



## **STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **MEDIA RELEASE** **STATEMENT 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

The State Disaster Management Committee during its meeting today has agreed with the following strategy for Sarawak during CMCO.

The State intends to ensure that activities no longer prohibited by the CMCO will be engaged in a manner that will not jeopardize the protection of public health.

The state Minister charged with the responsibility over public health can make an Order to regulate movement of people in the infected areas, as well as to prescribe measures to prevent spread of the disease. This power is provided by Section 15 of the Protection of Public Health Ordinance 1998, which was enacted pursuant to the state's legislative powers under Item 7 of the Concurrent List in the Ninth Schedule of the Federal Constitution.

However, as local government, issuance of licenses, business permits etc is a state matter, the State will ensure that those activities comply with our local government laws and regulations, including those made under the Protection of Public Health Ordinance.

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**3:00PM**