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PANTAI HOSPITAL LAGUNA MERBOK TO CLOSE FOR 2 DAYS
AFTER FIRST COVID-19 CASE

Hospital to close on 22 and 23 March for terminal disinfection of all areas

Sungai Petani, 21 March 2020 – Pantai Hospital Laguna Merbok will be closing its hospital on 22 and 23 March for a full terminal disinfection and fumigation following its first confirmed Covid-19 case.

The case is of a 30-year-old Malaysian woman who did not provide full disclosure during the screening process at the hospital and was admitted for delivery following the usual process. However, she developed a fever after giving birth. Further questioning led to the finding that the woman had been living with a family member who had attended the tabligh gathering at the Sri Petaling mosque in Kuala Lumpur and had tested positive for Covid-19.

All areas visited by the patient were promptly disinfected in accordance to stringent infection control guidelines. Contact tracing was immediately initiated and all staff who had been in contact with the patient have been identified, placed under quarantine and tested negative for Covid-19.

Pantai Hospital Laguna Merbok managed the case promptly and appropriately according to Ministry of Health, Malaysia (MoH) guidelines. The patient is now receiving treatment at Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah.

As an added precaution, the hospital has decided to close its premises on 22 and 23 March after all its inpatients have been reviewed by their respective consultants and discharged.

Clinical services will resume on Tuesday, 24 March 2020 and patients can continue with their existing care plans at the hospital.

Since January 2020, Pantai Hospital Laguna Merbok has put in place precautionary measures against Covid-19, including limiting entry points to the hospital and checking the temperature and symptoms of everyone who comes to the hospital. In addition, the hospital has taken initiatives to restrict visitors and implement social distancing.

The hospital urges all visitors to do their part to curb the spread of Covid-19 by being socially responsible. This includes practising good personal hygiene and providing full and accurate disclosure during the screening process.

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About Pantai Hospital Laguna Merbok
Pantai Hospital Laguna Merbok, previously known as Amanjaya Specialist Centre, is a 108-bed multi-speciality hospital specialising in anaesthesiology, cardiology, general medicine, obstetrics & gynaecology, orthopaedics, paediatrics, general surgery, nephrology, radiology, psychiatry, rheumatology and ear, nose and throat surgery.

Located in Bandar Laguna Merbok, Sungai Petani, Kedah, it is the first hospital in Malaysia to incorporate green technology and design in its construction and operations. It came in runner-up at the ASEAN Energy Awards 2018 and National Energy Awards in 2018 and is accorded a silver rating in Malaysia's Green Building Index.

Pantai Hospital Laguna Merbok is one of 15 hospitals operated by Parkway Pantai in Malaysia.

For more information on Pantai Hospital Laguna Merbok, please visit
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