

Ismail Sabri: Don't bring kids to crowded places to protect them against Covid-19

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob visits the Ramadan bazaar in Precinct 3 in Putrajaya today. - NSTP/AIZUDDIN SAAD

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has joined the call to advise parents against bringing their children to crowded places despite the country's latest move into the Covid-19 endemic phase.

This, he said, was to protect children from being exposed to Covid-19.

"Try to avoid bringing your children to crowded places. This is protect the safety of our children (from being exposed to Covid-19).

"The safety and health of our loved ones as well as ourselves is our own responsibility," he told reporters after visiting the Ramadan bazaar here today.

Also in tow was Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim.

Ismail Sabri was asked to comment on the advisory issued by the Health Ministry urging parents to not bring their children to Ramadan bazaars.

During his hour-long visit at the Ramadan bazaar, Ismail Sabri said he was satisfied with compliance with the Covid-19 prevention standard operation (SOP) among stall operators and patrons here.

"Although one-metre physical distancing is no longer compulsory (following the country's transition into endemicity), it is important for all of us to continue self-regulate.

"This is to protect us from being exposed to (Covid-19) infection. Under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988, we must still don face masks.

"Nevertheless, during my time here, I saw everyone wearing their face mask," he said.

On other matters, Ismail Sabri admitted that it is difficult to control prices of cooked meal being sold at Ramadan bazaar.

This is unlike prices of some essential goods, which can still be monitored and controlled by the government under the price control scheme.

"However, I will leave it to the ministry to look into the matter. What is important is that consumers will not be burden by any increase in prices (of cooked meal)," he said.