

UMS provides quick Covid testing without leaving car

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is providing coronavirus (Covid-19) screening services to the public daily between 9.30am to noon and 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the PRW drive-in near the UMS Sports Centre.

Director of UMS Pusat Rawatan Warga (PRW), Dr Muhammad Syafiq Abdullah said the screening is done at the PRW lobby quickly, carefully and safely without having to get out of the car.

It costs RM95 for the "rapid test" and RM333 for the "Covid-19 rt-PCR" method.

"All payments can be made through online banking, receipts will be issued online to avoid any contact, thus reducing the risk of transmission of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"This is an initiative by PRW in collaboration with Hospital Universiti Malaysia Sabah (HUMS) and the laboratory of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK) UMS.

"We have experienced health workers that did the swab tests for almost 5,000 customers since April," he said.

Meanwhile, HUMS Director, Prof Dr Helen Benedict Lasimbang said: "This is the core of HUMS service which is to bring the hospital to the client, not the client to the hospital."

Dean of FPSK UMS, Prof Dr Mohammad Saffree Jeffree said all the testing processes and results would be done in the FPSK laboratory. "This can reduce logistics and transportation problems because all processes will be done at the campus.

"FPSK laboratory experts and technicians can also gain experience working in the field as a valuable skill when HUMS is completed by the end of 2022.

"The promise of the faculty to always focus and prioritise the needs of the people of Sabah, will become a reality," he said.