



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

26 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **100 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 3,862 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged well** (66.8% of total cumulative cases). The number of cases discharged well today is more than double the number of additional cases reported today.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

26 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **38 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **5,780 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,820 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Currently, **36 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 15 cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, no additional COVID-19 deaths were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are **98 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.70% of total cumulative cases).

Current Status of the Targeted Approach Activities

As previously stated, MOH has intensified its detection, screening, testing and isolation activities as well as treatment, especially for high-risk populations or groups via a targeted approach. This is done in collaboration with various government agencies and non-governmental organisations.

Among the activities under the targeted approach to stop the spread of COVID-19 infection includes the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) in high-risk localities, detection activities in *madrasah* or *tahfiz* schools (religious schools), and quarantine stations especially for Malaysians returning from overseas. To date, MOH was able to detect more COVID-19 positive cases through activities under the targeted approach.

As of 26 April 2020, 12 pm, a total of 21,466 individuals had undergone COVID-19 testing within the EMCO localities. To date, 638 individuals (2.97%) were found to be positive for COVID-19. Of these, 388 cases (61%) were non-Malaysians with the remaining 250 cases (39%) were Malaysians.

EMCO localities with additional cases reported today are Menara City One Plaza (1 new case; total 52 cases); Malayan Mansion (5 new cases; total 12 cases) and Pusat Bandar Utara and areas surrounding Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur (9 new cases; total 55 cases).

For intensified activities in *madrasah* or *tahfiz* schools, as of 25 April 2020, a total of 6,229 students, teachers and school staff have undergone COVID-19 testing. To date, 341 individuals were found to be positive for COVID-19 (5.47%).

At the quarantine stations for Malaysians returning from abroad, as of 24 April 2020, 5 pm, a total of 12,672 individuals have undergone COVID-19 testing. To date, 139 individuals were found to be positive for COVID-19 (1.1%). Of these, the countries visited were: 99 cases visited Indonesia, 14 cases visited the United Kingdom, 13 cases visited

Singapore, 5 cases visited Turkey, 3 cases visited the Netherlands, 2 cases visited the United States, 1 case each visited Thailand, France and Bangladesh.

These demonstrate that the activities under the targeted approach taken by the Government so far have shown promising results. It is hoped that this will reduce the disease transmission among these high-risk groups. MOH expects more positive cases to be identified in the near future as activities under the targeted approach are still ongoing.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH will continue to monitor the current COVID-19 situation and the public is advised to stay at home. Always maintain a high level of personal hygiene such as washing hands frequently with water and soap, and practise social distancing at least 1 metre away from others. The public is requested to play their part in managing the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia.

Further information on COVID-19 in Malaysia is available through the National CPRC MOH telegram channel; <https://t.me/cprckkm>. The public will be continuously updated on the latest information.

Thank you.

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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 26 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	2	121
Perak	0	252
Selangor	6 (1)	1,394
Negeri Sembilan	1	434
Melaka	1	193
Johor	4 (3)	659
Pahang	0	288
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	311
Sarawak	7	485
WP Kuala Lumpur	16	1,170
WP Putrajaya	1 (1)	79
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	38 (5)	5,780

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases