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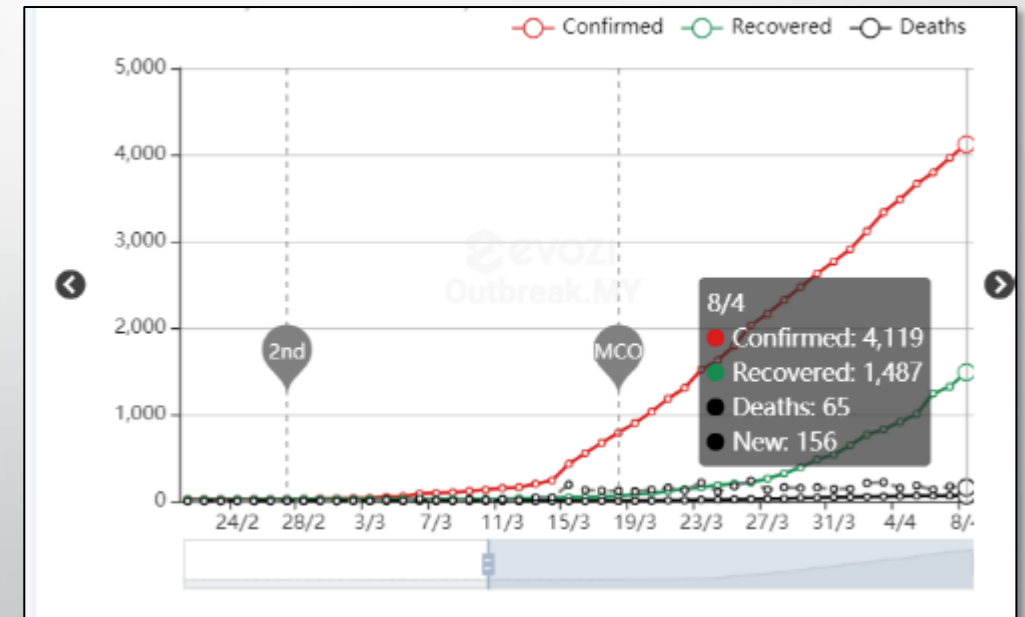
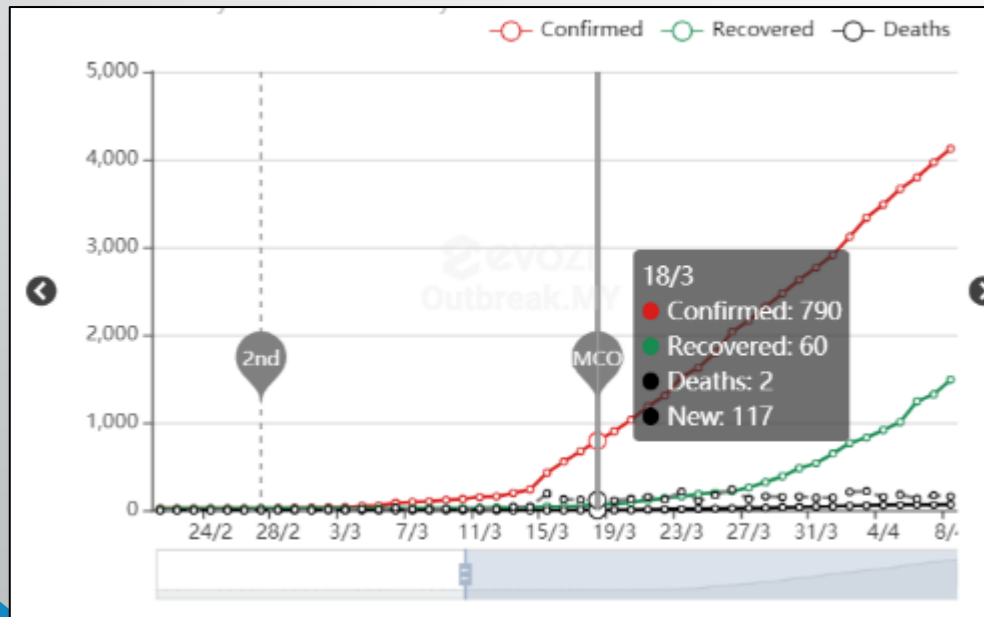
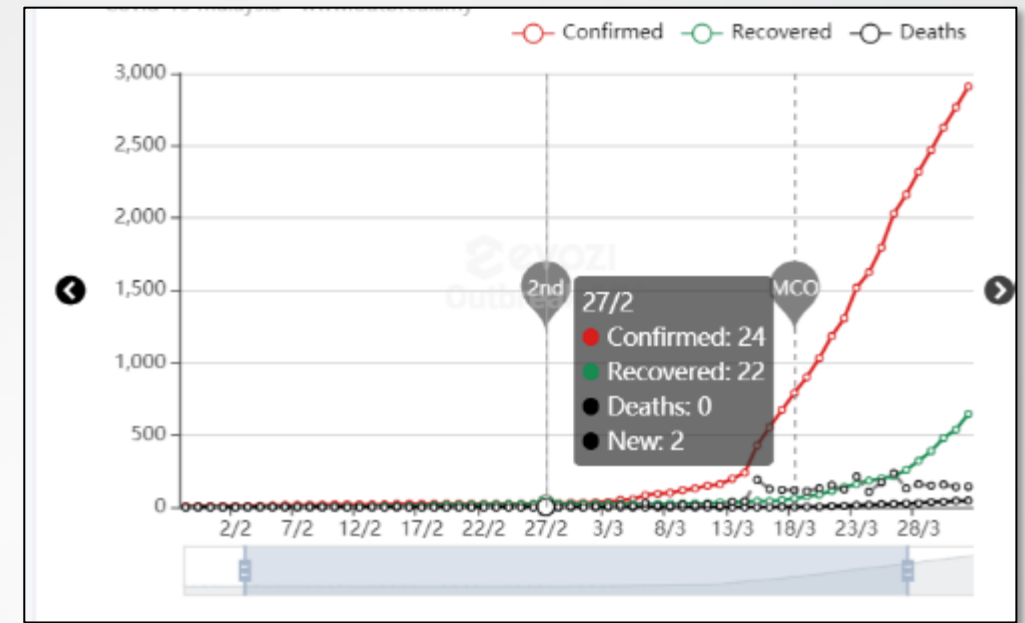
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PETALING JAYA (THE STAR/ASIA NEWS NETWORK) - The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) has urged various ministries and government agencies to show "urgency and seriousness" in helping to combat the spread of the coronavirus, including disseminating information and tracking down suspected patients.

