

Influenza A cluster detected in Gombak boarding school

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SHAH ALAM: The Selangor Health Department (JKNS) has confirmed an Influenza - Like - Illness (ILI) cluster incident involving a boarding school in Gombak.

Selangor Health Director Datuk Dr Sha'ari Ngadiman said the cluster was first detected in the school on June 19 when the Gombak District Health Office (PKD) received the first case notification from a private health facility of a student testing positive for Influenza A.

"The case saw a student suffering symptoms of the respiratory tract infection on June 17.

"Further investigations by PKD Gombak found that there was another student from the same school admitted to a private hospital receiving treatment due to Influenza A infection.

"Investigations also found that there were 226 students with symptoms of respiratory tract infections such as fever, cough, flu, and sore throat. Six students were confirmed positive for Influenza A infection with an infection attack rate of 32.7 percent," he said in a statement today.

Dr Sha'ari said to date, one Influenza A positive student was receiving treatment in hospital and was in stable condition, while other students were receiving treatment as outpatients.

"The PKD also conducted Covid-19 test on 69 students with symptoms and found that all of them were negative," he said.

He adds the Gombak PKD had taken control and preventive measures, including working with the school administration to carry out control and prevention of infectious diseases.

"This involves detection and isolation of cases as well as early treatment in schools and tracking cases that require further treatment in hospitals,

"We are helping the school to carry out disinfection activities and carrying out health education activities related to the prevention of ILI cluster transmissions," he said.

He advised the public, including administrators of educational institutions, caregivers to always practice self-control measures.

"Among them is practicing physical distancing and wearing face masks in crowded areas as well as maintaining hand and personal hygiene, as well as in the surrounding areas.

"Do not attend public places/schools/ workplaces if there are symptoms and immediately seek treatment and related tests at the nearest health facility if there are symptoms.

"In addition, JKNS will continue to monitor the situation and trends of ILI incidents in Selangor as well as work with relevant parties to ensure that control and prevention measures are carried out," he said.