

Allow us to reopen all together, say Jinjang South market traders

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JINJANG Selatan morning market traders in Kuala Lumpur hope that Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will allow all 126 traders to operate at the same time and not in batches during this recovery movement control order (MCO) period.

Kepong Community Service Centre head Yee Poh Ping said the morning market was the smallest in Kepong.

"There are only 126 traders occupying a 200m road and some of them are not resuming business because of the stringent standard operating procedures they need to follow," he said during a briefing with the market traders at the site along Jalan Jambu Berasa, Jinjang Selatan on Sunday.

The briefing was held to gather the details of all registered traders in the area and to smoothen the reopening of the morning market, including implementing one-way visitor traffic as well as engaging Rela personnel for crowd control.

This is in line with DBKL's SOP on the reopening of morning, night and farmer's markets as well as



Traders giving their details in a census as part of the process to apply for the Jinjang South morning market's reopening.

bazaars during the recovery MCO period till Aug 31.

The guidelines also state that market traders are allowed to operate in batches, either on alternate days or alternate weeks.

"We are hoping that DBKL will allow all traders to reopen for business together since this is a small market.

"If DBKL does not give us the approval, then we will apply for traders to operate on alternate days."

He added that the application to reopen the morning markets in Kepong Baru as well as Jinjang North and South had been submitted to DBKL yesterday.

Kepong Hawkers and Petty Traders Association vice-chairman Deric Teh, who was also present at the briefing, highlighted several problems faced by the market traders including the need to replace old stalls with aluminium stalls under DBKL's SOP.

"The traders had not been able to conduct any business for over two months, so this new requirement would be a burden for them.

"The association will assist the traders to ensure a satisfactory level of hygiene and crowd control at the market," he assured.

The Jinjang South morning market will not be opened until the application is approved by DBKL.