



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

**UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA
9 July 2020**

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **13 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,499 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (97.9% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

9 July 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 **8,683 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 63 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

No local transmission cases were reported today as well. All six (6) reported cases were imported cases **who were infected overseas**, of which five (5) are Malaysians and one (1) non-Malaysian who is a permanent resident.

Currently, two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs) and **one (1) 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 (1.39% of total cumulative cases).

Cleaning Services Company Cluster in Kuala Lumpur Ends Today

MOH would like to inform that the Kuala Lumpur Cleaning Services Company Cluster has ended today. This is one of the COVID-19 workplace clusters identified in the country. This cluster was first detected through the screening of 10 non-Malaysian workers. This screening was an initiative of the company to screen their non-Malaysian workers.

As of 9 July 2020, a total of 33 individuals has been screened, including 16 Malaysians and 17 non-Malaysians. Of these, four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected, i.e. three (3) employees and one (1) close contact. All four cases are Indonesian nationals.

MOH would like to thank the cooperation of the employer in breaking the COVID-19 infection transmission chain.

Current Status of Clusters in Workplaces

To date, there are 15 clusters reported as workplace clusters. Of these, 11 clusters have been declared closed, including the Kuala Lumpur Cleaning Services Company Cluster that ended today. The I.N. Cluster was the first cluster reported as a workplace cluster on 24 March 2020 when the first confirmed COVID-19 case was diagnosed (Case 1,909).

There are still four active workplaces clusters. **Table 1** shows the active clusters, the number of individuals screened, as well as the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases for these clusters. **Table 2** shows the details of the workplaces clusters that have ended.

Table 1 Active Workplaces Clusters – Numbers Screened and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

	Name of Cluster	Numbers screened			Confirmed COVID-19 cases			Positive rate (%)
		Total	M'sian	Non-M'sian	Total	M'sian	Non-M'sian	
1.	Building Site 2, Kuala Lumpur	354	54	300	73	1	72	20.62
2.	Pedas	960	416	544	326	14	312	33.96
3.	Cleaning Services Company	379	2	377	34	0	34	8.97
4.	Building Site, Kuching	315	304	11	3	1	2	0.95
Total		2,008	776	1232	436	16	420	

Table 2 Workplaces Clusters that have Ended – Numbers Screened and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

	Name of Cluster	Numbers screened			Confirmed COVID-19 cases			Positive rate (%)
		Total	M'sian	Non-M'sian	Total	M'sian	Non-M'sian	
1.	I.N.	577	575	2	22	20	2	3.81
2.	Building Site, Kuala Lumpur	488	15	473	31	0	31	6.35
3.	Engineering	734	700	34	65	65	0	8.86
4.	Kajang wet market	277	229	48	5	2	3	1.81
5.	Security Guards, Cheras	906	350	556	39	3	36	4.30
6.	Building Site, Setia Alam	1,152	52	1,100	15	0	15	1.30
7.	Chow Kit Market	3,829	1,360	2,469	90	16	74	2.35
8.	Sawmill factory, Maran	242	138	104	6	0	6	2.48
9.	Farm, Bera	65	21	44	7	0	7	10.77

	Name of Cluster	Numbers screened			Confirmed COVID-19 cases			Positive rate (%)
		Total	M'sian	Non-M'sian	Total	M'sian	Non-M'sian	
10.	Roadbuilding Company, Maran	48	10	38	2	0	2	4.17
11.	Cleaning Services Company, Kuala Lumpur	36	16	20	4	0	4	11.11
Total		8,354	3,466	4,888	286	106	180	

As of 9 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of 10,362 individuals had been screened in all of these clusters. Of these:

- 4,242 Malaysians (40.9%)
- 6,120 non-Malaysians (59.1%)

A total of 722 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected in these clusters, involving:

- 122 Malaysians (16.9%)
- 600 non-Malaysians (83.1%)

The non-Malaysians were made up of the following nationalities:

- 234 Bangladeshis
- 212 Nepalese
- 109 Indonesians
- 36 Myanmar nationals
- 7 Indians
- 1 Cambodian
- 1 Vietnamese

For industries that employ large numbers of workers including non-Malaysians, employers are responsible for ensuring that their employees adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and practice

preventive measures in the workplace. Some of the practices that should be implemented are as follows:

- Body temperature check and symptoms screening before entering the workplace
- Provision of hand washing facilities or hand sanitisers
- Regular cleaning and disinfection, especially in shared spaces and of common surfaces
- Practice safe social distancing of at least 1 meter away from others, including in workspaces and pantries
- Ensure that employees do not congregate in confined spaces
- Avoid congregation of a large number of workers at any one time
- Maintain a distance of at least 1 meter away while having close conversations

Employers must also monitor to ensure compliance with all these practices among the employees. This will prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection among the workers and thus prevent the transmission of infection in the community. MOH requests continued cooperation by the public in breaking the transmission of the COVID-19 infection in Malaysia.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH urges the public to remain vigilant and continue to practice all of the health advisories issued 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.

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9 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 9 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	97
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	4 (4)	2,070
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	0	256
Johor	2 (2)	696
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	157
Sabah	0	378
Sarawak	0	573
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,442
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	6 (6)	8,683

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case