



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

24 June 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **45 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,231 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (95.8% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

24 June 2020, 12 pm – A total of **six (6) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,596 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 244 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the six (6) additional cases reported today, **two (2) are imported cases who were infected overseas** involving one (1) Malaysian and one (1) non-Malaysian permanent resident.

All **four (4) local transmission cases are among Malaysians**; the details are as follows:

- Selangor – 3 cases:
 - 1 case: Screening at a religious school.
 - 1 case: From the Hulu Langat Condominium Cluster.
 - 1 case: From the Bukit Bintang Cluster.

- Sarawak – 1 case: From the Kuching Construction Site Cluster.

All three new clusters will be described below.

Currently, two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs), and no patient is on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **121 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.41% of total cumulative cases).

The Bukit Bintang Cluster

MOH has identified a new cluster in Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur. As of 24 June 2020, 12 pm, a total of 10 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in this cluster, involving nine (9) Bangladeshi nationals and one (1) Malaysian.

The index case for this cluster (Case 8,498) is a non-Malaysian who underwent COVID-19 screening for work and was found to be positive on 15 June 2020. Investigation and COVID-19 screening of all close contacts have been done. So far, 274 individuals have been screened, of which 203 are non-Malaysians and 71 are Malaysians. The investigation found:

- Nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 265 individuals tested negative for COVID-19

Seven (7) of the 10 cases of this cluster were members of the same household as the index case.

Preventive measures such as cleaning and disinfection have been carried out at their living quarters and other related locations. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

Kuching Construction Site Cluster

A new construction site cluster has been identified in Kuching, Sarawak. This cluster was first detected when the third case of this cluster (Case 8,591 case) underwent COVID-19 screening at a private clinic and was found to be COVID-19 positive. He was the supervisor of two Indonesian workers who had been found to be positive for COVID-19 on 16 June 2020 through workplace screening.

Following this, investigation and screening of close contacts including other construction workers and their family members were conducted. So far, a total of 426 contacts have been identified, of which 62 individuals tested negative for COVID-19, and the rest (364 individuals) are still awaiting results. The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

Hulu Langat Condominium Cluster

This index case for this cluster (Case 8,368) is a student of a religious school found positive for COVID-19 through screening on 8 June 2020. Active case detection was carried out, and two (2) more positive cases were detected in the cluster. The first case is a non-Malaysian (Case 5,818) and stepfather to the index case. He lived in a different house, but there were some visiting activities between them. A work colleague of Case 5,818 was also found to be positive for COVID-19 (Case 5,894).

As of 24 June 2020, a total of 40 close contacts have been identified and screened. Of this, 26 are non-Malaysians and 14 are Malaysians. The investigation found:

- 3 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 30 individuals tested negative for COVID-19
- 7 individuals still awaiting results

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH would like to remind the public that COVID-19 still exists in the community. MOH urges the public to remain vigilant and take preventative measures against COVID-19 when visiting others, especially when it involves older adults and children.

The general public is reminded to always follow the health advisories repeatedly mentioned by the MOH, that includes:

- 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, continue to adhere to **THiS**:

- **T**: Terms set under the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO)
- **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.

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah
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24 June 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 24 June 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	5 (2)	2,032
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,015
Melaka	0	256
Johor	0	688
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	0	366
Sarawak	1	570
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,430
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	6 (2)	8,596

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case