



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

23 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **90 cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 3,542 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged** (63.2% of total cumulative cases). As reported of late, the number of cases discharged well is more than the number of additional cases reported daily.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

23 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **71 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **5,603 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,966 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Currently, **42 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 21 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **two (2) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **95 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.70% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #94:** Case 3,871 is a 32 year-old Malaysian woman with a history of hypertension. She was an MOH healthcare worker (HCW) and history of close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 3,662; which is related to the Muar specialist hospital cluster). She was admitted into Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Hospital, Johor on 6 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 23 April 2020 at 12.36 am. This is the third death amongst MOH HCW.
2. **Death #95:** Case 4,129 is a 67 year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and kidney disease. He was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 1,575; which is related to the Bali PUI cluster). He was admitted into Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital, Pahang on 8 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 22 April 2020 at 11.48 pm.

MOH conveys condolences to all the family members.

Current Status of COVID-19 Amongst MOH Healthcare Workers

As of 23 April 2020, MOH wishes to report that a total of **325 MOH HCWs** have been found to be positive for COVID-19 (i.e. 5.8% of total cumulative confirmed cases in Malaysia). Of these 325 cases:

- 185 cases have fully recovered and discharged well
- 137 cases are receiving treatment in hospitals
- 3 deaths

These cases were amongst:

- 77 Medical Officers
- 66 nurses
- 34 House Officers
- 23 Clinical Specialists
- 21 Assistant Medical Officers
- 104 from other services' schemes

Investigations have found that **none** of these infection amongst MOH HCWs were due to managing confirmed COVID-19 cases in MOH healthcare facilities. Thus far, 70% of the cases were due to personal activities outside of work, such as attending social functions and travelling overseas.

Health Advisory on COVID-19 for Healthcare Workers

MOH strongly urges all HCWs and frontliners to always practice precautionary and preventive measures such as:

- Maintaining good hand hygiene
- Avoiding crowded spaces and confined spaces (e.g. pantry) at workplaces
- Maintaining a distance of at least 1 metre during face-to-face or close conversations
- Ensuring commonly touched surfaces are regularly cleaned and disinfected, including commonly used spaces or areas by HCWs e.g. dining areas and common rooms at workplaces
- Using personal protective equipment as required, especially face masks when handling patient and wearing the appropriate PPE during all clinical procedures.

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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23 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 23 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	119
Perak	0	252
Selangor	12	1,369
Negeri Sembilan	20	431
Melaka	0	189
Johor	3	651
Pahang	1	286
Terengganu	1	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	1	309
Sarawak	4	459
WP Kuala Lumpur	29	1,066
WP Putrajaya	0	78
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	71	5,603