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Mawar Medical Centre offers drive-thru Covid-19 testing

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Mawar Medical Centre (MMC), managed by the healthcare arm of Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd, launched a drive-thru Covid-19 testing service on March 30.

The aim of the service is to allow the locals in Negeri Sembilan to do their Covid-19 testing there, without having to travel to other states, says MMC deputy medical director Dr Ong Chiew Ping.

The service is provided on an appointment basis and the process takes less than five minutes, she adds. MMC's medical staff will collect oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabs from individuals without the latter having to alight from their vehicles.

The specimens are then analysed at private medical laboratories approved by the Ministry of Health. The individuals tested will know their results in three to five days' time.

MMC chairman and Matrix Concepts group executive deputy chairman Datuk Lee Tian Hock was the first person to be officially tested. He was among the 15 people tested on the first day.

Matrix Concepts, the master developer of Bandar Sri Sendayan, ventured into the healthcare sector last year when it signed an agreement to take over the operational management of Pusat Hemodialisis Mawar's hospital division, haemodialysis centres and clinics for the next 30 years. Its other business divisions include construction, education and hospitality. **E**

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Ong taking an oropharyngeal swab from Lee