

PRESS RELEASE

HAND-FOOT-MOUTH DISEASE

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I would like to touch on the following issues during this press conference

1. Statistics on Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) as of 18/03/2006 at 10.00am:

Total cumulative reported cases : 5,329

Divisions with the highest number of cumulative cases are as follows:

1. Sibü	-	1,877
2. Miri	-	737
3. Bintulu	-	724
4. Kuching	-	668
5. Mukah	-	434
6. Sarikei	-	394

Total new reported cases : 148

Divisions with the highest number of new cases are as follows:

1. Miri	-	40
2. Kapit	-	20
3. Kuching	-	19
4. Samarahan	-	16
5. Bintulu	-	14

Total number of cumulative admissions : 777

Divisions with the highest number of cumulative admission are as follows:

1. Sibü	-	356
2. Bintulu	-	105
3. Miri	-	74
4. Mukah	-	52
5. Kapit	-	39
6. Limbang	-	35

No. of new admission : 40

1. Serisn Hospital	-	9
2. Sibü Hospital	-	8
3. Kapit Hospital	-	6
4. Mukah Hospital	-	6

No. of HFMD patients still in the ward : 84

The hospital with the highest number of patients in the ward are :

1. Sibü Hospital	-	19
2. Kapit Hospital	-	15
3. Serian Hospital	-	9

Death Case

There is no death case today

Advice To Parents

It has come to my attention that some parents have been sending and/or allowing their children to patronise/congregate in public areas such as public libraries, fast-food play areas and play-grounds while they are at work or attend to their daily business.

I would like to strongly urge all parents to stop this practice during the current hand, foot and mouth disease outbreak because free-mixing of children during this period will expose them to the danger of contracting hand, foot and mouth disease.

I hope that all parents will understand that this action is necessary, and abide by it in order to control the spread of hand, foot and mouth disease in Sarawak.

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