

# 17 new flu cases in hospitals

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Seventeen new "notifiable" cases of influenza A (H1N1) were in isolation wards at eight hospitals at 8am yesterday.

They had been admitted over the previous 24 hours.

Eight were at Sungai Buloh Hospital, three at Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital in Seremban and one each at Kuala Lumpur Hospital, Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital in Alor Star, Malacca Hospital, Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital in Kuantan, Raja Perempuan Zainab II Hospital in Kota Baru and Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital in Ipoh.

Director-general of Health Tan Sri Dr Ismail Merican said 13 of the 17 had been cleared of the infection while four were awaiting results from the Institute for Medical Research.

Seventeen people admitted on Monday had been cleared.

Dr Ismail said two Malaysian passengers who arrived from Taipei on Sunday were still under home quarantine.

They showed no symptoms of the



disease and would be freed from quarantine on Sunday.

They were quarantined following reports from Taiwan authorities that a passenger on board the same flight (BR007), from San Francisco to Taipei, had tested positive for influenza A.

Malaysia has so far received 286 case notifications of people showing symptoms of the disease. All but two were cleared.

Details on the disease and updates can be obtained from the Health Ministry's website <http://www.moh.gov.my>.

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