



KUALA LUMPUR: Travellers arriving in Malaysia from abroad through three programmes will not be required to undergo the Covid-19 test procedure over a six-day period effective Thursday (March 3).

In a statement on Monday (Feb 28), Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the new procedure applied to travellers entering Malaysia via the air and land Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) programme between Malaysia and Singapore, Langkawi International Tourism Bubble (LITB) and One Stop Centre (OSC) for short-term business visitors.

The Health Ministry dropped the requirement to undergo the Covid-19 RTK-Ag test on the second, fourth and sixth day for travellers arriving in Malaysia under the three categories.

He said the Ministry had also dropped the requirement to undergo the Covid-19 RT-PCR or RTK-Ag (professional) test for travellers arriving in Malaysia under the LITB programme before leaving Langkawi.

Apart from that, Khairy said the Ministry had also dropped the rule to undergo RTK-Ag self-testing for travellers arriving from the United Kingdom, which had to be done daily during the quarantine period.

Khairy said that also lifted was the need for a liaison officer for short-term business travellers under the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) who use OSC facilities to enter Malaysia.

"However, they need to follow the controlled itinerary that is issued and approved by the OSC committee," he said.

"The Covid-19 test which needs to be conducted two days before departure to Malaysia and upon arrival in Malaysia is still maintained as per the existing protocol.

"I would like to emphasise once again that this new procedure only applies to travellers who enter Malaysia through the VTL, LITB and OSC programmes only," he said.

Khairy added that for travellers who do not enter Malaysia through the three programmes, the existing SOP and protocols are still in effect. – Bernama