

75,000 RTK-Ag test kits flown to Sabah

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Another 25,000 RTK-Ag stocks will be flown to Sabah next week, which is estimated to be used for a month. - Photo credit Ministry of Health

KUALA LUMPUR: The Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) transported 75,000 new rapid test kit antigen (RTK-Ag) to Sabah this morning to ramp up testing capacity in the state.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah expressed his gratitude to RMAF personnel via a Facebook post for their assistance.

"Another 25,000 RTK-Ag stocks will be flown to Sabah next week, which is estimated to be used for a month," he said.

The Health Ministry has stepped up medical reinforcements to Sabah following the continuous spike in Covid-19 cases in the state.

Earlier today, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba said the Kota Kinabalu Public Health Laboratory, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's laboratory and the laboratory at the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in Sabah with a capacity of testing 2,500 samples daily have begun operations.

In addition, RMAF will also ferry Covid-19 swab test samples from Sabah to the Peninsula due to lack of laboratories in Sabah.