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Loosening of Covid-19 MCO Restrictions and re-Opening of the Economy

The Malaysian Government has on the 1st May 2020, announced that most economic sectors and business activities will be allowed to operate from 4th May 2020 **based on normal operating capacity and operating hours** but subject to certain conditions and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Schools, colleges and institutes of higher education will however remain closed.

The SOPs include requirements on social distancing, frequent hand-washing, wearing face masks and symptomatic individuals to go for health screening. Restaurants may operate with social distancing requirements and outdoor sports and recreational activities without body contact are permitted. In addition, employers are recommended to arrange for their teams to continue working from home and in the office on alternate days.

The SOPs comprise a general SOP for re-opening the economy and various other SOPs applicable to sector-specific companies and businesses issued by the relevant government ministries having jurisdiction over such sectors.

For a full list of the SOPs issued by the National Security Council, please see <http://www.abdullahchan.my/1-may-2020-covid-19-updates-sops-for-reopening-the-economy/>

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