



**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

28 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **75 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today, making the **cumulative total of 4,032** (68.9% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

28 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **31 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **5,851 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,719 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, 17 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **100 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.7% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #100:** Case 3,628 is a 67 year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and stroke. He was

admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital on 4 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 28 April 2020 at 9.40 am.

MOH conveys condolences to the family members.

Situational Analysis Following Implementation of Phase 3 of the Movement Control Order

The implementation of Phase 3 of the Movement Control Order (MCO) will enter Phase 4 starting tomorrow, 29 April 2020. To date, the number of additional confirmed cases reported daily currently show a declining and plateauing trend. With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases recovering, this has led to a decrease in the number of active cases during Phase 3 of the MCO. This has contributed to the flattening of the curve and the nation is now entering the recovery phase.

For example, the total number of active cases today is 1,719, compared to the highest number of active cases of 2,596 on 5 April 2020. This achievement is a result of the Government's proactive and aggressive actions in reducing the COVID-19 infection transmission during the period before and during the MCO. These have ensured that MOH healthcare facilities are able to accommodate the number of COVID-19 patients in Malaysia, including the capacity of the ICUs and use of ventilators in hospitals.

The MCO has also assisted in reducing the interactions between members of the communities and reducing the risk of COVID-19 infection. In addition to active case detection activities, MOH with various agencies have adopted a targeted approach to high risk groups and populations. These include detection, screening, testing and isolation activities, as well as treatment of individuals within the Enhanced MCO (EMCO) localities, contact tracing of participants of the Seri Petaling gathering and other mass gatherings; including in religious schools.

The New Normal of Daily Living Because of COVID-19

The implementation of the MCO comprises of four main action plans, of which two actions are by the Government and two actions involve the general public. The actions taken by the Government are Movement Control and Border Control.

Border controls are needed to reduce imported COVID-19 cases as **more than 180 countries** are affected by the infection. Good border control has resulted with the detection of **154 positive COVID-19** cases amongst Malaysians returning from overseas from 3 April 2020. They have been isolated and hospitalised. Movement control was achieved through the implementation of Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the MCO that have resulted in reducing the interactions between members of the community and reducing the risk of COVID-19 infection.

However, the MCO cannot eliminate the COVID-19 infection completely. In fact, Malaysians must be prepared to face this virus for a much longer time period. MOH will continue its containment and control activities. Nevertheless, active involvement of the community is very important.

Thus, the two actions that have been taken by the general public and must be continued in the fight against COVID-19 are to practice safe social distancing of at least 1 metre from others, and to maintain good personal hygiene with regular hand washing with water and soap. Since there is still no vaccine against COVID-19, these actions should be seen as the “vaccine” for the community to help the country to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 infection.

As repeatedly mentioned, MOH emphasises that our fight against COVID-19, this invisible enemy, is still long and our efforts must continue. This new normal of daily living must be inculcated into all levels of the society so that it is practiced by all.

The success and achievement in flattening the curve and reducing the transmission of the COVID-19 infection is a collective success of the community and the Government.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

In line with the fight against this pandemic, MOH once again advises all Malaysians to carry out their responsibilities by:

- Maintain good personal hygiene at all times, such as regular hand washing with water and soap
- Practice safe social distancing of at least 1 metre from others
- Avoid public gatherings
- Encouraged to wear face masks when in crowded public places

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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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 28 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	253
Selangor	5 (2)	1,403
Negeri Sembilan	1	436
Melaka	0	193
Johor	1 (1)	660
Pahang	0	288
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	1	313
Sarawak	8 (1)	496
WP Kuala Lumpur	14 (5)	1,214
WP Putrajaya	1 (1)	80
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	31 (10)	5,851

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases