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MEDIA STATEMENT

SENIOR MINISTER OF DEFENCE MALAYSIA

1 SOP AND 9 GUIDELINES IN THE 'TRANSITION TO ENDEMIC' PHASE

1. Over two years the country had to fight the COVID-19 pandemic as well as its various impacts, not only from a medical point of view but also from economic and mental health. Although we have not completely won we are no longer fully controlled by this virus.
2. Yesterday, YAB Prime Minister, Dato 'Sri Ismail Sabri Yaakob made an important and big announcement that the country will enter the 'Transition to Endemic' Phase effective 1 April 2022. This will be a new beginning for the country.
3. Apart from the long-awaited opening of the country's borders, especially those who have been separated from their husbands, wives, or family members for a long time, **it is also important for all of us to note that in this Phase, there will be 1 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and 9 Guidelines to follow. It is one of the 7 most important Pillars in that phase, especially in the country's efforts towards an almost-normal life.**

1 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)

4. 1 SOP in this 'Transition to Endemic' Phase has been simplified from 181 SOPs of the National Recovery Plan (NRC). **Even though there is only 1 SOP, it will still be ENFORCED under Act 342 starting April 1.**
5. 1 SOP contains 10 requirements, namely:
 - i. Wear a **face mask** when in public.
 - ii. **Hours of operation** according to license/permit.
 - iii. Maintain **hand hygiene**.
 - iv. To perform COVID-19 detection test based **on National Testing Strategy**.

- v. **Manage suspected or confirmed cases according to the guidelines** of the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH).
 - vi. Use MySejahtera and MySJTrace for **admission registration**.
 - vii. Ensure **physical distancing** of 1 meter.
 - viii. Ensure **good ventilation** and ventilation system.
 - ix. Ensure the **cleanliness of the premises**.
 - x. Comply with **vaccination requirements** for certain activities.
6. All 10 of these requirements are commonly practiced by the public in the National Recovery Plan (NRC) Phase. For that reason, I believe every layer of society can continue to implement it to the best of their ability.

9 GUIDELINES

7. In the meantime, in line with the 'Transition to Endemic' Phase where we must learn to live with the COVID-19 virus and prioritize self-discipline, we need to understand the risk of COVID-19 transmission and adopt preventive measures.
8. Following that, apart from 1 SOP, 9 Guidelines have also been developed to help people make safer choices when carrying out daily activities to maintain the safety of themselves, their families, and others.
9. I need to inform you that these **9 Guidelines WILL NOT BE ENFORCED**. Instead, it is a **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** guide to follow so that citizens can remain vigilant about the risk of COVID-19 infection when performing certain activities.
10. 9 Guidelines include:
- i. Transportation and Travel
 - ii. Education and Care
 - iii. Retail, Food, and Beverage Activities
 - iv. Closed Workspace
 - v. Open Work Area
 - vi. Events, Ceremonies, Entertainment, and Tourist Attractions
 - vii. Hotels and Guest Accommodation
 - viii. Religion, Marriage, and Funeral
 - ix. Sports, Recreation & Leisure Activities and Facilities.



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11. For each of the Guidelines, there are two details, namely how to assess the risk of COVID-19 transmission as well as the symptoms of COVID-19 and how to practice the SOP properly.
12. To make it easier for the community to better understand 1 SOP, 9 Guidelines and the 'Transition to Endemic' Phase as a whole, a website in close collaboration with the National Security Council (NSC) is being developed is in the final stages. It is expected to be accessible two weeks before April 1 and can help the community prepare before the phase begins. I will let the public know when the website is accessible.
13. The highest appreciation to all members of the Malaysian Family who support every effort of the Government to address COVID-19. This includes adhering to SOPs as well as getting vaccine injections and booster doses. The country's ability to enter the 'Transition to Endemic' Phase on April 1 is the result of a joint effort. Let us continue this good momentum to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19.

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