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New feature uses Bluetooth to track close contacts of those who test positive for Covid-19

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THE MySejahtera app has been updated with a new feature called MySejahtera Trace (MySJ Trace), which enables the detection of close contacts.

Health Minister Khairy Ja-

maluddin said the new function used Bluetooth to track close contacts of those who had been tested positive for Covid-19.

"This (MySJ Trace) feature will provide 'live' information on the number of interactions with other users who have also activated MySJ Trace.

"If you have been confirmed positive, you can send the interaction data to the Health Ministry, where contact tracing will be done.

"All interaction data will be anonymous. This new function is highly recommended when visiting public indoor settings," he tweeted yesterday.

Khairy said with the new feature, the check-out module on MySejahtera would no longer be

used.

"This new feature has been sent simultaneously to Google, Apple and Huawei.

"The update is available on Huawei, while for Google and Apple, we are waiting for them to list this new update."

Meanwhile, the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry and the Health Ministry, in a joint statement yesterday, said MySJ Trace was developed to meet the needs of the Find, Trace, Test, Isolate and Support (FTTIS) programme.

FTTIS is one of the Health Ministry's monitoring programmes to prevent and control the spread of Covid-19.

"To ensure the effectiveness of close contact detection activities,



A man using the MySejahtera app to check in prior to entering a retail store in Kuala Lumpur. PIC BY EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN

users must have their Bluetooth activated on their mobile devices at all times.

"When a person is confirmed positive for Covid-19, a notification will be sent via MySejahtera to obtain permission to share the close contact information with the authorities," the statement said.

Once approved, MySejahtera would provide the Health Ministry access to the information to trace all close contacts, it added.

The MySJ feature uses an

anonymous Unique User ID (UUID) and will not gather user data and geo-location.

The Health Ministry, it said, could access the data, which would be kept on a user's device for 14 days.

"The safety and confidentiality of the entire process of contact tracing, as well as data privacy are guaranteed by the government.

"Users are advised to update their MySejahtera application to activate the MySJ Trace feature."



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