

## Two pharmacies selling face masks at higher prices slapped with fines

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**JOHOR BAHRU (Feb 6):** Two pharmacy operators in Kulai and Johor Bahru were issued with compounds after they were found selling face masks at higher prices than permitted.

Director of the Johor Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry (KPDNHEP) Mohd Hairul Anuar Bohro said both pharmacies committed an offence under Section 11 of the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.

He said the pharmacy in Kulai was issued with a RM500 compound on Jan 30, while the one here was issued a RM10,000 compound yesterday.

"With the spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus, the demand for face masks has increased and we have checked 135 premises including pharmacies and medical halls.

"From these checks, two premises were found to sell the masks at higher prices and they were issued with compounds," he said in a statement here today.

Mohd Hairul said five types of face masks have been set as controlled items and any business premises found selling them at higher prices will face action under the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011.