



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

5 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **90 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 1,005 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (27.45% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

5 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **179 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **3,662 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Of these additional 179 cases, 46 cases are related to the Seri Petaling mosque gathering.

Currently, **99 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 48 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **four (4) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **61 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.67% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #58:** Case 2,210 is a 72 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of diabetes and hypertension. He was a close contact to Case

1,031. He was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital on 27 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 4 April 2020 at 1.37 pm.

2. **Death #59:** Case 3,484 is a 68 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of diabetes. He was admitted into Kuala Lumpur Hospital on 27 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 4 April 2020 at 3.40 pm.
3. **Death #60:** Case 3,073 is a 53 year-old Malaysian man. He was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital on 31 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 5 April 2020 at 12.39 am.
4. **Death #61:** Case 2,200 is a 66 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. He was admitted into Keningau Hospital, Sabah on 26 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 4 April 2020 at 9.36 pm.

MOH conveys condolences to all of the family members.

Implications of Withholding History of Close Contact or Travelling Overseas

MOH emphasises the importance of the public to **provide honest and accurate information** of any history of close contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases, history of travelling overseas or history of attending any gatherings as announced by MOH to be closely related to COVID-19 infection transmission.

For example, investigations have shown that a COVID-19 cluster was due to an index case (Case 1,580) with a history of travelling to Italy. So far, in this cluster there are 37 confirmed COVID-19 cases, of which there were five deaths (Cases 1,031, 1,032, 1,006, 2,850 and 2,210) and one case currently in a critical condition requiring ventilation support in the ICU. There are already three generations of infection in this cluster.

As of 5 April 2020, 12 pm, a total of 180 countries around the world have been affected by COVID-19. Therefore, there is high risk for COVID-19 cases from these countries to be imported into the Malaysia, resulting in further spread of infection in the country.

In accordance with the Movement Control Order (MCO), Malaysians returning from overseas will be placed at quarantine stations provided. They will undergo a health screening, (temperature and COVID-19 symptoms) at all international ports of entry. COVID-19 testing will be conducted, and they will be monitored for 14 days at the quarantine stations.

If any individual is symptomatic upon arrival at the international ports of entry or while at the quarantine stations, they will be sent to designated hospitals for further investigation and treatment. In addition, those found to be positive for COVID-19 for the screening tests will be referred to designated hospitals for isolation, further investigation, treatment and monitoring. This is done to prevent further spread of COVID-19 infection in the community and break the transmission chain in the country.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

All Malaysians have a very important role in helping the country to break the COVID-19 infection transmission chain in Malaysia. The public's compliance with the MCO is crucial in influencing the decision of extending the MCO further.

MOH therefore urges for full cooperation of all Malaysians in fighting against COVID-19. The public can fulfil their responsibilities by:

1. Obey the MCO
2. Always practice good personal hygiene, such as washing hands with water and soap
3. Practice social distancing at least 1 meter away from others

The public can contact the National CPRC MOH hotline. Further information on the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia is also available

through the National CPRC MOH Telegram channel
<https://t.me/cprckm>.

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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5 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 5 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	1	13
Kedah	1	82
Pulau Pinang	2	101
Perak	6	213
Selangor	53	943
Negeri Sembilan	11	231
Melaka	14	89
Johor	16	438
Pahang	7	158
Terengganu	10	84
Kelantan	2	141
Sabah	13	238
Sarawak	15	261
WP Kuala Lumpur	27	622
WP Putrajaya	1	37
WP Labuan	0	11
Total	179	3,662