



# HOSPITAL UiTM

## *Newsletter*



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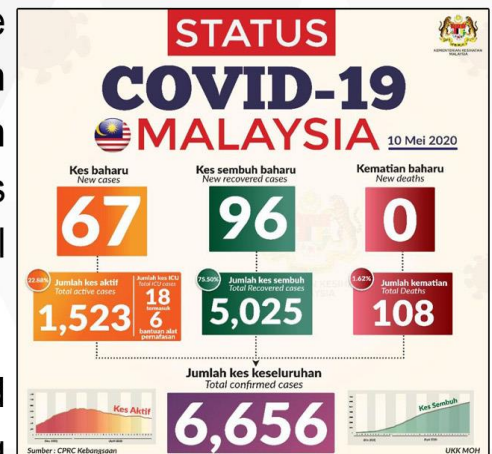
# Thank You

Assalamualaikum WBT.

Today marks the 56th day for us as a nation under Movement Control Order (MCO). As we near the end date of this unprecedented event, we would like to take a moment to appreciate our journey to date.

We were caught unprepared for this crisis. Despite watching China, South Korea and Singapore deal with the virus, most of us felt as if the virus would never touch us in this way. Watching Italy succumb heavily gave us all a sickening feeling as healthcare workers death toll rises.

We must thank Prof. Dr. Ariza Adnan, Dr. Rosnida Mohd Noh, Dr Ilham Ameera Ismail and many others leading the initial response to COVID19 under the Infectious Disease Committee, Jawatankuasa Operasi Bencana as well as Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). They dealt with matters arising within our campus and helped coordinate student movement as well as ensuring staff wellness during this period.



After attending Director General of Health Malaysia, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham's briefing to IPTA/IPTS and private hospitals on the 12th of March 2020, it became clear that we needed to prepare better. We took stock of our situation and started planning.

We consolidated our response by having a Jawatankuasa Kecil Operasi Bencana COVID19 (Fakulti Perubatan dan Fakulti Pergigian) led by Hospital UiTM with members including all prior members of the response team led by Prof. Dr. Ariza Adnan. Through this committee, a coordinated response was initiated. Thank you to those who endured hours of meetings during MCO through physical presence or via web meetings. We truly appreciate the support!





A flat organisation allowed staff redeployment to areas at risk. A massive thank you to our support staff, science officers, medical lab technicians, administrative members and medical assistants who continues to guard the entrances to the campus. Without them, we would have had many 'opocot' cases coming with potential COVID19.



We had to quickly upgrade our Emergency Department (ED) recognizing the lack of basic protection. Several peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPAR) and respirators were acquired. A trauma response team was crafted to deal with pre-hospital cases from Ministry of Health of Malaysia as we continued to support their services by taking in non-COVID19 patients from multiple levels. Thank you to all the clinicians, nursing, medical assistants, auxiliary police for making this possible.

Thank you to the members from Fakulti Kejuruteraan Mekanikal (FKM) UiTM Shah Alam for showing up and renovating the severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) assessment ward in ED.



Despite the pressing need, we realized we were losing many essential equipments to others. A parallel strategy to increase donations of PPE and other essential equipment was quickly set up. A big thank you to the COVID-Procurement team, led by Dr. Rafiz Abdul Rani, Dr. Adli Azam Mohammad Razi, and Dr. Diana Katiman as well as Matron Madam Haniza and Madam Azlina, who without their persistent efforts, many of us would be left short of protective equipments. We received close to RM1.5m worth of donation.

Thank you to our long list of donors! Only our Almighty God can repay your kind solidarity to us.





We decided to help testing COVID19 samples from National Public Health Laboratory, creating a new service from the ground up. We were lucky to have so much expertise and capacity. Within a short space of time, UiTM Institute of Medical Molecular Biotechnology (IMMB) appeared on countless national media, receiving not one but two Ministerial visits and many others for their valiant effort. We thank you for staying late and risking handling of all the COVID19 samples. Two ministers sure is a record breaker!



We value our staff members and they are truly the core to our function. When MCO was introduced and childcare started closing down, we responded by creating a modified child-care service in the students lounge. A big appreciation to Matron and her team, Mr. Mohd Rizal Nordin and Mr. Asri from Admin/

Facility as well as to the volunteers from Psychiatry Department for keeping families safe and children entertained.

We value Ministry of Health staff, for without Mrs. Aidifitrina Khirotdin gracious efforts, they would be without housing for 150+nurses and doctors housed in our residential college.





To all the clinicians (you know who you are), nursing staff, pharmacists and pharmacy staffs, medical lab technologists, medical assistants, dietetic services, security and others, we thank you for the time and mental strength given during this ordeal.

Through this period, Hospital UiTM grew in confidence and maturity. We made new friends, knowing come thick and thin, we would be able to brave the storms coming ahead. Innovative ideas surfaced, supported and sets the tone for the future services in Puncak Alam.



Last but not least, a massive thank you to our top management, Dato' Sri Haji Syed Zainal Abidin Syed Mohamed Tahir, Chairman of UiTM's Board Of Directors and Emeritus Professor Datuk Ir. Dr. Mohd Azraai Kassim, Vice Chancellor for their soothing support throughout. To those not mentioned, know that we thank you silently for all the hard work, prayers and well-wishers.

COVID19 is not over. There will be many more challenges ahead. We trust our unity would be our strength and propel us further to the future.

Sincerely,

Management  
Hospital UiTM