## MSC goes the extra mile to curb Covid-19 at workplace

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THIS pandemic has been like opening a can of worms for many companies in the country.

Even as companies have to adhere to strict guidelines and standard operating procedures (SOPs) by the Government as well as health authorities to safeguard the health and well-being of employees against the COVID-19 virus, many companies failed to do so.

However, some companies have not only put in effort to protect its employees, they even went the extra mile to ensure their employees are not exposed to any risk of contracting COVID-19. One company which should be applauded for their efforts is Malaysia Smelting Corp Bhd (MSC).

Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, MSC has put in place various precautionary measures to safeguard the health and well-being of its employees against the COVID-19 virus. Following the escalating COVID-19 cases in Klang at present, MSC has stepped up its safety efforts at its new smelting facility in Pulau Indah, Port Klang.

One of the smelter's current initiatives at its Pulau Indah facility is to distribute health supplements such as Vitamin C and Vitamin D3 to its employees.

By taking both vitamin C and vitamin D3, it is able to help one maintain sufficient nutrition, thus lowering the risk of infection as these vitamins are well-known for its immunity-strengthening properties.

Apart from that, MSC has also negotiated with its panel of clinics to undertake COVID-19 testing for its employees with accurate results to made available within the same day of testing.

"As all employees are required to undergo temperature checking before entering the premise, we can quickly detect employees with elevated temperatures who will then be sent to our panel of clinics for the swab test," MSC's group CEO Datuk Patrick Yong commented.

"Those who have been tested negative are cleared to return to work, while infected employees are required to isolate for further treatment. This process helps us to identify infected workers early, enabling us to act swiftly and take further precautionary measures to curb the spread of the virus.

To lower the exposure to COVID-19 virus among its essential workers and ensuring minimal business disruption, MSC also provides separate housing arrangements for essential workers at one of its premises in compliance with social distancing requirements.

Furthermore, MSC has also put in place other safety initiatives which include sanitising the workplace three times a day, making available hand sanitisers at all basin points, providing free masks, as well as face shields for employees who are required to work in close proximity. — Feb 2, 2021







