

Dengue cases on the rise in Negri with 10 deaths

SEREMBAN: Negri Sembilan continues to see a rise in dengue cases, with a total of 2,205 cases with 10 deaths recorded from Jan 1 to Dec 14 this year.

State Health, Environment, Cooperatives and Consumerism Committee chairman, S. Veerapan, said it was an increase of 26.7% from 1,740 cases with four deaths recorded in the same period last year.

"The cumulative distribution of dengue cases in the state this year saw 1,763 cases recorded in Seremban, 103 in Port Dickson, 101 in Tampin, 79 in Jempol, 60 in Rembau, 50 in Jelebu, and 49 in Kuala Pilah," he said in a statement here yesterday.

He said eight dengue hotspots, seven of which were in Seremban and one in Kuala Pilah, were still active as of Dec 14.

"In Seremban, the localities are in Taman College Height, Taman Desa, Taman Desa Ria, Taman Tuanku Jaafar Phase 3, Angsamias,

Taman Desa Rhu and Kampung Baru Rasah.

"While in Kuala Pilah, it is only in Taman Bahagia Delima," he added.

Veerapan said as the total number of dengue cases increased, prevention and control measures have been intensified, including intensive search for Aedes breeding grounds.

"In addition, larviciding (destroying of larvae), fogging, Ops Gempur Aedes, health promotional and gotong-royong activities involving the community have also been held."

To reduce and prevent the spread of dengue fever, he said the public were urged to keep their surroundings clean.

He also advised those involved in outdoor activities, especially between 5am and 8am, and between 5pm to 8pm, to wear bright-coloured long-sleeve shirts and long pants, or to use mosquito repellent. — Bernama