

SDMC's Covid-19 figures recorded from 'noon to noon' – Dr Sim

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KUCHING: The daily Covid-19 statistics provided by the Sarawak Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) are from noon to noon the next day, in line with the practice of the Ministry of Health, said Local Government and Housing Minister Dato Sri Dr Sim Kui Hian.

He said he was compelled to clarify the matter following feedback that statistics from SDMC differed from those taken at Sarawak General Hospital (SGH).

“Received so many enquiries (most are respectful, others are cynical and of course a few are just outright rude) as the Covid-19 statistics from SGH are not the same as those in SDMC’s press release,” he wrote in a Facebook post.

Dr Sim explained that compared to SDMC’s statistics, those provided by SGH are from 8am to 8am the following day, while SDMC’s figures also cover the whole of Sarawak.

He said with SGH being one of four Covid-19 hospitals in the state, there should be no unnecessary visits to the hospital even though all precautionary measures have been put in place.

“Everyone has a role to play to prevent the second wave in Sarawak,” he added.