

# Klang residents taking CMCO in their stride

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KLANG folk are going about their business despite the implementation of the conditional movement control order (CMCO) on the town since last Friday.

The group most affected are roadside traders as well as some morning and night market traders in the 36 neighbourhoods of Klang province.

"During the first MCO many people sought help," said Amelia Homes Residents Association (AHRA) vice-president Jacob Arulraj.

"Through our church and our residents association, we were able to offer help to the needy by giving daily essentials like food and clothes," he said.

Together with AHRA president Munusamy Naidu, they raised funds among the residents to help foreign workers who had lost their jobs.

The foreign workers are scattered around Bandar Parklands, Bukit Tinggi and Pandamaran.

"This time we have not really done anything from our residents' side because we have not yet come across anyone looking for help.

"However, if we get a request, we will mobilise and help in any way we can," said Jacob, adding that his church group had always been helping those in need even before the MCO took place in March.

Jacob believes not many are seeking help because most sectors of the economy are still allowed to operate.

Neighbourhoods with restricted access are Taman Sri Andalas, parts of Taman Bayu Perdana, Kampung Kuantan, Bandar Puteri, Taman Suria Pandamaran, Perdana Villa (Taman Sentosa) and Jalan Sungai Udang (Kampung Delek Klang).

Although these areas have been blocked, residents can be seen walking in and out, and climbing over the concrete barriers to get out.

Taman Klang Utama residents association vice-president Benson Tan said they had not come across anyone looking for help this time around.

"We have an active WhatsApp chat group where most residents are willing to help anyone who reaches out.

"So far people are more concerned over the new standard operating procedures (SOP), so we have been busy passing on the



Traffic at Jalan Pandamaran in Pandamaran New Village, Port Klang, is less busy these days. — Photos: KK SHAM/The Star



Pulau Ketam residents are required to register or scan their details at the entrance of the Pulau Ketam jetty in Port Klang.

information," he said.

Tan added that those seeking help for food and daily necessities would be directed to local leaders who have the means to help immediately.

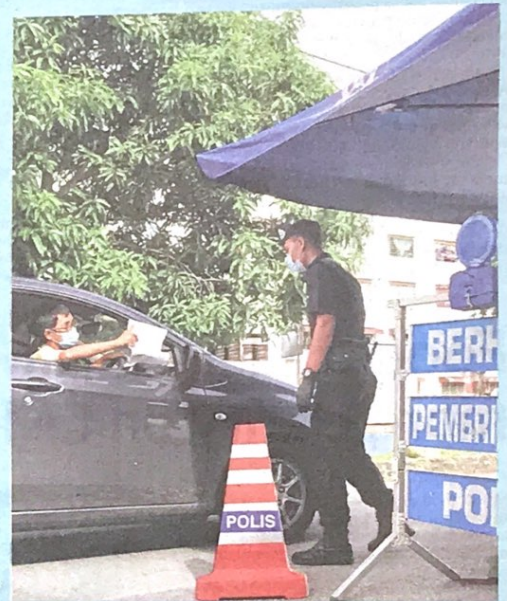
Klang MP Charles Santiago started a food bank in July to provide daily necessities to the B40 group.

It is targeting to help factory workers and daily wage earners living in movement-restricted areas

in town.

Those affected will be given fresh vegetables and items like rice, flour, sardine and noodles.

Meanwhile, offices of Sentosa assemblyman G. Gunaraj and Pandamaran assemblyman Tony Leong have been extending help to the B40 group since the MCO and will continue to do so during this conditional MCO if the need arises.



Police inspecting motorists heading out of Taman Suria Pandamar Flat in Port Klang.

about customers or even food operators in Petaling Jaya who refused to comply with the SOP.

"Our track record has been really good as no summonses have been issued and operators have not been slacking when it comes to disinfecting their premises," he said.

Keu assured the public that coffee shop owners cleaned tables and chairs with disinfectant after each customer.

"However, they are not able to disinfect the whole shop inside and out because almost all shops do not have a spray machine.

"All they can do is manually spray disinfectant and clean with a cloth or wash the area with soap and water," he added.

## Measures by malls

In Petaling Jaya, 1Utama shopping centre, which recorded two Covid-19 positive cases, reassured the public that it was doing

everything possible to ensure the premises were safe for customers.

"Rest assured we are doing all that we can and we continue adopting extensive safety exercises to maintain high levels of cleanliness and hygiene throughout the mall for everyone's safety," said its public relations manager Lee Li Lian.

She said the mall had always been following the SOP such as providing QR codes for contact tracing, contactless thermal scanners, frequent building sanitising, high-efficiency air filters to trap airborne particles, and purifying the air with powerful UV lights.

Health Ministry (MOH) shut down the mall on Oct 11 until further notice to contain the spread and carry out contact tracing.

Lee said she did not know when the mall would be reopened to the public, adding that the management was dealing with the matter

and updating the public via social media.

"To assist the Health Ministry, we carried out a two-day Covid-19 screening at our carpark for staff of tenants and management, with expenses borne by us.

The ministry also started contact tracing and engaged the MySejahtera team to get hold of those who came into close contact with the positive cases for a free screening on Oct 14 and 15.

"We also helped and eased investigations by quickly providing our internal contact tracing data from 1Utama's health QR and CCTV footage."

"This mobilisation exercise is our cautious and conservative response to mitigate any further potential risks as it is also more efficient to sanitise the closed mall in order to cover all bases," she said, adding that the mall would reopen once test results were received.

In Kuala Lumpur, The Gardens

Mall and Mid Valley Megamall assured customers that their health and safety were of utmost importance.

"We conduct daily misting activities using MOH-recommended disinfectants throughout our mall to ensure customers are able to shop in a safe environment.

"Every day, our safety and health team work diligently to ensure all contact points and common areas throughout our malls are sanitised and cleaned during and after operation hours.

"As an immediate action, our team has conducted additional deep-cleaning and sanitisation activities at the affected outlets and throughout the mall to ensure the well-being and safety of shoppers and tenants.

"We ask all our customers to always remember to scan the MySejahtera QR Code at the mall entrances and every outlet visited, have their temperature taken

before entering the mall, maintain physical distancing, wear a mask properly and sanitise their hands regularly," said a statement on their social media page.

To date, there are two reported cases in separate outlets in Mid Valley Megamall. At Fadsion Business Centre Apartment in Kepong, the common areas of the building were sanitised thoroughly after a resident was infected with the virus at Block B of the building.

Kepong Community Service Centre head Yee Poh Ping, who oversaw the sanitisation, said the building management would sanitise the common areas daily.

"They put hand sanitisers at the entrances of the building for visitors.

"Now in addition, they are sanitising the common areas every day.

"Stricter temperature checks on visitors have also been implemented and visitors are required to always wear face masks," he said.