

No new H1N1 case

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PETALING JAYA: No new confirmed case of the A (H1N1) flu has been reported as at midnight Saturday, after a seventh case was detected earlier in the day.

Health Ministry director-general Tan Sri Dr Ismail Merican said in a statement yesterday five patients confirmed to have the flu "reported on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, were in stable condition and recovering". He said 153 people placed under home quarantine after coming into contact with the patients had yet to show any symptoms of H1N1.

"We are still trying to locate passengers who boarded the same flights and might have come into contact with the seven patients.

"As for the seventh case, we urge all passengers who boarded AirAsia X flight D7 2723 on June 5, especially those who sat up to three rows from the front, back, left and right of seat 31A, to contact the

ministry at 03-8881 0200/0300 between 8am and 9pm."

As at midnight Saturday, he said, the ministry had registered 20 suspected H1N1 patients, 16 of whom tested negative. Results for the four others were pending.

To date, 479 suspected cases have been registered, with seven people confirmed to have H1N1.

"Health screening continues at the 53 international entry points to the country by air, land and sea. A total of 17,346 people were screened on Saturday and five were referred to hospitals for further examination," Ismail said.

"Students abroad who are returning for the summer holiday and with flu symptoms are advised to postpone their trip. Those already in the country and having symptoms, do seek immediate medical attention," he said, adding that the public should continue to practise good hygiene.

Ismail said the World Health Organisation had recorded a total of 22,122 cases in 69 countries, with 125 deaths.

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