



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

5 June 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **51 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 6,610 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (80% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

5 June 2020, 12 pm – A total of **19 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,266 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,540 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 19 additional cases reported today, seven (7) are imported cases who were infected overseas. Of the 12 locally transmitted cases, three (3) cases are non-Malaysians and nine (9) cases are amongst Malaysians.

Currently, six (6) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU), and of these, one (1) case is on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **116 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.4% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #116:** Case 7,733 is a 61 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of diabetes, hypertension and kidney cancer. He was admitted into Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Hospital, Johor on 29 May 2020 and was pronounced dead on 4 June 2020, 10.20 pm.

The Positive Impact of Social Distancing in Lowering the Transmission of Other Infectious Diseases

For almost three months Malaysia had enforced movement restrictions, called the Movement Control Order (MCO) 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this period, the Government has emphasised various preventive measures, such as the practice of safe social distancing (of at least 1 metre away from others) and to avoid confined and crowded spaces.

These measures aim to reduce and break the transmission of COVID-19 infection in the community by minimising physical contact between potentially infected individuals and healthy individuals. The effectiveness of these measures has not only proven to reduce COVID-19 cases but has also led to a decrease in the spread of other infectious diseases, particularly infections spread through direct contact.

Comparative analysis of disease outbreaks from the first epidemiologic week to the 22nd epidemiologic week of year 2019 and 2020 found a significant drop in cases of infectious diseases, for example:

- Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD): a 44.6% decrease in cases
- Measles: a 58.3% decrease in cases
- Chicken pox: a 44.4% decrease in cases

The decline in these cases is a positive co-benefit consequence of the implementation of the MCO and CMCO, as well as contributed by good personal hygiene practices. However, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is concern of a decline in the immunisation rates of

infants and children, due to concerns of parents of taking their children out of their houses to go to the clinics for the immunisation.

Therefore, MOH would like to remind parents on the importance of immunisation to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases. Immunisation services for infants and children are still ongoing as usual at all health clinics. As such, parents or guardians are advised to adhere to the immunisation schedule and the clinic appointment dates. For any queries, please contact the nearest health clinic.

MOH also encourages the public to continue practicing safe social distancing and maintain a high level of personal hygiene to ensure the number of infectious diseases continue to decline. With the gradual re-opening of various economic and social sectors in a controlled manner, these practices must be continued and inculcated in all age groups. The National Security Council, MOH and other related agencies have developed various Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for this purpose.

The shift towards a new culture of living, new norms and the new normal should be seen as a positive development, for the safety, health and well-being of the community.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH urges the cooperation of every individual so that together we can prevent further COVID-19 outbreaks and ensure that the transmission of COVID-19 infection can be broken in the country. The recommended actions are:

- 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 to the SOPs, the public is advised to continue to adhere to **THIS:**

- **T:** Terms 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

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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5 June 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 5 June 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	256
Selangor	9 (5)	1,939
Negeri Sembilan	0	905
Melaka	1	234
Johor	0	676
Pahang	1	363
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	3	351
Sarawak	1	553
WP Kuala Lumpur	4 (2)	2,374
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	19 (7)	8,266

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case