



## Minister of Human Resources

### PRESS STATEMENT

#### COVID-19 SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN WORKERS TO BE EXTENDED NATIONWIDE

1. Following the re-implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) beginning 13 January 2021 and the announcement of the Perlindungan Ekonomi & Rakyat Malaysia (PERMAI) Assistance Package by YAB Prime Minister, the Human Resources Ministry will **extend the scope of the COVID-19 Screening Programme for Foreign Workers to the rest of the country starting from 2 February 2021.**
2. The programme will be implemented by the Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) with the cooperation of private clinics nationwide. The list of clinics offering the COVID-19 screening can be obtained from the PSP Portal (<https://psp.perkeso.gov.my>).
3. The screening will utilise the RTK Antigen method that was approved by the Ministry of Health with the cost of the test kit borne by SOCSO. Employers only need to pay the service charge imposed by the clinic or hospital. SOCSO has allocated an **additional RM54 million** for the extension of the screening throughout the country.
4. **Employers, however, would have to bear the total screening cost for foreign workers who are not SOCSO contributors.**
5. The COVID-19 screening for foreign workers is made mandatory by the government through the **Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Act 342)**. The compliance to the Act is being monitored by the Human Resources Ministry.
6. Detailed information on the programme including the list of participating clinics, will be updated through the PSP Portal (<https://psp.perkeso.gov.my>) from time to time. Any queries can be made via e-mail at [hsp@perkeso.gov.my](mailto:hsp@perkeso.gov.my) or hotline **1-300-22-8000** or 03-42645089.

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