TheStar

Hospitals will be overwhelmed if MCO is not taken seriously, warns MMA

NATION

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PETALING JAYA: Public hospitals will be overwhelmed if Malaysians do not take the two-week movement control order (MCO) seriously, says the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA).

Its president Dr N. Ganabaskaran (*pic*) said hospitals may not be able to cope if Covid-19 cases continue to rise.

He said Malaysia has 135 government hospitals, nine special medical institutes, 926 ventilators in intensive care unit (ICU) facilities, 152 non-invasive ventilators, 142 transport ventilators and 210 private hospitals.

Dr Ganasbakaran said that adults and youths living with older adults must stay at home and avoid non-essential travel.



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PENYEDIAAN KEMUDAHAN DAN PERKHIDMATAN SCREENING AND TRIAGING BOOTH RELATED TO COVID-19 DI KLINIK SWASTA

Dengan hormatnya perkara di atas adalah dirujuk.

2. Selaras dengan Jadual, Peraturan-peraturan Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit (Langkah-langkah Di dalam Kawasan Tempatan Jangkitan) 2020, sektor jagaan kesihatan dan perubatan telah disenaraikan sebagai salah satu perkhidmatan perlu (*essential services*).

3. Susulan itu, sekiranya terdapat klinik swasta yang ingin menyediakan kemudahan dan perkhidmatan screening and triaging booth related to COVID-19 di klinik swasta berkenaan, pemegang perakuan pendaftaran perlu mengemukakan notifikasi melalui emel ke alamat ckaps@moh.gov.my berserta butiran seperti berikut:

- Nama klinik dan alamat klinik;
- Justifikasi penambahan kemudahan dan perkhidmatan screening and triaging booth tersebut;
- Schematic diagram dan penerangan ringkas berkaitan patient flow;
- Butiran personel terutamanya person to perform yang terlatih untuk mengambil dan mengendalikan sampel bagi ujian COVID-19;
- Menamakan makmal swasta yang akan menjalankan ujian ke atas sampel yang diambil; dan
- Nama dan no. telefon pemegang perakuan pendaftaran.

4. Klinik swasta perlu memastikan pematuhan terhadap perkara berikut:

- Prosedur kawalan jangkitan dan rekod perubatan pesakit, selaras dengan Akta Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit 1988 dan Akta Kemudahan dan Perkhidmatan Jagaan Kesihatan Swasta 1996, yang mana berkaitan;
- Mematuhi *Guidelines COVID-19 Management No. 5/2020 updated on 24 March 2020* serta garis panduan dan *Standard Operating Procedure* terkini yang akan dikeluarkan dari semasa ke semasa;
- Menggunakan *test kit* dan prosedur yang diiktiraf oleh Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia;

- Mempunyai kolaborasi/kjasama dengan makmal awasta yang menjalankan ujian RT-PCR bagi COVID-19 (sila rujuk *Guidelines COVID-19 Management No. 5/2020 updated on 24 March 2020*);
- Code of Professional Conduct* dan profesionalisme;
- Good Medical Practice Guidelines*; dan
- Tanggungjawab penuh terhadap staf, kemudahan dan perkhidmatan yang disediakan.

Prosedur ini hanya terpakai sepanjang tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan berkuatkuasa. Pihak klinik perlu mematuhi prosedur biasa setelah tempoh Perintah tersebut berakhir.

Sekian, terima kasih.

'BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA'

Saya yang menjalankan amanah,

(DR. AHMAD RAZID BIN SALLEH, MMC: 26560)
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Why Screening At A GP Setting?



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Why Screening At A GP Setting?

1. Gate keepers
2. First point of contact
3. Easy access
4. Increase the screening rate
5. Complement MOH



Requirements

1. Health screening booth for Triaging and Screening Related to COVID-19 at GP setting
2. Schematic diagram and patient flow
3. Person to perform - trained
 - Taking the swab by BPPK, Doffing by Infection Control Unit
 - One day training
 - Certificate will be given
4. Name the participating lab



Legal Requirements

1. Private Healthcare Facilities & Services Act 2006
2. Infectious Diseases Prevention & Control Act 1998
3. Guidelines COVID-19 Management No.5/2020
4. Code of Professional Conduct
5. Good Medical Practice



Criteria for Sampling

- **Asymptomatic** - Non PUI (Patient Under Investigation)
- **No history of contact with confirmed case of COVID-19**
- Team should consist of **THREE trained healthcare workers** - All team members should wear **full PPE** and carry their **identification tags**

Preparation

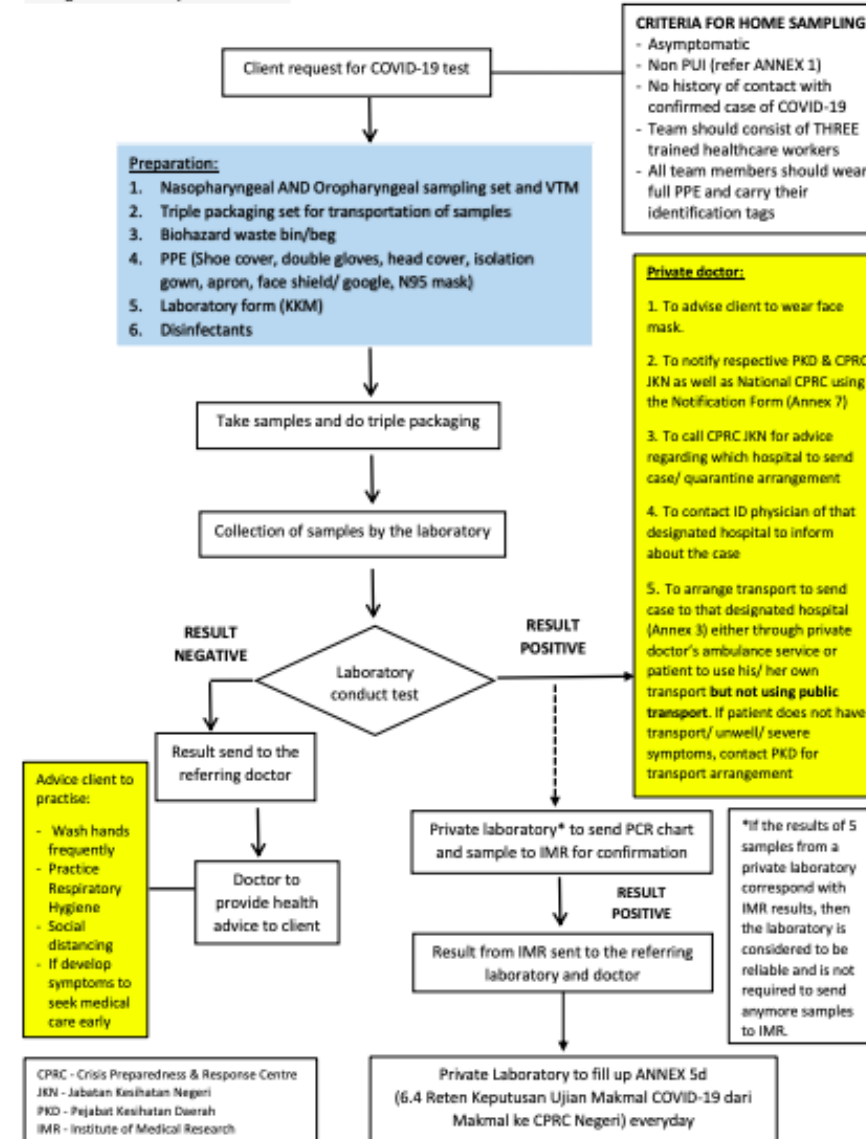
1. Nasopharyngeal AND Oropharyngeal sampling set and VTM
2. Triple packaging set for transportation of samples
3. Biohazard waste bin/beg
4. PPE (Shoe cover, double gloves, head cover, isolation gown, apron, face shield/ google, N95 mask)
5. Laboratory form (KKM)
6. Disinfectants



ANNEX 2f

FLOW CHART FOR HOME SAMPLING OF COVID-19

N.B: This flow chart should be used together with Annex 2C - Screening and Triage, Guidelines on COVID-19 Management in Malaysia Edisi Kelima



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What is the Practical Issues of GPs in Malaysia while performing Screening?



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Practical Issue

- History
- Not for PUI
- Implied Consent
- If (+) , pls inform the patient n PKD , if (-) no exposure in that last 14 days
- MOH will call up to monitor the protocol
- Labs listed by MOH
- It's advisable to do outside the clinic. (Ventilation)
- 15-20 seconds per case



Practical Issue

- Understanding the test itself (RT-PCR)
- Maintaining the cold chain of VTM
- Full PPE: You are not PUI, when the patients results is positive
- Not Full PPE: If patient is positive, than the you become PUI
- Staff (3 staffs): 1 doctor and 2 trained personal)
- Close contact defined as: “Healthcare associated exposure without appropriate PPE”



Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)





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Covid-19 in GP Clinic

1. Provide good visual signages in all relevant languages requesting patients to declare symptoms, travel or contact with a confirmed case
2. Through verbal and visual cues, identify those with respiratory symptoms and offer masks and hand sanitizer
3. Rapidly assess verbally if the patient has epidemiological links that might qualify him/her as a PUI.
4. If uncertain, discuss with medical / Infectious disease specialist at nearest screening hospital.



Please immediately
inform our staff :

NOTICE ON COVID-19 INFECTION

FEVER

OR

**SHORTNESS OF BREATH
COUGHING
SORE THROAT
SNEEZING OR RUNNING NOSE**

AND

**Travelled to / resided in foreign country within 14 days before
the onset of illness**

OR

**Close contact 1 in 14 days before illness onset with a confirmed
case of COVID-19**

OR

**Attended an event associated with known COVID-19
outbreak**



28 March 2020

Visual Signage





Minimal items on the doctors table.



1) Give 3 Ply Mask



2) Give Hand Rub



3) Get Patient Info



4) Doctor | Verbal and Visual Triaging



- 5) Pre-Designated area:** - more than 1m away from other patients and staff.
- minimal surrounding items to minimize items requiring disinfecting.

Covid-19 in GP Clinic

If PUI:

- Place In Pre-designated Waiting Area
- Patient Information
- Notify District Health Office
- Refer To Screening Hospital
(Public Transport Not Allowed)
- Disinfect Waiting Area



Patient Under Investigation (PUI) & Definition of Contact



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<https://www.infosihat.gov.my/index.php/multimedia/video/item/the-management-of-covid-19-patient-under-investigation-pui>



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Definition of Contact

A contact of a COVID-19 case is a person not currently presenting symptoms, who has, or may have been in contact with a COVID-19 case

Close Contacts

- I. Health care associated exposure **without** appropriate PPE (including providing direct care for COVID-19 patients, working with health care workers infected with COVID-19, visiting patients or staying in the same close environment of a COVID-19 patient)
- II. Working together in close proximity or sharing same classroom environment with a COVID-19 patient
- III. Traveling together with COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance
- IV. Living in the same household as COVID-19 patient

****Note:** Transit in an airport located in affecting countries is not considered as having travelled to that country.

Casual Contact

- I. A person who was in a closed environment with a COVID-19 case for less than 15 mins or at a distance of more than 2 metres
- II. A person having face-to-face contact with a COVID-19 case for less than 15 mins and at a distance of less than 2 metres.

Source : Guidelines COVID-19 Management and ECDC Public Health Management of persons, including healthcare workers, having had contact with COVID-19 cases in the European Union

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Please ensure infection prevention and control is in place when dealing with PUIs.

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Testing Method of Covid-19



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South Korea's Foreign Minister explains how the country contained COVID-19



"The world must overcome this together"

image: REUTERS

31 Mar 2020

Sean Fleming

Senior Writer, Financial Markets

- Despite a sudden spike in infections, South Korea is now winning the fight against the COVID-19 coronavirus.
- Regions shared clinics and opened their hospitals to each other's patients.
- Testing is at the heart of the country's coronavirus strategy.

"It doesn't matter that my country is stabilizing and coming to grips with this," says South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-hwa, explaining the approach her country has taken to the coronavirus outbreak at a virtual World Economic Forum COVID Task Force meeting. "The world must overcome this together."

Since its first confirmed case of COVID-19 in late January, South Korea has shown a determination in the face of the virus that appears to be paying off. From a sudden spike in the number of cases to its decision to implement widespread testing, South Korea has shown itself able to respond quickly and decisively.



Covid-19: South Koreans keep calm and carry on testing

Nation appears to be weathering coronavirus storm well with little sign of panic among public

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Memo Kim in Seoul

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Covid-19 testing tents are one of the few signs of activity on Seoul's streets these days. While the number of new confirmed cases across South Korea has stayed below 100 for three days in a row, these makeshift testing centres are spearheading efforts to contain now and worrying clusters of the virus.

Outside the Koreana Building, where an insurance company call centre has produced the capital's biggest number of infections, medical staff in protective gear work quickly, occasionally causing, to regular people queuing outside not to stand too close to each other.

No one complains about the wait, with one young man offering to change places with an older woman standing several places behind him.

Now and then, gasps can be heard from inside the tent, as another person reacts with surprise at having a swab inserted into their nostrils.

In contrast to the panic-buying witnessed in other virus-hit countries, South Koreans are, for the most part, staying calm. There have been no reports of hoarding, and the only people queuing are either waiting to be tested or to buy face masks.

Since South Korea confirmed its first case of the virus on 20 January, health authorities have turned to technology, testing, and social distancing in a strategy to contain the outbreak. The WHO this week

HOME MALAYSIA

Two weeks into MCO, health experts say Malaysia still lags behind on Covid-19 testing

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BY NED ARIYAN



It will take a week or two to get a full picture of the situation, but health experts say Malaysia is still lagging behind on Covid-19 testing.

KL, April 11 — The number of positive Covid-19 cases in Malaysia may have spiked in the second week since the movement control order (MCO) but experts still caution against a sign of the easing.

According to Malaysia's Ministry of Health, the number of new cases per day peaked at 100 between 100 and 101.

"It's still a few weeks before the thing was recorded on the graph," he said.

Typically, he would have expected more cases if there was an increase in testing. All of those cases, he said, are being recorded and compared to the number of cases.

He said that the country is expected to record a higher number of positive cases with increased testing, as well as a higher number of deaths. From the last 10 days, he said, the number of cases has increased to the fourth and the government is still in the early stages.

Under testing

Health experts said the country is still in the early stages of the MCO.

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THE MCO: PEOPLE'S VIEW

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Experts Believe Malaysia Is Not Testing Enough People For Covid-19



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While there is a need to get a better picture of the situation, health experts say Malaysia is still lagging behind on Covid-19 testing. The number of new cases per day peaked at 100 between 100 and 101.

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What is the differences in terms of Methodology of Testing Covid-19 between South Korea and Malaysia?



What is the stand of MMA on the method and action taken by the Government on the Testing Method?



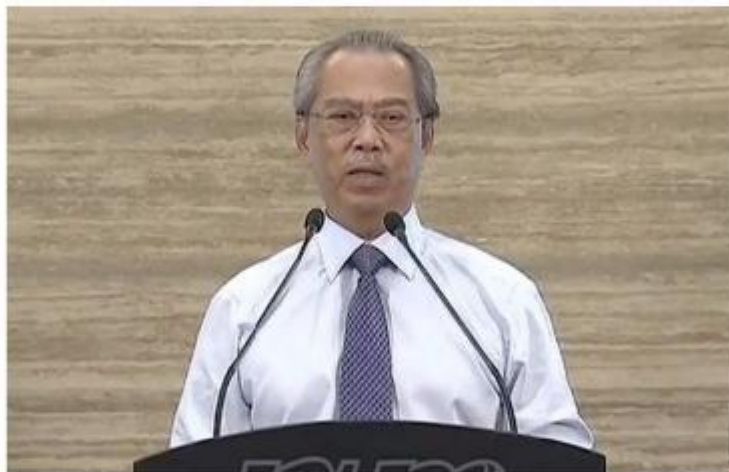
What is your suggestions and recommendations?



Muhyiddin unveils RM10bil stimulus package for SMEs (updated)

NATION

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has unveiled a special stimulus package worth RM1.0bil aimed at small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in a bid to soften the impact of the movement control order (MCO).

According to Muhyiddin, SMEs and micro-businesses made up two-thirds of the workforce of the country and contributes 40% of the country's economy.

This is an addition to the other economic stimulus packages for the people to increase cash flow to ensure the economy does not collapse.

Muhyiddin had on March 27 unveiled an economic stimulus package known as paket prihatin (caring package) valued at RM65.0bil.

This was after the government had enforced an MCO since March 18 to curb the spread of Covid-19.

The MCO was supposed to end on March 31, but the government extended it until April 14.

Here are the highlights of the Prime Minister's speech on Monday (April 6):

* The government will increase the wage subsidy of RM500 monthly for employers from RM5.9bil announced on March 27 to RM11.1bil, an additional RM5.2bil.

- For companies that employ more than 200 people, the number of workers who will be eligible for the subsidy is increased from 100 previously to 200.

