



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

18 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **44 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 5,615 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (80.9% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

18 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **47 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **6,941 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,213 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. Of the 47 additional cases reported today, 21 are imported cases who were infected overseas, while 26 cases are local transmission involving 17 non-Malaysians.

Currently, **13 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, six (6) cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **113 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.63% of total cumulative cases).

Compliance with Quarantine Orders as Instructed

From 27 April 2020 until yesterday, the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) has sent a total of 49,019 students back home to their families.

For inter-state travel within Peninsular Malaysia, all students are required to undergo self-quarantine at home for 14 days upon arrival. Students going to Sabah and Sarawak are required to undergo COVID-19 sampling. If the result is negative, the remaining quarantine period should be completed in their home.

MOH urges all students to take note of the case involving several students from an Institution of Higher Learning (IPT) who were required to undergo quarantine at home, but instead didn't comply with the notice under Section 14 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act, 1988 (Act 342). They were subsequently found to be positive for COVID-19. This had unnecessarily exposed high-risk individuals such as older adults, children and individuals with a history of chronic diseases, to the risk of COVID-19 infection.

Protect the State and District Borders and Family Members Against the Risk of COVID-19 Infection

After two months of enforcement of the Movement Control Order (MCO), from phase one to phase four, followed by the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), we can see a declining trend of the number of active COVID-19 cases.

This achievement is a result of the public's compliance to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) established under the MCO and CMCO enforcement. Consequently, this high level of compliance should be maintained, especially during the upcoming festive season.

From the number of inter-state movements daily, it can be seen that many individuals (2,931 vehicles attempting inter-state travel in the past three days) wishes to return to their hometowns to celebrate the festivities with their extended family members. This is a worrying trend,

particularly taking into account that IPT students have also returned back to their families.

Their family members may comprise of at-risk individuals such as the older adults, children and individuals with low immunity due to chronic diseases or other co-morbidities.

As of 18 May 2020, out of the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Malaysia of 6,941 cases, a total of 961 cases were aged 60 years and older (13.8%). On the other hand, children aged 12 years and under comprise of 318 cases (4.6%). From the co-morbidities point of view, as of 17 May 2020, 744 cases (10.8%) of all confirmed COVID-19 cases have a history of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease, heart disease and other chronic diseases.

These high-risk groups need to be protected. Protect the borders of our country, state, district and home, and also protect our family members.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

Therefore, MOH reminds the public to take social responsibility in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia, by adhering to **THiS**:

- **T: Terms** and SOPs set under the CMCO
- **Hi: High-risk** groups such as children, infants, older adults and the disabled must be protected, and if unwell with symptoms, to seek early treatment
- **S: Safe** social distancing is practiced at all times, of at least 1 metre away from others

The public is also advised to adhere to the 3Cs and 3Ws as recommended by MOH:

- Avoid the **3Cs**: **C**rowded places; **C**onfined spaces; and **C**lose conversations

- Practice the **3Ws**: **W**ash hands frequently with water and soap; **W**earing facemasks are strongly encouraged in public areas or if symptomatic; **W**arn self and others for the following, in line with MOH's advisories:
 - Avoid shaking hands or touching others
 - Practice good coughing and sneezing etiquette
 - Disinfect frequently touched surfaces
 - Stay at home and go out only for important matters
 - Seek treatment if symptomatic

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation, both in the country as well as internationally, based on available information from the WHO. The public will be continuously updated on the latest information. In addition, MOH will ensure that appropriate preventive and control measures are continuously implemented.

Thank you.

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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 18 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	8	1,644
Negeri Sembilan	0	776
Melaka	0	215
Johor	0	668
Pahang	0	336
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	331
Sarawak	0	544
WP Kuala Lumpur	38 (20)	1,566
WP Putrajaya	1 (1)	91
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	47 (21)	6,941

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases