



# Persatuan Pengguna Pulau Pinang Consumers Association of Penang

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## Press Statements

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### NON-COMPLIANCE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES

CAP urges The Malaysian National Security Council and Police to take stern action against the people who still failed to comply with social distancing rules. This is one of the three basic preventive measures to adhere to besides hand washing and wearing of face mask.

Surveys conducted on several wet markets in Penang found that most buyers only focused on the selection of goods and completely ignored the rules of social distancing.

Knowing that COVID-19 is a highly infectious and potentially deadly disease, social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” is important as it reduces the risk of coming in contact with the corona virus. Social distancing simply means maintaining a safe distance between yourself and other people who are not from your household.

To practice social or physical distancing, stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. It is a preventive measure to reduce the spread of airborne COVID-19 corona virus.

Malaysia recorded the highest daily new COVID-19 cases during the outbreak that hit the country, at **4,214** cases on 1<sup>st</sup> February. This development saw the cumulative number of **219,173** cases of infection and **770** total deaths in the country.

In view of this matter, the COVID 19 pandemic’s number of cases cannot be reduced if no firm action is taken against those who failed to observe the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) set down by the Health Ministry. Therefore, we urge the people to cooperate in the attempt to bring down the daily number of infections.

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