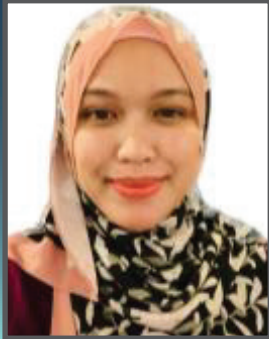




DO MALAYSIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPLY WITH THE NEW NORMS?

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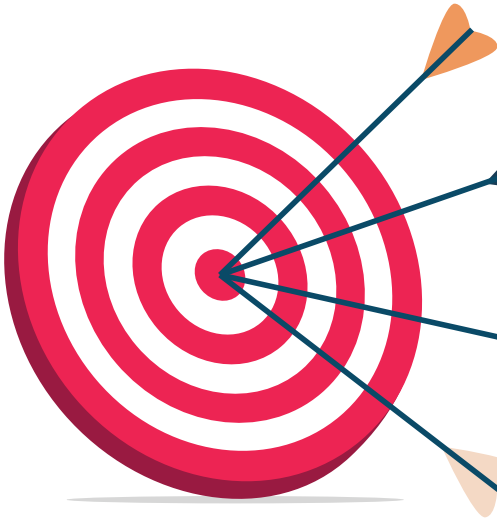
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INTRODUCTION

The Malaysian Ministry of Education has announced the commencement of the 2021 school session during the third phase of the Recovery Movement Control Order, which emphasises the practise of new norms to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19 in schools (Elengoe, 2020 & KPM, 2020).

The rise in daily COVID-19 cases in Malaysia is accompanied by the emergence of clusters involving educational institutions, particularly following the incremental opening of schools. The transmission of epidemics is not solely derived from outside the school, but also takes place within the school community (KKM, 2021).

OBJECTIVE



To identify compliance with **body temperature screening**, **physical distancing** of 1 metre, **face mask** wearing, and **hand hygiene** of school students at school during the pandemic

METHODOLOGY



Study Design:
Cross-sectional study
(online survey)



Sampling Technique:
Two-stage stratified
cluster sampling



Study Population:
1. Primary school students in
class standard 4 and 5
2. Secondary school students
in form 1, 2, 4 and 6



Inclusion Criteria:
Internet-accessible primary
and secondary students in
Malaysian government
schools



Sample Size:
3,485 students



Data collection period:
14th – 24th June 2021

GENDER

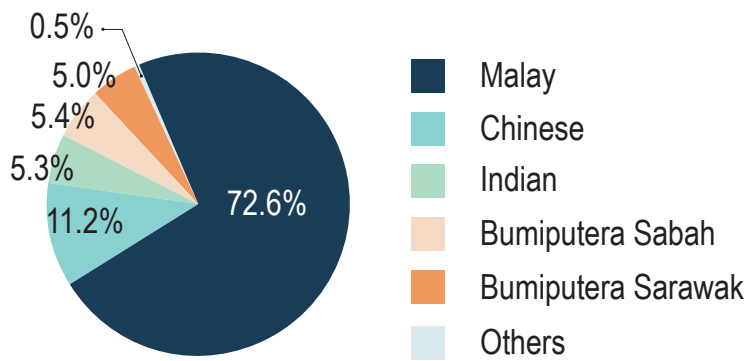


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Male

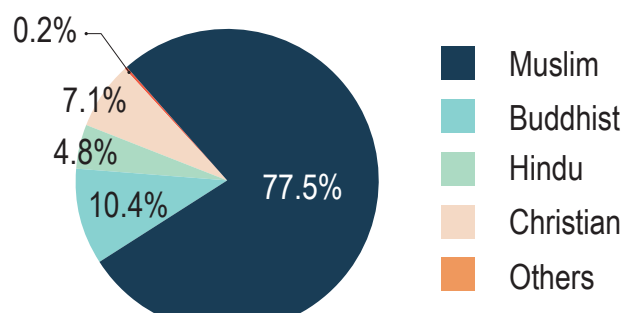


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Female

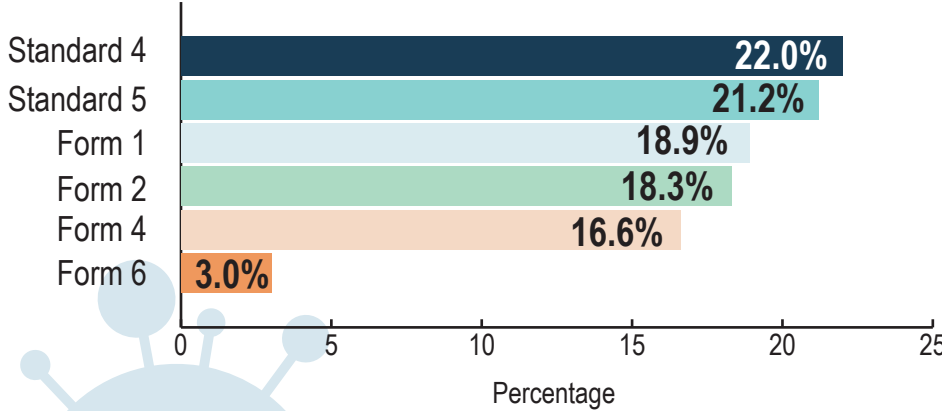
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RELIGION:



CLASS:

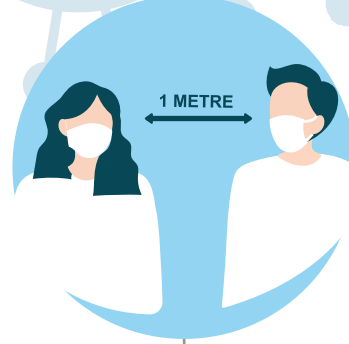


94.8%
undergo daily
screening at school



**BODY
TEMPERATURE
SCREENING**

82.6%
at all times
during teacher
instruction in
class



**ADHERE
1 METRE
PHYSICAL
DISTANCING**

69.3%
at all times in
the absence of
teacher in
class

70.0%
at all times
during recess



**HAND
WASHING**

58.5%
at all times use
hand sanitizer



54.3%
at all times use
soap and water



46.5%
wash for at least
20 seconds each
time

**THE NEW
NORMS**

**FACE MASK
WEARING**



87.9%
always wear it
at school

97.7%
cover mouth
and nose

84.4%
dispose it away
upon returning
from school

CONCLUSION

Findings indicated majority school students were able to practice the new norms at school. Despite of this, there is room for improvement. The study suggest continuous monitoring at specific time at school to reduce risk while indirectly fostering students self-control and sensitivity to the new norms compliance. Likewise with sanitation facilities to cultivate hand hygiene is efficient to break the epidemic chain.

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