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RISE IN INFECTIONS

# SURGE IN SALE OF COVID-19 TEST KITS

Despite many buying in bulk, sellers still have stock to cater to demand

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**T**HE Covid-19 self-test kits are flying off the shelves in the Klang Valley due to the spike in Covid-19 cases lately.

Checks at pharmacies and sundry shops around Kerinchi and other parts of the city here found that the supply of Rapid Test Kit-Antigen kits were still adequate despite many people buying them in bulk.

A pharmacy staff said she noticed the public had begun buying self-test kits in large quantities since early this week.

"We are waiting for suppliers to restock the self-test kits starting this week, and we do hear that suppliers have their hands full with the growing demand.

"Self-test kits are still available at our pharmacy, but we've started selling them in a prudent manner so that it can last until the new stock arrives," she told the *New Straits Times*, adding that there were concerns on when retailers could get their hands on the fresh batch of self-test kits.

Jeremy Chong, 21, said he had begun buying Covid-19 self-test kits in bulk as there were eight family members at home and it would be convenient to always



Covid-19 self-test kits being sold at a pharmacy in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY EIZAIRI SHAMSUJIN

have these kits on hand.

"The nearest pharmacy to my house is about 3km away, and the nearest clinic, which is located 500m from my home, does not sell these kits in bulk.

"It'll be quite a hassle to head over to the pharmacy each time there's need to use a Covid-19 self-test kit. So I buy these kits in bulk instead," he said.

For 25-year-old Ainal Hayati Hasim, she started buying Covid-19 self-test kits in large quantity when her workplace requested employees to be tested every two weeks.

"I will normally buy about five to six of these kits at one time. But, I've been buying more nowadays as cases are rising. I've also started stocking up on hand sanitisers and face masks," said the graphic designer.

Ainal Hayati added that stocking up on these Covid-19 self-test kits at home had helped to put her mind at ease.

She could still recall the hassle she and her husband had to go through when there were shortages of hand sanitisers and face masks at the early stage of the pandemic.

"It will be an inconvenience to everyone should supply of self-test kits run low, especially when Covid-19 cases are soaring of late."

As of Jan 28, there were 116 self-test kits that had been approved by the Medical Device Authority (MDA), and the list would be updated on a routine basis should the public need to purchase a trusted Covid-19 self-test kit.

The government had announced the latest ceiling price for Covid-19 self-test kits at RM1990 per kit, while RM16 was for wholesale purchases, effective Sept 5 last year.

On Nov 1, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi was reported as saying that the ministry had permitted the self-test kits to be sold at a lower price of RM6.90 per kit.

Some kits were sold within the ceiling price and even lower than RM6.90 on several online supermarkets and convenience stores, as well other online shopping platforms like Shopee and Grab.

Page 1 pic: Covid-19 self-test kits sold at a pharmacy in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday.

## Pemborong jual ayam lebihi harga maksimum

**KANGAR** – Pejabat Perdagangan Dalam Negeri dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna (PPDNHEP) Perlis mengesan sebuah syarikat pemborong di Bukit Pinang, Kepala Batas di Kedah kerana disyaki menjual ayam standard melebihi harga borong di bawah Penentuan Harga Maksimum (PHM) Ayam dan Telur Ayam.

Pengarahnya, Norazah Jaapar berkata, pemeriksaan pihaknya kelmarin mendapati syarikat itu menjual ayam standard RM8 sekilogram kepada peruncit, melebihi harga siling borong PHM iaitu RM7.60 sekilogram.

"Pemeriksaan ke atas syarikat pemborong itu dilakukan susulan pemeriksaan yang dijalankan kepada peruncit ayam di sekitar Perlis," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Kata beliau, kes tersebut disiasat di bawah Akta Kawalan Harga dan Antipencatutan 2011.

Tambah Norazah, sepanjang lima hari pelaksanaan PHM Ayam dan Telur Ayam di Perlis, sebanyak 124 pemeriksaan dilakukan ke atas peruncit dan pemborong ayam oleh pegawai penguat kuasa PPDNHEP negeri.



**PEGAWAI** penguat kuasa PPDNHEP Perlis memeriksa sebuah syarikat pemborong di Kepala Batas kelmarin.

 Senarai Harga Barang Keperluan	• Ayam <b>RM7.99</b>	• Telur Gred A <b>RM12.45</b>	• Gula Pasir <b>RM2.85</b>	• Cili Merah <b>RM9.59</b>
	• Daging Lembu Tempatan <b>RM42.99</b>	• Ikan Kembung <b>RM13.99</b>	• Bawang Besar Holland <b>RM2.50</b>	• Kubis Bulat Tempatan <b>RM2.79</b>
	• Daging Lembu Import <b>RM28</b>	• Minyak Masak <b>RM6.70</b>	• Bawang Putih <b>RM5.50</b>	• Tepung Gandum <b>RM2.20</b>
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