- For companies that employ between 76-200 employees, the company will receive a wage subsidy of RM800 for each worker.

- For companies that employ between 1-75 employees, the company will receive a wage subsidy of RM1,200 for each worker.

The aid comes with a condition that employers must retain their staff for at least six months.

* The creation of a RM2.1bil Prihatin Special Grant for all SME companies that qualify.

* The Government will provide a special grant of RM3,000 to each company which is expected to benefit nearly 700,000 micro SMEs nationwide. These SMEs must register with the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) to enjoy this facility. The government will obtain a list of eligible SMEs from the local authorities and Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM).

* The government will be abolishing the 2% interest rate for the RM4.0bil Micro Credit Scheme under Bank Simpanan Nasional.

* The micro loan scheme for micro businesses extended to Tekun Nasional with a maximum loan limit of RM10,000 per company at no interest. For this purpose, a sum of RM200m will be provided. Applicants can only choose from one of these schemes.

* The government has agreed to encourage negotiations between employers and employees on the terms of their employment including the option to receive salaries and to allow unpaid leave during the MCO.

- Employers and employees can refer to the Labour Department to obtain advice in regards to any problems arising from a resolution. Negotiations have to be based on employment laws of the country.

* The government has granted an automatic moratorium of 30 days to allow companies to submit statutory documents to the SSM from the last date of the MCO.

* The filing of the companies financial statements is also extended for three months from the last date of the MCO. The flexibility is given to companies with financial years ending Sept 30 until Dec 31. Companies will have to apply to this flexibility from SSM and no late charges will be charged.

* The government has appealed to owners of private premises to reduce rental rates for SMEs during the MCO and three months after it ends.

- They will be given additional tax deductions equal to the amount of rent reduction from April to June. This is subject to the condition that they reduce the rental by at least 30% during that period.

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PRIHATIN RAKYAT ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE (Additional Measures): for Small & Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)



Additional tax deduction equal to the rental discount will be given to landlords of private business premises who give rental discounts to SMEs.



Special *Prihatin* Grant of RM3,000 for all eligible micro SMEs.



Abolition of 2% interest rate for Micro Credit Scheme under Bank Simpanan Nasional.



Enhancement of Wage Subsidy Program to subsidise affected employers between RM600 and RM1,200 per month for each employee earning less than RM4,000 for a period of three (3) months.



The Micro Credit Scheme for micro businesses is extended to TEKUN Nasional with a maximum loan limit of RM10,000 per company at no interest.



Foreign worker (except domestic workers) levies are reduced by 25% for those whose work permits are expiring between 1 April 2020 and 31 December 2020.

PRIHATIN RAKYAT ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE (ADDITIONAL MEASURES)

FOR SMALL & MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (SMEs)

TOTAL : RM10 BILLION

AIMS

- To reduce SMEs's financial burdens
- To ensure job security for two-third of the country's workforce

MEASURES

1 Wage subsidy allocation announced on March 27 **raised to RM 13.8 billion from RM5.9 billion (additional of RM7.9 billion)**

Benefits: about 4.8 million workers
SMEs with **local workers earning RM 4,000 & below** will receive:

More than 200 workers	RM600 per worker (the maximum number of workers qualified to receive the subsidy increased from 100 to 200)
76 to 200 workers	RM800 per worker
less than 75 workers	RM1,200 per worker

****The financial assistance is for 3 months & only for companies that have registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) or local authorities before Jan 1, 2020 & also registered with SOCSO**

Employers that have chosen to accept the financial assistance must maintain their workers as employees for 6 months, that is 3 months while receiving the wage subsidy & 3 months after

2 Special **PRIHATIN** Grants: Allocation: **RM2.1 billion** for all qualified micro SME companies

RM3,000 to each company, benefitting nearly 700,000 micro SMEs in the country

Requirements:
The company **need to register with the Inland Revenue Board (IRB)**

The government will get the list of qualified SMEs from the local authorities & SSM

- The government is also appealing to licensed moneylenders, registered under the Moneylenders Act 1951 offering credit facilities, to allow for a 6-month loan repayment moratorium for SMEs effective from April 2020, the same as the moratorium given by the banks

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Source: Prime Minister, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin

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What is the Impact of GP Professionals during MCO and possible Post MCO?





