMC quickly activated its operation to coordinate the pandemic preparedness and responses** in February 2020.
- **All relevant government agencies (Federal and State agencies)/private sector/institutions of higher learning/experts/significant individuals were quickly identified** to establish the committee.



Chairperson: Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Sarawak

Policy, Governance & Infrastructure:

1. Relevant Sarawak Ministers
2. Chief Minister's Office
Federal Secretary Sarawak
3. Resident Office Kuching & Samarahan
4. National Security Council
5. Administration Unit of the Chief Minister's Office

Social:

1. State Health Department
2. Royal Malaysian Army
3. Ministry of Local Government & Housing
4. Education Department
5. Department of Social Welfare
6. Ministry of Youth and Sport
7. Private hospitals / clinics
8. Religious Bodies

Security, Order & Enforcement:

1. Royal Malaysian Army
2. Royal Malaysia Police
3. Immigration Department
4. Fire and Rescue Department
5. Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Sarawak)
6. Malaysian Civil Defence Department
7. RELA

Economy:

1. Ministry of Tourism, Art and Culture
2. Royal Malaysian Customs
3. Ministry of Domestic Trade & Consumers Affairs

Information, Risk Communication & Digital Health:

- State Health Department
- Public Communication Unit of the Chief Minister's Office
- Information Department
- Broadcasting Department
- Sarawak Multimedia Authority



SDMC (Covid-19 Pandemic) – Organisation

Technical Expertise & Advisory Support: **Sarawak Covid-19 Vaccine Advisory Group (SCoVAG)**

- *Comprises officers from university, research council and health department*
- *Provide advices to facilitate SDMC to make science-based decisions on Covid-19 vaccination and related technical matters.*



Sessions with the Right Honourable Chief Minister



Scheduled regular coordinating meetings (f2f, hybrid) chaired by the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister, Chairman, SDMC



Leadership, Coordinating Meetings, Press Conferences, Press Statements



Daily press conference by the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister, Chairman, SDMC



Kenyataan Media IPN BI 305/2021

JAWATANKUASA PENGURUSAN BENCANA NEGERI SARAWAK

KENYATAAN MEDIA (01 NOVEMBER 2021)

1. LAPORAN HARIAN

A. JUMLAH KES COVID-19

JUMLAH KES BAHARU COVID-19	478
JUMLAH KUMULATIF KES COVID-19	241,524
KATEGORI KLINIKAL 1 & 2	464
KATEGORI KLINIKAL 3, 4 & 5	14

B. KES BAHARU MENGIKUT KATEGORI KLINIKAL

KATEGORI	BILANGAN KES MENGIKUT KATEGORI KLINIKAL
KATEGORI 1 (Tidak Gejala)	146
KATEGORI 2 (Gejala Ringan)	318
KATEGORI 3 (Jangkitan Paru-paru)	4
KATEGORI 4 (Jangkitan Paru-paru dan Memerlukan Oksigen)	4
KATEGORI 5 (Jangkitan Paru-paru dan Memerlukan Ventilator)	6
JUMLAH KATEGORI 3, 4 DAN 5	14

Daily press statement



STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEDIA STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE USE

This is the latest Sarawak Government's Policy Direction in regard to the global COVID-19 outbreak.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, there is no known COVID-19 infection in Sarawak. To ensure Sarawak remains free of the sickness, the following immigration policies are being enforced.

- Our immigration policies for those visitors, Malaysians (**non-resident of Sarawak**) and Sarawakians who have been to **China** in the past 14 days are remain the same.
- All Foreigners (irrespective of nationalities)** who have been to **South Korea** in the past 14 days will be **REFUSED** entry into the state.
- All Malaysians (non-resident of Sarawak)** who have been to **South Korea** and **China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan)** in the last 14 days are **strongly advised NOT to visit Sarawak** until their 14 days home quarantine have been fully completed and they are not found to have been infected with the COVID-19. As COVID-19 situation is changing, apart from South Korea adding to the list above, SDMC will continue to monitor situation in other countries like Singapore, Japan, Iran, Italy, etc.
- All Sarawakians and Sarawakian PR, Work and Student Visa holders who have been to **South Korea** and **China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan)** in the last 14 days must have **COMPULSORY** home quarantine for 14 days. They will be subjected to random monitoring by the relevant authorities.
- All visitors from Covid-19 affected countries such as Singapore, Italy, Iran, Japanese are strongly advised to adhere to precautionary guidelines issued by the Sarawak Health Department.

