



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **12 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,511 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (97.9% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

10 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **13 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,696 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 64 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 13 additional cases reported today, eight (8) are imported cases where infected overseas, of which six (6) are Malaysians and two (2) non-Malaysians (permanent residents). Of the five (5) local transmission cases, three (3) are among Malaysians and two (2) are among non-Malaysians.

The details of the local transmission cases among Malaysians (3 cases) are as follows:

- Sarawak – 2 cases: Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) cases admitted into Sarawak General Hospital.
- Kuala Lumpur – 1 case: Screening of workers before returning to work.

The details of the local transmission cases among non-Malaysians (2 cases) are as follows:

- Kuala Lumpur – 2 cases: Screening of detainees at the Bukit Jalil Immigration Detention Centre prior to repatriation to the country of origin.

Currently, two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs) and **both patients are 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).

Closure of the MAEPS Quarantine and COVID-19 Low Risk Treatment Centre in Serdang

MOH would like to inform that the Minister of Health, Dato' Seri Dr Adham Baba, had witnessed the discharge process of the last patient from the MAEPS Quarantine and Low Risk COVID-19 Treatment Centre in Serdang today. Accordingly, the Centre will officially close on 15 July 2020.

This Centre was inspired by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, as one of the Government's proactive measures in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Its operations officially

started on 16 April 2020 and began receiving its first patients on 21 April 2020.

It is a collaboration of various agencies led by MOH, together with the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), Malaysian Armed Forces, Royal Malaysian Police, Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department, Malaysian Civil Defense Force, Public Works Department, Social Welfare Department, Immigration Department Malaysia, Malaysian Volunteer Department (RELA), Malaysian Prisons Department, Malaysian Genome Institute and MAEPS.

As of 10 July 2020, the Centre has treated a total of 1,362 patients; the majority were non-Malaysians (86%) with only 14% Malaysians.

MOH would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the frontliners from all agencies that are directly or indirectly involved in the successful operation of this Centre.

Detection of COVID-19 Cases Through Surveillance of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) in Malaysia

MOH continues to monitor the COVID-19 infection even though the numbers are declining. COVID-19 testing is done continuously to detect new cases in the community. This includes the clinical surveillance system, one of which is detecting severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) in hospitals.

Today, the surveillance system has detected two confirmed COVID-19 cases among Malaysians. As of 10 July 2020, a total of 20,897 samples have been taken and 79 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been detected (a positive rate of 0.38%). This positive rate is less than 1%, indicating a very low risk of infectivity. Even so, the surveillance system in Malaysia can still detect these cases because it has good tracing capacity and capability.

Healthcare workers in the public and private sectors will continue to be provided with training and up-to-date information to detect and manage suspected COVID-19 cases such as Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and SARI according to the latest guidelines developed from the latest international and local information sources for use 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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10 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 10 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	1 (1)	98
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	6 (6)	2,076
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	0	256
Johor	1 (1)	697
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	157
Sabah	0	378
Sarawak	2	575
WP Kuala Lumpur	3	2,445
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	13 (8)	8,696

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case