



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

**UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA**

CURRENT STATUS IN MALAYSIA

As of 17 February 2020, **one (1) case has recovered fully** and discharged well today.

- This was Case No. 9, a 41 year-old male Malaysian who received treatment at Hospital Sungai Buloh.
- He was also the first Malaysian to be a confirmed COVID-19 patient.

No new COVID-19 case was reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) today.

- The total cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases in Malaysia remains at **22 cases**, with **13 cases** still receiving treatment in hospitals.

Out of these confirmed 22 cases:

- **Twelve (12)** are from Patient-Under-Investigation (PUI)
- **Eight (8)** are from close contacts
- **Two (2)** are from Malaysians evacuated through the HADR from Wuhan

Out of these confirmed 22 cases:

- 15 are Chinese nationals
- Six (6) are Malaysians
- One (1) US national

Out of these 22 confirmed COVID-19 cases detected in Malaysia:

- **Nine (9) cases have been discharged;**
- They underwent repeated COVID-19 tests, and found to be negative on two consecutive repeated tests.

PATIENT-UNDER-INVESTIGATION (PUI) AND CLOSE CONTACTS TRACING

As of 17 February 2020:

- A total of 557 patient-under-investigation (PUI) was reported to CPRC;
- Cumulatively 316 close contacts have been identified.

MOH wishes to express appreciation to all MOH staff for their tireless effort in managing the COVID-19 infection in Malaysia.

COMMITMENT OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH

The Press Statement by the Deputy Prime Minister on 16 February 2020 stated that a female US national was confirmed with COVID-19 infection.

Communications with the National IHR Focal Point of Cambodia was also done, whereby the Malaysian IHR Focal Point had communicated with the Cambodian IHR Focal Point since 14 February 2020, even before the positive case was confirmed.

This evening I had a teleconference with His Excellency Prof. Mam Bunheng, Minister of Health Cambodia to further strengthen collaboration between two countries in combating COVID-19.

I informed His Excellency regarding the improving health status of the US national patient. I have also informed His Excellency that the patient underwent repeated COVID-19 tests, and still found to be positive.

I and His Excellency wished that the health of the patient will continue to improve.

MOH will work closely with all countries involved and with WHO in the management of COVID-19 infection as well as coordinating information in implementing close contact tracing activities.

MOH would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and all government ministries and agencies that were involved, both directly and indirectly, in managing the COVID-19 infection in Malaysia.

The cooperation and support that has been afforded to the MOH is also much appreciated.

MOH will continue to monitor the latest development of the COVID-19 infection through information and updates provided by the WHO.

MOH will also continually update the public on any latest development of this infection in a timely manner. In addition, MOH will ensure that appropriate prevention and control activities are implemented effectively.

Thank you.

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