



**PRESS STATEMENT  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

**Current Status in Malaysia**

29 February 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that no additional case of COVID-19 was reported today.

Cumulatively there is a total of 25 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with the three (3) latest cases (Cases 23, 24 and 25) receiving treatment in hospitals.

These three (3) cases who were admitted are in stable condition:

1. Case 23, female Malaysian, receiving treatment in University Malaya Medical Centre.
2. Case 24, female Japanese national, receiving treatment in Kuala Lumpur Hospital.
3. Case 25, male Italian national, receiving treatment in Sungai Buloh Hospital.

As of today, a total of 22 cases have fully recovered and discharged well.

Up to 29 February 2020, samples from 1,619 individuals have been taken for COVID-19 testing. They are amongst Patients-Under-Investigation (PUI), close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission evacuees and cruise ship crew members.

## **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Mission**

A total of 66 individuals (Malaysians and non-Malaysian family members) were brought back from Wuhan, China on 25 February 2020. They are currently placed at the Higher Education Leadership Academy (Akademi Kepimpinan Pendidikan Tinggi – AKEPT) and are in good health.

The results for health screening through COVID-19 testing upon arrival were all negative.

They will continue to stay at AKEPT for health monitoring for 14 days starting from 26 February 2020 until 11 March 2020.

## **Travel Ban for South Korea**

With reference to the Press Statement by the Director General of Health Malaysia dated 28 February 2020:

1. For Republic of Korea nationals, the travel ban is only applicable to those from Daegu city and Cheongdo county only. However, for Republic of Korea nationals who have left Daegu city and Cheongdo county over 14 days to the date of arrival to Malaysia, there is no travel ban;
2. The travel ban also applies to all other foreign nationals if they had travelled to Daegu city and Cheongdo county within 14 days to the date of arrival to Malaysia. However, if they had left Daegu city and Cheongdo county over 14 days to the date of arrival to Malaysia, there is no travel ban;
3. For Malaysians, permanent residents and pass holders (long-term social visit and student pass holders) who were in Daegu city and Cheongdo county within the past 14 days, there is no travel ban. However, they will have to undergo health screening as determined by MOH; and
4. The above measures were enforced starting 28 February 2020.

## **Health Advisory on COVID-19**

### ***For Medical Practitioners***

Based on the current COVID-19 situation in Malaysia and globally, all medical practitioners at all types of health facilities in both public and private sectors are advised to ensure that a high level of infection prevention and control measures are maintained at all times.

### ***For Public***

1. MOH again would like to remind the public to postpone non-essential travel to the People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran;
2. If the journey cannot be postponed, to ensure that all preventive measures are taken, including maintaining a high-level of personal hygiene at all times;
3. Constantly practice good personal hygiene – wash hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizers;
4. Constantly practice good cough etiquette – cover mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing, dispose tissue appropriately after use and wash hands immediately; and
5. Seek immediate medical treatment if unwell (with respiratory tract symptoms e.g. fever, cough or difficulty breathing) within 14 days upon return. The treating doctor must be informed of the travel history.

MOH continues to monitor developments of the COVID-19 infection through information obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO). The public will be continuously updated on the latest development. MOH will also ensure that adequate prevention and control activities are implemented continuously.

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