



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

29 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **66 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 6,235 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (80.6% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

29 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **103 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **7,732 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,382 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment. This high number of additional cases reported today were amongst non-Malaysians.

Of the 103 additional cases reported today, seven (7) are imported cases who were infected overseas. Of the 96 locally transmitted cases, 84 cases are non-Malaysians, of which 53 cases were detected from the Pedas Cluster and 24 cases from the Cleaning Company Cluster. The remaining 12 locally transmitted cases are Malaysians.

Currently, eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU), and of these, two (2) 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 (1.49% of total cumulative cases).

Cleaning Company Cluster

MOH has identified a cluster involving non-Malaysian workers in a cleaning company. As of 29 May 2020, 12 pm, a total of 24 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in this cluster involving Bangladeshi nationals.

These confirmed cases were detected by a private clinic that performed COVID-19 screening on the workers of a cleaning company. The screening was conducted as an initiative by the employer to screen their workers. Overall, out of the 150 non-Malaysian workers of the company who were screened, 126 individuals tested negative for COVID-19.

Of the 24 confirmed cases in this cluster, 20 cases were housed in a dormitory in Kuala Langat, Selangor, and are currently hospitalised at Sungai Buloh Hospital. The other four (4) cases were staying at an apartment in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan, and are currently hospitalised at Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital, Seremban.

Further precautionary and preventive measures have been taken, such as identifying and conducting COVID-19 screening tests on all other occupants and their close contacts, including non-Malaysian workers in other units. So far, a total of 428 close contacts have been identified and will be screened.

Immediate Action of Overcome the Issue of Living Quarters for Non-Malaysians

As informed by MOH earlier, it was found that most of the clusters involving non-Malaysians were due to crowded living quarters and confined space resulting in the lack of social distancing practices. This provided an excellent medium for the spread of various infectious diseases, including the COVID-19 virus.

In this regard, MOH welcomes the announcement by the Minister of Human Resources on 27 May 2020, on the enforcement of the amendment to the Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 1990 (Act 446). This amendment is to improve the Guidelines on Foreign Workers' Accommodation 2018 published by the Department of Labour of Peninsular Malaysia.

This issue needs to be **addressed immediately** because the current condition of the workers' living quarters makes it difficult to comply to social distancing practices. In addition, employers are also responsible to provide health education to their workers on good hygiene practices, prevention of COVID-19 infection in the living quarters, as well as compliance with the various SOPs developed by the Government for the industries, including the workers' movements.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to continue to adhere to all 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**: Terms 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 World Health Organization (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.

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah
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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 29 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	28 (4)	1,873
Negeri Sembilan	59	852
Melaka	0	216
Johor	3	674
Pahang	1	346
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	2	346
Sarawak	0	552
WP Kuala Lumpur	10 (3)	2,007
WP Putrajaya	0	93
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	103 (7)	7,732

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases