

Public can go out to donate blood during MCO

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Blood donors are allowed to go to the hospital or health clinics for the purpose of donating blood from 10am to 10pm. - NSTP/File pic

KUALA LUMPUR: Due to shortage of blood supply, prospective blood donors have been given the green light to leave home during the movement control order (MCO) to donate blood.

Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the National Blood Centre had requested for permission to operate and for the movement of blood donors to be allowed.

"During a meeting today, we were informed that the blood supplies are quickly running out. The blood centre has recorded a reduction in supply by 33 per cent since the implementation of MCO," he said during his daily press conference today.

MCO had understandably led to blood donation activities being affected, with scheduled donation campaigns cancelled.

Ismail Sabri said blood donors were allowed to go to the hospital or health clinics for the purpose of donating blood from 10am to 10pm.

Meanwhile, he said the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) had received a total of 14,783 complaints and enquires — 6,229 via Whatsapp, 5,155 via its e-Aduan system, 2,453 via its hotline and 946 via the Enforcement Command Centre (ECC).

He said 2,291 complaints on sale prices and supplies were recorded for action to be taken by the enforcement via the e-Aduan system.

He added that of the amount, 1,845 complaints on sale prices and supplies had been resolved, while 446 complaints were still under investigation.

Ismail Sabri said KPDNHEP had also conducted checks on 25 essential food items at 1,015 business premises including 812 retailers, 168 wholesalers and 35 factories.

"As a whole, the supply of necessities is sufficient and can be easily obtained.

"Hence, people need not to worry about getting their daily essential food items during the fasting month," he said.

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