What is your suggestions and recommendations to the Professionals and Government?



5 Options clinic owners can consider to manage the impact of the MCO under the RM10 billion Economic Stimulus Package for SMEs

1. Wage subsidy program under SOCSO
2. The micro credit and soft loan scheme for micro enterprises
3. Rental reduction at the private premises.
4. Loan applications through the IMSME portal.
5. Pay cuts and unpaid leave.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019-2020	5 options clinic owners can consider to manage the impact of the MCO under the RM10 billion Economic Stimulus Package for SMEs :
Dr N Ganabaskaran President president@mma.org.my	Since the MCO was issued, there has been a drastic drop in patient visits to clinics. About 30% of the GP clinics are registered with the registrar of companies while the rest are sole proprietors. The clinics come under the services sector with the majority employing more than 5 staff hence they can be classified under the micro and small industry.
Prof Dato' Dr Subramaniam Muniandy President-Elect	Each clinic which is mandated to register with MOH will be issued a registration form called Form B, D or F, where the practicing doctors need to renew their practicing license with the Malaysian Medical Council. As the Form B, D or F issued by MOH is a mandatory registration to operate, we have written to the government to accept these documents apart from the registration with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM), SOCSO or local authorities issued before Jan 1, 2020.
Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim Immediate Past President	Under the RM10 billion Economic Stimulus package for SMEs, 5 options clinic owners can consider to manage the impact of the MCO include :
Dr Thirunavukarasu A/L Rajoo Honorary General Secretary secretary@mma.org.my	1.Wage subsidy program under SOCSO. For companies with employees of less than 75 people, a wage subsidy of RM1,200 per month per employee is provided. This can be applied under the www.prihatin.perkeso.gov.my which will be open for submission on the 9th April . (www.prihatin.perkeso.gov.my)
Dr Koh Kar Chai Honorary General Treasurer treasurer@mma.org.my	2.The micro credit and soft loan scheme for micro enterprises. Clinics facing problems in cash flow may tap this fund. In the package, the 2% interest rate has been abolished to 0% under the Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) Micro Credit Scheme of RM500 million. The soft loan scheme for micro enterprises is also extended to TEKUN Nasional with a maximum loan limit of RM10,000 at 0% for each enterprise. Applicants are given an option to choose either scheme to benefit from this facility.
Dr Vasu Pillai Letchumanan Honorary Deputy Secretary	3.Rental reduction at the private premises. The clinics can start negotiating with the shop owners for reduction in rental. The prime minister has urged owners of private premises to provide assistance to their tenants to reduce their rental rates. Owners of buildings or business spaces that provide rental reduction or waiver to SME tenants are given a further tax deduction which is equivalent to the amount of rental reduction for the months of April until June 2020. This further tax deduction is subject to the condition that the rental reduction is at least 30% of the original rental rate for that particular period.
Dr Kevin Ng Wei Shan Chairman, SCHOMOS schomos@mma.org.my	4.Loan applications through the IMSME portal. Apart from loans directly from the banking institutions, all SMEs have an option to apply for loans through the IMSME portal. This portal provides myKNP services - a financing advisory service for SMEs. (https://imsme.com.my/portal/en/)
Dr Sivanesan Letchumanan Chairman, PPS pps@mma.org.my	5.Pay cuts and unpaid leave. With the reduction in patient visits and operating hours, staff wages during the crisis period may be difficult to sustain. The clinic owners can negotiate for a win-win situation between both parties during this period. The government encourages employers to actively engage with their employees on employment terms including the options of pay cuts and unpaid leave during the MCO period. Employers and employees may refer to the Department of Labour to seek advice on solutions for issues raised. Any negotiations should be subjected to employment laws currently being enforced. What is important is that the rights and welfare of both sides are taken care of.
	Thank you
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