



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

3 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **60 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 827 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (24.81% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

3 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **217 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **3,333 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Of these additional 217 cases, 58 cases were related to the Seri Petaling mosque gathering.

In addition, 44 cases have been admitted into Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM Hospital (a COVID-19 designated hospital) and of these, 41 cases were related to the *madrasah tahfiz* (religious school) cluster in Selangor.

Currently, **108 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 54 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **three (3) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **53 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.59% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #51:** Case 2,561 is an 84 year-old Malaysian woman who has a history of heart disease. She was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital on 12 March 2020 and subsequently transferred to the National Heart Institute. She was pronounced dead on 2 April 2020 at 1.07 pm.
2. **Death #52:** Case 2,122 is a 52 year-old Malaysian man. He was admitted into Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital, Negeri Sembilan on 18 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 3 April 2020 at 7.55 am.
3. **Death #53:** Case 2,034 is a 73 year-old Malaysian woman who has a history of diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and kidney disease. She was admitted into Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Perak on 24 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 3 April 2020 at 9.30 am.

MOH conveys condolences to all of the family members.

Healthcare Workers and Risk of COVID-19 Infection

MOH would like to express its sincere appreciation to all healthcare workers (HCWs) from MOH, private and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), especially those in the frontline working hard to cope with the COVID-19 situation in the interest of the country.

As of 2 April 2020, 12 pm, a total of 138 MOH HCWs have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Based on current investigations, **none** of these cases were from managing COVID-19 positive patients in the wards and the ICU's.

Of these, the causes of infection were:

- 58 cases (42%) related to weddings attended by individuals who also attended the Seri Petaling gathering
- 14 cases (10.1%) were associated with patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and patients with mild symptom, whereby these patients were unaware or did not disclose their

high-risk status. Two cases in this group did not inform that they had attended the Seri Petaling gathering

- 9 cases (6.5%) were close contacts with COVID-19 positive family members
- 6 cases (4.3%) with history of travelling overseas
- 4 cases (2.9%) were close contacts with COVID-19 positive friends
- 3 cases (2.2%) due to exposure during screening activities in the field
- 2 cases (1.4%) attended the Seri Petaling gathering
- The remaining 42 cases (30.4%) are still under investigation

All HCWs and frontliners including private medical practitioners and NGOs, must all wear face masks while treating patients.

HCWs must also take all recommended precautionary measures, especially hand hygiene, social distancing and use of personal protective equipment (PPE), especially when performing clinical procedures.

MOH also urges the public who come for treatment to provide honest information about any history of close contact with confirmed COVID-19 case(s), attendance at any large gatherings and history of travelling overseas.

It is very important for all HCW and frontliners to take care of your physical and mental health, by:

- Take time to rest in between work shifts and assignments
- Make sure you eat healthily
- Don't keep to yourself; share your feelings and emotions with someone you trust
- Give each other words of encouragement and support
- Interact constantly with family members
- Get help from psychosocial support when needed

MOH is also very grateful to the family members of HCWs for their constant support.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

As informed earlier, as of 3 April 2020, a total of 827 positive COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well from the wards.

Taking on the commitment and enthusiasm these patients have shown in the process of recovering from the COVID-19 infection, MOH hopes this will give hope to other patients and the public to remain optimistic in facing the COVID-19 situation. The public is also urged to avoid stigma against these individuals and instead provide moral support to those affected.

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation based on all available information, and the public will be continuously updated on the latest information.

Thank you.

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3 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 3 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	12
Kedah	1	81
Pulau Pinang	0	98
Perak	5	205
Selangor	63	863
Negeri Sembilan	4	211
Melaka	3	73
Johor	21	416
Pahang	13	127
Terengganu	18	68
Kelantan	0	137
Sabah	5	215
Sarawak	28	239
WP Kuala Lumpur	55	543
WP Putrajaya	1	35
WP Labuan	0	10
Total	217	3,333