

# Covid-19: Comply with home quarantine or face action

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One of the medical staff doing a swab test at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). -Pic courtesy of UMS

KOTA KINABALU: Students found violating home quarantine orders will have to face the law.

Sabah Health Department (JKNS) director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi said some students were found flouting the law and avoiding the department's orders when health officers followed up on them.

"Throughout the Covid-19 crisis, JKNS continues to ensure that outbreak management is carried out smoothly by checking on students undergoing home quarantine.



The health screening activity involves more than 100 members of the medical and health professionals from Hospital Universiti Malaysia Sabah. - Pic courtesy of UMS

"However, we found they did not obey the order, did not answer phone calls, or had given incorrect phone numbers or home addresses (to JKNS)," she said in a statement today.

Rundi said action could be taken against these students by ordering them to undergo quarantine at designated centres.

Should students remain stubborn, authorised officers could take action under Subsection 14 (1) of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988.

If found guilty under Section 22(b) of the Act for disobeying any lawful order issued by any authorised officer, offenders could face imprisonment not exceeding two years or a fine, or both.

As of yesterday, Sabah Covid-19 infections remained at 317, while 52,109 tests have been conducted throughout the state.



The medical team from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) responsible for organising screening process involving nearly 6,000 students. - Pic courtesy of UMS

Meanwhile, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has begun screening 6,000 varsity students, including those from Indonesia, wishing to return home.

The UMS Covid-19 Crisis Preparedness and Action Team led by Dean of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) Prof Dr Mohammad Saffree Jeffree carried out the screening at the UMS Kota Kinabalu, UMS Labuan International and UMS Sandakan Campuses.

The screening team involved over 100 medical and health professionals including doctors, nurses and medical laboratory technologists from the varsity hospital.

"The health screening is in line with instructions set by JKNS and the Kota Kinabalu Health Office to ensure the smooth release of students from university campuses.



The temperature checks are conducted efficiently after assessing the symptoms of the students at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). - Pic courtesy of UMS

"Approval from UMS is granted based on four main components of screening including symptom assessment, temperature assessment, clinical examination and Covid-19 sampling," said Mohammad Saffree.

He also said clinical examinations are focused on students likely to have symptoms before getting confirmation.