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Ample supply of Covid-19 self test kits in the market, says Malaysian Medical Association

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KUALA LUMPUR (March 12): There is ample supply of Covid-19 self-test kits in the market and the public should refrain from panic buying and hoarding the kits, said the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) on Saturday (March 12).

Its president Dr Koh Kar Chai said there is no need to do the self-test daily unless it is indicated due to the nature of a person's work.

“Healthcare professionals do not even test themselves on a daily basis unless it is clearly needed to do so in certain high-risk situations.

“Circumstances needing self-testing will be when attending functions involving groups of people, visiting elderly or immunocompromised individuals, after coming into close contact with infected individuals or when exhibiting symptoms,” he said.

Koh said due to the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant, the number of positive cases will be high till it reaches a peak, and he expressed the need for the public to maintain the prescribed standard operating procedures (SOPs) at all times.

Though the accuracy of self-test kits may not be comparable to the professional Antigen Rapid Test Kit (RTK Ag) and Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT PCR) test, he said, self-test kits are useful in picking up symptomatic cases.

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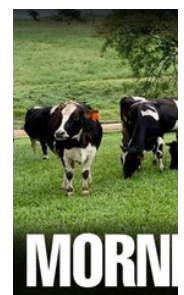
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