

Umrah returnees now wearing digital tracker, says health DG

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Some 30 of the 49 new Covid-19 infections involving the Omicron variant last week involved Malaysians returning from their umrah in Saudi Arabia. (Noor Hisham Facebook pic)

KUALA LUMPUR: Forty personnel have been deployed to man 20 counters at the C25 satellite building of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) to assist in the process of installing digital detection devices on individuals returning from performing umrah.

Health director-general Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the time taken for health screening and wearing of the device "edgenta" would take one hour and 20 minutes.

"Those who returned from umrah have started wearing the tracker device already," he said in a post on his Facebook page today.

He said currently the digital detection device is for travellers coming back from 18 high-risk countries under house quarantine.

On Saturday, health minister Khairy Jamaluddin announced all individuals who are undergoing the compulsory seven-day quarantine, are required to wear the digital tracking device from this week.

Khairy said the decision to start using the device was made following the discovery that 30 of the 49 new Covid-19 infections involving the Omicron variant detected on Dec 23 and 24 were imported cases from Saudi Arabia.