



NEW NORMS PRACTICE OF COVID-19 AMONG MALAYSIAN PUBLIC (NMRR-20-2955-57601(RII)

Method

Study Design

Sampling Technique

Target Population

Data Collection Period

Total Respondents

Analysis

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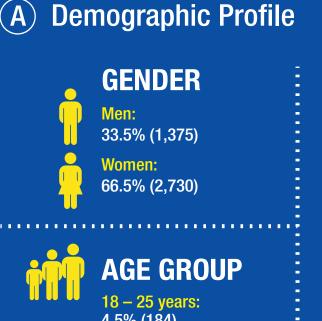
Introduction

Globally, we are in the midst of a COVID-19 epidemic, with the number of positive cases and deaths rising daily. The government has taken several steps to prevent this disease from reaching an alarming level. Public health education, community empowerment, enforcement, contact tracking, and case coordination are among them. Malaysian public is also advised to always practice new norms such as social distancing, wearing facemask, hand hygiene as well as check in with MySejahtera app and temperature screening.

Aim

This study aims to examine the new norms practiced by the Malaysian public as the COVID-19 outbreak entered its second year.

Result





ETHNICITY

Malay: 83.6% (3,430) Chinese: 6.1% (252) Indian: 3.9% (158) Bumiputera Sabah: 3.2% (130)

Main Findings

(B) New Norms Practice

Table 1: Malaysian Moral Alignment Regarding Covid-19 Pandemic

and above

4,105 respondents

Descriptive analysis

A cross-sectional online survey

Purposive sampling using snowball technique

via online method which used survey link to

social medias and official Ministry of Health

Malaysians, internet users aged 18 years

emails in recruiting the respondents

1st April 2021 to 31st May 2021

Sol compliance	Item	Percentage (%)
Social Distancing	 always avoid public gatherings 	90.3% (3,706)

18 – 25 years: 4.5% (184) 26 – 45 years: 64.4% (2,642) 46 – 60 years: 28.5% (1,169) 61 years & above: 2.7% (110)	Bumiputera 2.8% (114) Others: 4.0% (18)	•••••	Cleanliness (hand hygiene)	 avoid touching or shaking hands use hand sanitizer, water and soap 	89.9% (3,689) 85.0% (3,490)
OCCUPATION Employed full time: 82.9% (3,402)	Selangor: K.Lumpur: Kelantan: Perak: Dutroiovo:	27.9% (1,144) 9.6% (393) 8.0% (328) 7.0% (289)		 cover their nose and mouth when sneezing avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with hands 	88.4% (3,628) 68.9% (2,828)
Employed part time: 1.4% (59) Unemployed & seeking for job: 2.1% (86) Student:	Putrajaya: Johor: Pahang: Kedah: Sarawak: Melaka:	7.0% (288) 6.3% (258) 5.7% (234) 4.5% (186) 4.4% (179) 4.1% (169)	Wearing Facemask		95.6% (3,926)
2.6% (106) Retired: 4.1% (170) Housemaker: 3.3% (137) Self-employed: 3.4% (139) Unable to work: 1% (5)	Neraka: N.Sembilan Sabah: P.Pinang: Terengganu Perlis: Labuan:	: 2.7% (153) 3.7% (151) 3.5% (143)	Check in using MySejahtera app & body temperature screening	 check in using My Sejahtera app or write down the attendance in the book provided check body temperature at public places 	92.9% (3,812) 91.8% (3,769)

Figure 1: Demographic Profile of the Respondents

Discussion and Conclusion

Even in the face of a prolonged pandemic, the Malaysian public is still adhering to the new norms practice as advised by the government. However, a slightly lower percentage finds it difficult to avoid from touching their eyes, nose and mouth. This behaviour is probably a reflex or an involuntary response which is beyond their control. Thus, something needs to be done in order to break this conditional habit.

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