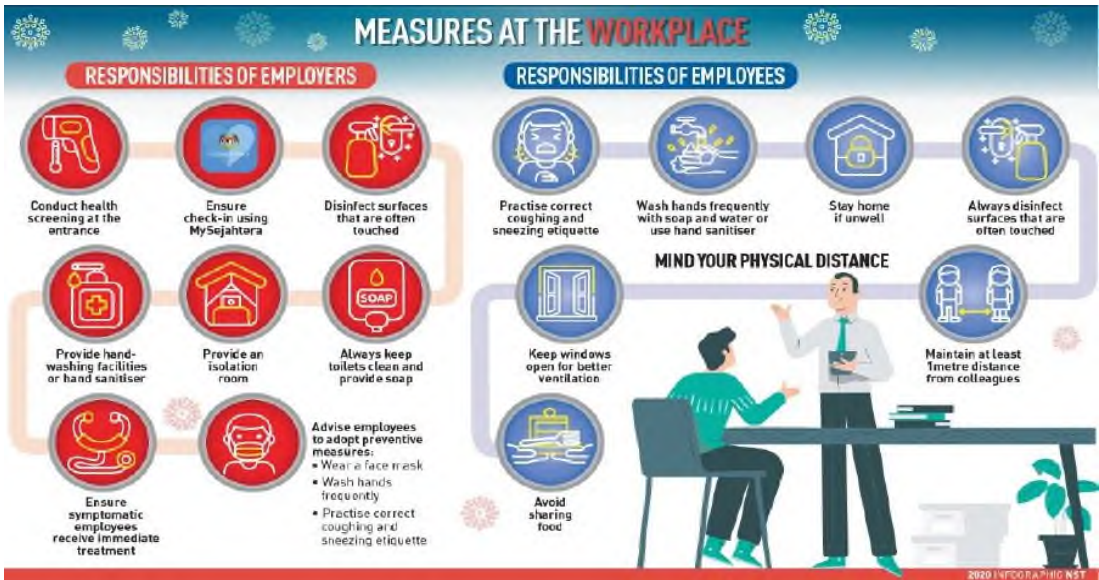


Crucial to adhere to new norms at workplaces

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KUALA LUMPUR: While there are still those who continue to work from home, many people have returned to their offices around the country.

However, the situation at all workplaces is no longer like before, with new norms being strictly adhered to for the good of all.

Physical distancing, split work teams, sanitising, hand washing, and the wearing of face masks are now the order of the day at all workplaces.

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) has been diligent in ensuring standard operating procedures (SOPs) are followed by employers nationwide.

"We continuously remind them to submit a weekly report on their SOPs compliance status to the authorities.



Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan, Malaysian Employers Federation executive director.

"This is necessary until Covid-19 is completely eradicated in the country. Employers have no problems doing this. For those who are not aware, they will be reminded and advised to do the necessary.

"We stress that if they fail to comply, they will have to answer to the authorities. This point is made clear: even if one person fails to comply, it can cost an entire nation," said MEF executive director Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan.

Shamsuddin stressed that members of the public, too, had a role to play in ensuring everyone followed the rules.

"The pandemic is not over as can be seen from the ebb and flow of cases. Our cases are now back in the double digits in Malaysia."

Shamsuddin said the new norms must be strictly adhered to as companies could not afford to close down for two weeks to go through the entire sanitising routine.

"We cannot be constantly testing workers, too. There are around eight million workers and that's the figure for private sector alone.



All offices are taking steps to follow the new norms.

"We know our testing capacity and the cost to do it will be very high. So, the best way to prevent all this unnecessary testing is to adhere to the new norms and SOPs."

MEF urged companies to also check on their workers at home.

"Although it is good to limit the numbers of staff at the office, we cannot neglect those at home. We need to constantly check on those who are working from home.