



Most establishments use the device as it is part of the SOP.

Labuan short of digital body thermometer

LABUAN: Some traders here are in a quandary because of a short supply of digital body thermometer. The situation is causing them to be affected by the conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) which had caused many stores here to cease business.

Secretary-General of the Labuan Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Datuk Ramasamy Rengasamy said "due to the shortage he had to order the items from Kuala Lumpur, the cost including delivery of which was about RM200.

He said he had checked with level outlets but they were not available here. He said one pharmacy told him that it was prepared to order from Kota Kinabalu if a deposit of RM280 was paid.

The equipment normally cost about RM50 depending on brand but due to shortage it seems that the price has shot up.

Ramasamy hoped that the Health department which is regularly inspecting on shops to ensure that they complied

with the Standard Operating Procedures of MCO would be "flexible" and take into account the locals situation. Under the SOP, the three basic requirements were to record the particulars of customers, do a body temperature screening and to provide hand sanitisers.

Ramasamy said for bigger business this may not be a problem and could fully comply with the SOP but for smaller outlets like grocery stores, it is a problem. He said if a trader was compounded RM1,000 for breach of SOP it would wipe off his entire lean earnings during the MCO period.

He also pointed out that it was also a funny situation that if one were to visit three or four premises, he still had to be tested body temperature four times. He suggested that the Ministry liaise with manufacturers to produce body thermometers with a print out so that it could be used by the customers without having to be checked more than once on the same day.