



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

4 June 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **28 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 6,559 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (79.5% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

4 June 2020, 12 pm – A total of **277 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. **There are only four (4) locally transmitted cases among Malaysians.** There are 271 cases among non-Malaysians, and only two (2) imported cases among Malaysians who were infected overseas.

Cumulatively there are now **8,247 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,573 active and infective COVID-19 cases.** They have all been isolated and given treatment.

A total of 270 cases among non-Malaysians are from the Bukit Jalil Immigration Detention Centre, and these are from repeated testing of detainees under quarantine in this detention centre. They were exposed to the positive cases detected earlier. The remaining one (1) case is a non-Malaysian detected from screening at a construction site in Pudu.

Currently, six (6) 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 (1.39% of total cumulative cases).

The District Health Office is the Key Action Team in the Control and Prevention of COVID-19 in Malaysia

The transmission of the COVID-19 infection among Malaysians has reached single digits and so far, there has been no sharp increase. MOH hospitals are also seeing a reduction in cases of COVID-19 requiring treatment in the normal COVID-19 wards and in the ICUs. This is the result of aggressive public health action carried out in the field by the District Health Offices (DHOs) in collaboration with various parties. The same approach is now being used to further control the transmission of cases among Malaysians and non-Malaysians.

The DHOs have always played a very important role in the implementation of various measures to prevent and control the infection, measures that are being implemented gradually and continuously. One of the key actions implemented since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak are the investigation and active case detection of COVID-19 cases.

COVID-19 investigation and case detection include:

- Investigation of COVID-19 cases in the field, including their close contacts
- Active Case Detection (ACD) carried out from house to house
- Targeted mass screening
- Drive-through sampling
- Disinfection of the patients' houses and locations where ACD is carried out, and other areas identified as high-risk

All these activities are coordinated by the COVID-19 Operational Room in each district and state. This is one of the key factors that enabled the coordination of various activities implemented simultaneously throughout the whole country.

In addition, the DHOs also ensured the continued preparedness of identified health clinics for COVID-19 screening. Selected health clinics in the respective districts served as the sampling centres as well as the Sentinel Clinics.

COVID-19 surveillance is conducted through sampling with the cooperation of various parties. Surveillance provides information on the risk of infection for the population. Through surveillance, the orders for isolation and release, health monitoring for cases quarantined at home and at quarantine centres are also issued. This is done under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988. The quarantined cases are managed by the Health Team assigned to the gazetted quarantine stations. This is an inter-agency operation that monitors the health status of Person Under Surveillance (PUS) placed here.

As previously mentioned, the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) is a Government action that enables public health activities to be carried out more effectively; especially the detection of new cases in a high-risk locality with COVID-19 infection. During the EMCO enforcement, population census is conducted from house to house by the health team, and sampling done by the health clinic personnel to detect new cases.

These activities are challenging as healthcare workers have to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) for an extended period of time in hot and humid weather, and face many other challenges.

Other duties of the DHOs include:

- Conducting health promotion and psychosocial support to ensure that local communities in the EMCO area receive accurate information and practice preventive measures

- Management of the remains of COVID-19 deaths through supervision of the burial according to the guideline, by the Assistant Environmental Health Officer

Although the number of additional cases reported today among non-Malaysians has risen to a high number, this increase is also a result of the excellent action by the DHOs in the field. Thank you to all of the various agencies that have worked together as a team in the field and in the Operational Room to manage the COVID-19 outbreak.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

The public is advised to continue to adopt new norms and normal in daily life. The cooperation from each individual can ensure that the COVID-19 infection chain in our country can be broken, with the following actions:

- 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 Conditional Movement Control Order (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:** Safe 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.

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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 4 June 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	256
Selangor	2 (1)	1,930
Negeri Sembilan	3 (1)	905
Melaka	0	233
Johor	0	676
Pahang	1	362
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	0	348
Sarawak	0	552
WP Kuala Lumpur	271	2,370
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	277 (2)	8,247

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case