The above actions are taken as part of the Sarawak State Government's efforts and measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 into Sarawak.

SECRETARIAT
STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
28TH FEBRUARY 2020

SOPs, Advisories, Information & Updates Issued by SDMC

COVID-19 HOTLINES

SDMC Hotline
082-443 991

MLGH Hotline
082-597 539
082-597 790

COVID-19 One Stop Centre Hotline
082-597 539
082-597 790

#FIGHTCOVID19

Connect with Sarawak Disaster Information on Facebook

Essential Links:

- enterSarawak**: An online application for travel application to enter Sarawak as a visitor or a returnee to Sarawak.
- e-Health Declaration Form**: Mandatory declaration form to be completed by visitors at any point of entry of Sarawak.
- JKJAV**: The special committee for ensuring access to COVID-19 Vaccine Supply.
- i-Alerts**: An online platform to provide official communications and allow reporting during times of disasters.
- enterSarawak NRE**: An online platform for Non Resident Employees to enter Sarawak for work purposes.
- MyTravelPass**: Online application for Malaysians and foreigners to apply for entry or exit permits during the Covid-19 period.

SOP PELAN PEMULIHAN NEGARA – FASA 3 NEGERI SARAWAK

DIKEMASKINI : 18 OKTOBER 2021

Aktiviti Dibenarkan

- Melaksanakan perkhidmatan perkhidmatan yang dibenarkan.
- Membeli / mendapatkan barang-barang dan perkhidmatan yang dibenarkan.
- Mendapatkan rawatan kesihatan dan perubatan.

Waktu Berkuatkuasa	24 jam	Waktu Aktiviti Dibenarkan	Seperti Ketetapan	Pergerakan Penduduk	Dibenarkan dalam daerah masing-masing kecuali ke Kawasan PKPD
A. SYARAT KAWALAN UTAMA					
Perkara	Penerangan Ringkas				
1. KAWASAN YANG	Seluruh daerah di Negeri Sarawak				

RINGKASAN KES COVID-19 DI SARAWAK

OVERVIEW OF COVID-19 CASES IN SARAWAK 砂拉越新冠肺炎简报

1 NOV 2021

KES POSITIF BARU 478

NEW POSITIVE CASES 新增确诊病例

11 MIRI	129 KUCHING	33 SIRI	27 BINTULU	25 LAMAS	19 SERIAN	15 SM BANG
13 LIMBANG	10 KAPIT	10 PUSA	9 DALAT	8 SARAWAK	7 KANDUY	5 BAY
5 SUBIS	4 MUKAH	4 SARAWAK	3 SARAWAK	3 BETONG	3 KADONG	2 LINDU
2 MARUDI	2 TEBEDU	2 SELANGAU	2 TELANG UJAH	2 SEBAUH	1 SIMUNJIAN	1 MERADONG
1 BELAGA	1 SONG	1 PARAH	1 BELLURU	1 JULAU		

241,524 KUMULATIF KES POSITIF DI SARAWAK

27 JUMLAH KLUSTER AKTIF

1,354 JUMLAH KEMATIAN

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (S.O.Ps) ENTRY TO SARAWAK FROM WEST MALAYSIA

FOR ALL MALAYSIAN CITIZENS

- Will undergo 14 days mandatory quarantine at the Quarantine Center
- Will undergo COVID-19 tests on 2nd and 10th day
- Quarantine and COVID-19 test costs for NON-SARAWAKIANS will be borne by themselves
- Quarantine and COVID-19 test costs for SARAWAKIANS to be borne by Sarawak State Government

NOTE: This instruction takes effect from 10th October 2020

Source: SDMC Media Statement No. 245/2020 dated 08/10/2020

ADVICE FROM SARAWAK DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SDMC)

IF YOU THINK YOU MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19:

Please undergo COVID-19 testing at the nearest health facility

IF YOU FEEL UNWELL:

- Always practise physical distancing, use a face mask and practise good personal hygiene
- Get treated and undergo RT-PCR COVID-19 test
- Stay at home and isolate yourself in a separate room
- Avoid going to food premises. Get family members or friends to help purchase food
- Avoid meeting up with other individuals
- Undergo another test on the 10th day. Self-isolation only ends when both tests return a negative result. Avoid all travelling and face-to-face meetings until self-isolation period ends

Source: SDMC Media Statement No. 275/2020 dated 7/11/2020

SARAWAK'S ROADMAP TO RECOVERY: THE 4 PHASES [2/7]

MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO)	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
MOVEMENT CONTROL	PUBLIC CURFEW from 12:01am to 5:00am NOT ALLOWED to gather more than TWO (2) people in public places	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
OPERATING HOURS FOR ALL ECONOMY / INDUSTRY SECTOR, OTHER SECTORS & ACTIVITIES	6:00am to 8:00pm	6:00am to 10:00pm	6:00am to 10:00pm	Operating hours depends on respective business license

Source: Sarawak Disaster Information @sarawakdisasterinfo #FightCOVID19 #JagaSarawakIntuSarawak

COVID-19 CASES IN SARAWAK

LAST UPDATED 30 October 2021

646 NEW POSITIVE CASE

158,279 RECOVERED

207	427	3	1	8
CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	CATEGORY 4	CATEGORY 5
No Symptom	Slight Symptoms	Lung Infection	Lung Infection and requires oxygen	Lung Infection and requires ventilator

Source: SMA



Multiagency effort: Enforcement Activities & Covid-19 One-Stop Centre *(Patient Screening, Patient Assessment & Coordination Centre)*

PUSAT SEHATI COVID-19
COVID-19 ONE STOP CENTRE AND COVID-19 ASSESSMENT CENTRE

hanya mengeluarkan **Quarantine Order (QO)** kepada kontak rapat yang telah dikenalpasti oleh Pegawai Siasatan mengikut Garis Panduan KKM.

- 1 Tidak semua yang melakukan ujian SWAB akan mendapat QO.
- 2 Kaunter QO telah dibanjiri oleh kes-kes yang bukan kontak rapat menyebabkan kesesakan di kaunter QO.
- 3 Mohon kerjasama semua yang datang ke Pusat Sehati COVID-19 untuk mengambil tindakan yang sewajarnya.



Public Health:

Find-Test-Trace-Isolate-Support System, Treatment & Burial



Multiagency effort: Field Hospital



BERNAMA



Metro



Multiagency effort: Establishing Low Risk Quarantine Centres (PKRCs)



Multiagency effort: Preventing Covid-19 importation into Sarawak



State Disaster Management Committee
E-HEALTH DECLARATION FORM ON ENTRY INTO SARAWAK
 BORANG PENGISYTIHARAN KESIHATAN KEMASUKAN KE SARAWAK
 砂拉越入境健康申明卡

For the health of you and others, please fill up this Health Declaration Form truthfully. If you fail, refuse and/or neglect to fill, conceal or falsify declare, you may be charged under the Provision of Public Health Ordinance 1999.

- T Travellers entering Sarawak at any point of entry are required to complete this mandatory declaration form. Failure to do so would result in a denial of entry to the State.
- T Travellers are fully aware that it is a criminal offence to induce the State Government of Sarawak to grant entry on the basis of a false declaration.
- T The data provided by travellers is completely confidential and only serves for the prevention of epidemics, under the management of the State Disaster Management Committee.

By pressing button below, I hereby acknowledge that I have completely read, understand and agreed to be bound to this statutory requirement.

The result of e-Health Declaration Form (Dewan Lantikan/Lantikan Lantikan Lantikan) does not affect passengers entering Sarawak.

12 Declaration is valid for 12 hours ONLY.

Enter

enterSarawak
Permission to Enter / Exit Sarawak

REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT
 All fields marked * are mandatory

Already have an account?
 LOGIN

Full Name * full name as per IC or passport

Phone Number *

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Seven hotels offer to be quarantine centres

KUCHING: Seven hotels here have responded to the government's plan to turn hotels into quarantine facilities for people who enter Sarawak starting this Sunday, says Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) Sarawak chairman Mohd Ibrahim Nordin.

He said the hotels had submitted quotations to the National Security Council (NSC), and they were now dealing directly with the authority.

Mohd Ibrahim said the hotels are in the city centre but he declined to identify them or their rating. He also said hotels in Sibau and Miri were still considering the move.

He added that most hotels had closed temporarily since the movement control order came into effect on March 18.

"In terms of facilities, hotels are ever ready (to become centres). The Ministry of Health will brief and help the hotels on sanitation requirements," he said, declaring MAH Sarawak support towards turning hotels as quarantine facilities in the state.

He said one of the guidelines was to sanitise rooms daily. The hotels are to be equipped with individual toilet facilities and hygienic food among other things.

However, Mohd Ibrahim admitted that the hotels were now financially "bleeding" due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

MAH Sarawak has 85 member hotels with 11,876 rooms. Seven of them are ranked 5-Star, 15 (4-Star), 34 (3-Star) and the rest are of other types including 2-Star and orchid hotels, he said.

There are 596 hotels in Sarawak with a total room inventory of 22,061.

On Thursday Sarawak Disaster Management Committee chairman Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah announced that everyone entering Sarawak, be it by land, air or sea, would be placed under quarantine for 14 days at the quarantine centres starting April 5.

He said this was in line with the federal government's policy that travellers who enter Kuala Lumpur would also be quarantined for 14 days.

Besides the quarantine centres, Uggah said they were also looking for hotels to be turned into quarantine centres at points of entry.

When contacted yesterday Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (Matta) Sarawak chairperson Lina Tsen Pei Tsui said they too support the move, describing it as "last best choice" for the tourism sector.

She said since a hotel is a public area, it is therefore wise to use it as quarantine area and a center to calm down the affected travellers with comfort.

"This is the best last choice compared to using say, non fully equipped hotels with just basic rooms and beds," Tsen said.

How would the move affect hotels and tourism industries in general? Tsen said in the short term people would be staying away from them (hotels) for a while.

"Hotels may also invest heavily on full disinfection after the MCO is lifted," she said.

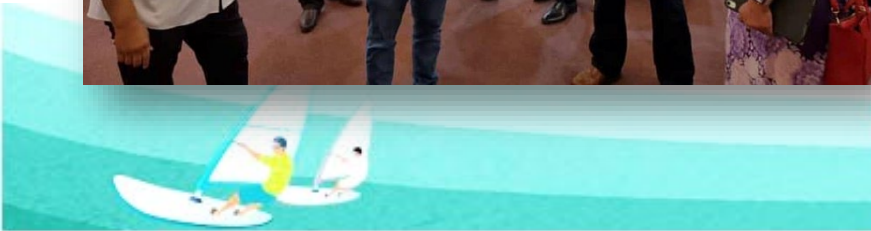
But the good deeds of hotels in assisting the state to combat the coronavirus pandemic will have a long lasting effect, she said.

"In the long term, people will remember the great job that hoteliers do during the Covid-19 pandemic or MCO period," she said.

The generosity and kind deeds of hotels will be remembered and this mean there will be no negative impact on image reputation and popularity of hotels, she insisted.



Multiagency effort: Covid-19 Vaccination Programme



Various financial incentives and aid from Sarawak Government



Ketua menteri Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Open telah melancarkan Program Pakej Bantuan Khas Sarawakku Sayang bagi membantu rakyat Sarawak menagani wabak Covid-19. Sejumlah RM654 juta telah diperuntukan bagi program Pakej Bantuan Khas Sarawakku Sayang.

- RM 250 setiap bulan bagi tempoh 6 bulan
- Topeng muka percuma

Bantuan Khas Sarawakku Sayang (Special Aid)

The **BKSS 6.0 cash assistance for B40** is one of the Sarawak Government special aid under BKSS 6.0 to help **ease the burden of B40 group in dealing with Covid-19 pandemic.**

- Small businesses and hawkers
- *Penambang* operators
- e-hailing drivers and driving instructors
- Licensed van operators, taxi drivers and school bus/van operators
- Registered homestay operators

Sarawak unveils RM800 mln BKSS aid package to empower businesses



Credit: JAPEN Sarawak

KUCHING, Aug 4: The Sarawak government is giving a **special one-off financial assistance of RM10,000** to active businesses registered in Sarawak under the Bantuan Khas Sarawakku Sayang (BKSS) 7.0 package.

Announcing this special aid to overcome the economic fallout caused by the Covid-19 pandemic today, Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg said the decision was made after considering several requests from business associations and guilds.

Food aid organised by government agencies/NGOs /individuals

Launching of "Food Aid" Covid-19 by Social Welfare Department, 22 May 2021 at Covid-19 One Stop Centre, Dewan Masyarakat Kuching



Entrepreneur helps thousands of families in Sarawak through food aid project

By MING TEOH

PEOPLE Monday, 04 Oct 2021

9:00 AM MYT



KUCHING, Sept 5: Kuching South City Council (MBKS) mayor Datuk Wee Hong Seng handed over some food aid to Sarawak Cheshire Home yesterday (Sept 4), in which the organisation is currently under lockdown as part of the measure to curb the transmission of coronavirus.

Support from community in curbing Covid-19 transmission

Compulsory masking, routine temperature screening, physical distancing, hand hygiene, scanning MySejahtera app to check-in/out of premises visited at all public places:
Places of worship, commercial areas, offices, etc

GARIS PANDUAN PENGIMARAHAN MASJID DAN SURAU SEMASA PERINTAH KAWALAN PERGERAKAN (PKP) DI SELURUH NEGERI SARAWAK TAHUN 2021 (PINDAAN 01)

BERKUATKUASA MULAI 29 MEI 2021 SEHINGGA PKP DITAMATKAN (ATAU MANA MANA ARAHAN LANJUT YANG DITETAPKAN OLEH MAJLIS ISLAM SARAWAK)

TIDAK DIBENARKAN KEPADA AWAM	DITANGCUH SEMENTARA
Solat Fardhu di Masjid & Surau HANYA 5 ORANG terdiri daripada Pegawai Masjid dan JKP Masjid/ Surau Berjemaat dibenarkan hadir dengan mematuhi penjarakan fizikal (1 meter)	Aktiviti Pengimarahen Masjid & Surau seperti Ceramah, Kuliah, Kelas Pengajian dan Lain-lain.
DIBENARKAN DI MASJID & SURAU	TIDAK DIBENARKAN DI MASJID & SURAU
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ARAHAN MAJLIS ISLAM SARAWAK 3 JUN 2021 BERSAMAAN 23 SYAWAL 1442
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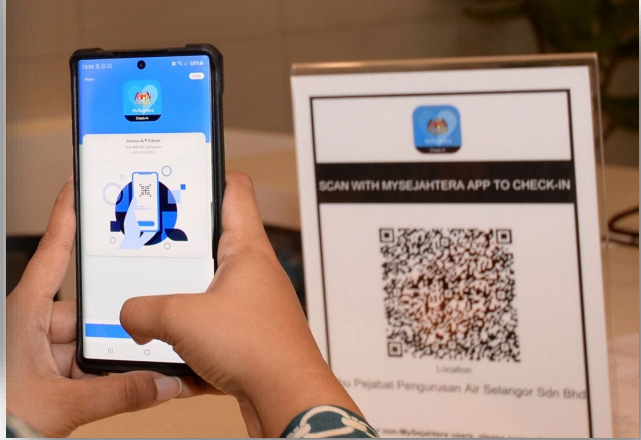
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FAQ: SOP Pengimarahen Masjid Sarawak semasa Pelan Pemulihan Negara mulai 4 Oktober 2021

Adakah syarat dua (2) dos vaksin COVID-19 tidak tertakluk kepada jemaah yang hadir solat di masjid atau surau?

Jawapan: Syarat dua (2) dos vaksin adalah untuk semua aktiviti pengimarahen di masjid termasuk solat yang mana solat adalah aktiviti imarah paling utama di masjid dan surau.

Disediakan Oleh:
 Bahagian Kemajuan Institusi Masjid
 Jabatan Agama Islam Sarawak
 082-507107
 05 Oktober 2021





Conclusion

- Given the frantic pace of the need to respond to public health, social and economic crises, **SDMC's adoption of the HiAP approach** was **timely and facilitating**.
- A **cross-sectoral response** through various committees and taskforces has **created efficiencies** through:
 - Pooling and sharing of limited **resources**;
 - Better-managed **data and information** for **action and risk communication**;
 - Increased **effective communication**;
 - **Coordinated actions** avoiding work duplications and wastages; and
 - **Sound decision-making** based on science.





Conclusion

Health in All Policies approach has **successfully brought together** all relevant agencies, NGOs, experts, individuals across sector in Greater Kuching **through the Sarawak Disaster Management Committee** - putting their hands-on-deck in the **fight against Covid-19 pandemic.**



thank you # *staysafe*

