



**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

27 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **42 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 6,083 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (79.8% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

27 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **15 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **7,619 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,421 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Currently, eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU), and of these, four (4) cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are **115 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.51% of total cumulative cases).

Of the 15 additional cases reported today, 6 are imported cases who were infected overseas. Out of the 9 local transmission cases, 4 cases were amongst non-Malaysians.

The Public Must Remain Cautious Despite the Decrease in Local Transmission of COVID-19

According to the report from the World Health Organization (WHO), a total of 5,559,130 COVID-19 cases have been recorded worldwide as of 26 May 2020. Of these, 348,610 deaths have been reported so far. This pandemic is becoming more serious and far from over. To date, Malaysia has contributed to 0.14% of the total confirmed COVID-19 cases worldwide.

Following the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases reported in recent days in Malaysia, today the additional cases have dropped to two digits. Of the 15 additional cases today, **5 are local transmission among Malaysians**. The increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases reported over the past few days was due to the detection of COVID-19 cases in several Immigration Detention Centres and other active clusters involving non-Malaysians. This is the result of the actions under the targeted approach adopted by the Government to curb the transmission of COVID-19 infection.

The decline in local transmission of COVID-19 infection is in line with the previous MOH projections, and is the result of the public health measures implemented in the past one month under the Movement Control Order (MCO) and subsequently the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO). This decline was also contributed by public's compliance to new norms and normal, as well as compliance to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) established for various sectors and industries.

However, MOH remains concerned that there may be an increase in COVID-19 cases following the movement of people through visiting others, inter-state travel and communal activities during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration.

From the information obtained during the Press Conference of the Senior Minister (Security Cluster), a total of 2,449,556 vehicles were inspected by the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) from 16 May 2020 to

date. During the same period, a total of 18,303 vehicles attempted inter-state travel to return back to their hometowns, and were ordered to return back by the PDRM. Well done to the PDRM for this effort.

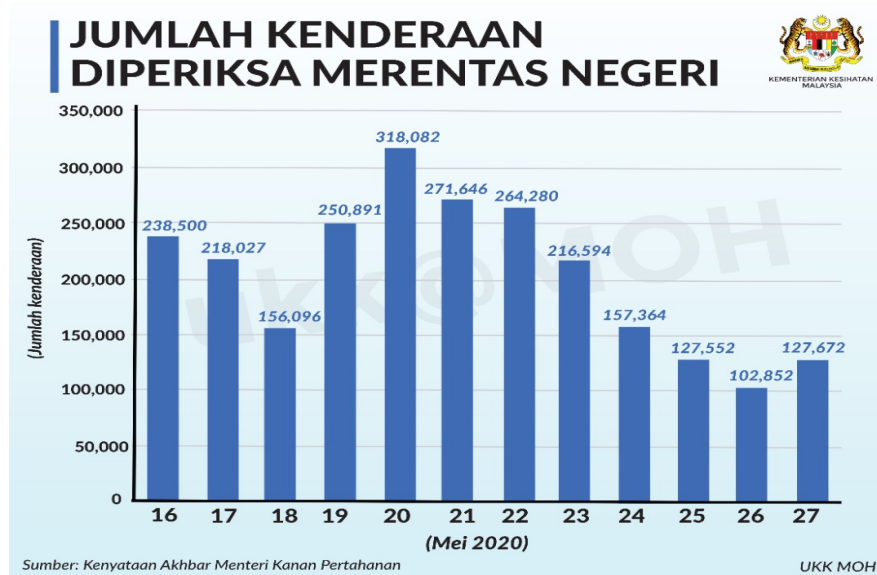


Figure 1: Number of vehicles inspected for inter-state travel (16 to 27 May 2020)

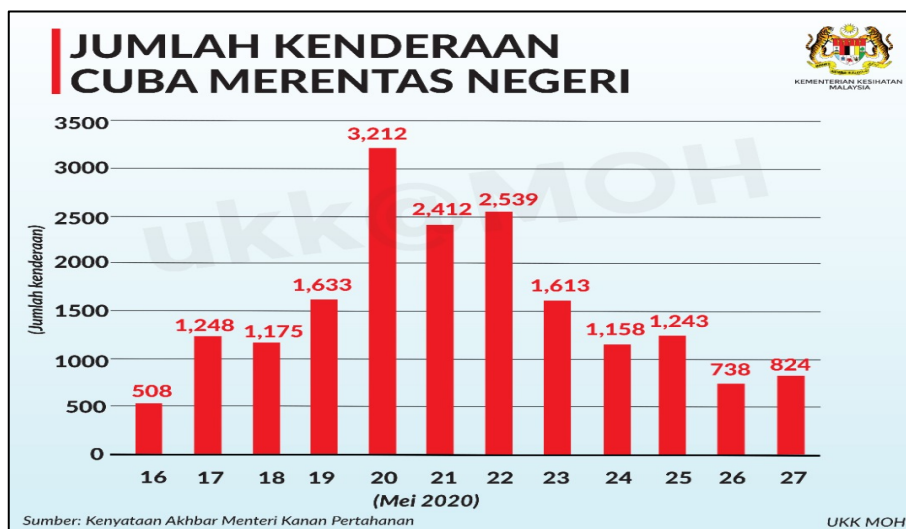


Figure 2: Number of vehicles attempting inter-state travel (16 to 27 May 2020)

It is our collective responsibility to make every effort necessary to address and control the transmission of COVID-19 infection in our country. If the public becomes complacent and do not comply to the SOPs set by the Government, MOH expects a sudden increase in COVID-19 cases that could lead to a new wave of COVID-19 outbreaks in our country.

Therefore, the public must remain cautious and not take lightly of the reduction of cases. As MOH had previously announced, the war against the COVID-19 virus is still far from over.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

In this regard, the MOH advises the public to adhere to the advice and recommendations emphasised regularly by the Government. The public must continue to practice the new norms and normal in everyday life, including:

- 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
 - Seek early treatment if symptomatic
 - Stay at home and avoid from visiting others
 - Regularly clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces in common areas

In addition, the public is advised to continue to adhere to **THIS**:

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

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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27 May 2020 @ 4.30 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 27 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	5 (3)	1,843
Negeri Sembilan	0	793
Melaka	0	216
Johor	0	671
Pahang	0	344
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	1	344
Sarawak	3	552
WP Kuala Lumpur	6 (3)	1,990
WP Putrajaya	0	93
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	15 (6)	7,619

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases