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COVID SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN WORKERS IN HIGH RISK AREAS

Reference is made to the [ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, MALAYSIA](#) on 28 November 2020.

The Human Resources Ministry will carry out the Covid-19 screening programme starting with all foreign workers in Selangor, Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Federal Territory of Labuan, Negeri Sembilan, Penang and Sabah.

Highlights of the announcement are as follows:

- Targeted Covid-19 screening programme will be done for foreign workers based on red zone areas and those with a high population of foreign workers.
- The screening programme will be carried out by the Social Security Organisation (SOSCO) in collaboration with private clinics and hospitals.
- The screening would be conducted in stages starting 1 December 2020 and according to schedule, with priority given to high-risk areas starting with:
 - i. Klang and Seremban district from 1 December 2020.
 - ii. For other red zones in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Penang, the screening will begin on
 - iii. 9 December 2020.
 - iv. Screening in Sabah, Labuan and other districts in Selangor, Penang and Negeri Sembilan will begin on 16 December 2020.
- The screening will involve the use of Rapid Test Kit (RTK) Antigen approved by the Ministry of Health (MOH), and the cost will be borne by SOSCO. Employers will only need to pay for the service charges imposed by clinics or hospitals.
- For foreign workers who are not SOSCO contributors, the screening fee must be fully paid by their employers.
- The screening programme would be enforced under the Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 1990 (Act 446) to curb Covid-19 transmission among foreign workers.

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