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YAB Dato' Seri Amirudin

FACEMASKS AND HAND SANITISERS FOR FRONT-LINERS COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS

Greetings from the Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society (MPS). We are the national professional association for all pharmacists in this country be it in the private sector or the government sector.

We are writing to emphasize to YAB over the crisis of out-of-stock situation of face-masks and hand sanitizers (Personal Protective Equipment, PPE) being faced by private sector front line Pharmacist as well as the *rakyat*.

There is an urgent and crucial need to protect the front-line Pharmacist who are carrying out their duties.

Community Pharmacists, are one of the most accessible health care providers and they are at high risk as asymptomatic patients going to pharmacies may unknowingly transmit the Covid19 virus to unsuspecting Community Pharmacists who do not have proper PPE's as they are out of stock nationwide.

We had a meeting at the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs on 20.2.2020 and suggested that face masks be provided for free to front line community pharmacist and also suggested that the Ministry take charge of the face masks supply from the local manufacturers and supply to healthcare workers.

In the State of Selangor, we hope that YAB Dato' Seri could also facilitate for the supply of free face masks to the private sector front liners starting with Community Pharmacists who are at high risk without proper PPE's.

The MPS is willing to join any initiative by YAB Dato' Seri in Selangor to protect our front-line Pharmacist as well as our *rakyat*.

In conclusion, we hope our suggestions are taken into consideration for the greater good.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,



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