



**PRESS STATEMENT  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

**Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **four (4) cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,519 confirmed COVID-19 cases have recovered** (97.7% of total cumulative cases).

**Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia**

12 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **14 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,718 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 77 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 14 additional cases reported today, three (3) are **imported cases** where infected overseas, all are **Malaysians**. Of the 11 **local transmission cases**, three (3) are among Malaysians and eight (8) are among non-Malaysians.

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

- Sarawak – 2 cases
  - 1 case: Symptomatic screening of an individual who was then tested in a medical centre in Kuching and admitted into Sarawak General Hospital when detected positive for COVID-19.
  - 1 case: Close contact to Case 8,694, from the Engineering Cluster in Kuching, detail shown below.
- Sabah – 1 case: Screening of a patient referred to Keningau Hospital.

The local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (8 cases) are from the screening of detainees who were close contacts of Case 8,629 and Case 8,630 at the Sepang Immigration Detention Centre.

Currently, three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs) and **two (2) patients are on ventilation support.**

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **122 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.39% of total cumulative cases).

### **Engineering Cluster in Kuching**

MOH would like to inform of a new cluster detected at an engineering company in Kuching. As of 12 July 2020, 12 pm, two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in this cluster.

The first case of this cluster (Case 8,694) is an employee at the company who had received treatment at a medical centre on 9 July 2020 because of respiratory tract symptoms. The patient was detected to be positive for COVID-19 on the same day.

Following that, investigation and close contact screening were conducted. To date, a total of 32 close contacts have been identified and screened. They consisted of 16 colleagues and 16 family members. The results of the screening are as follows:

- 1 confirmed COVID-19 case
- 16 individuals tested negative
- 15 individuals still awaiting results

Preventive measures such as the cleaning and disinfection have been carried out at the company's premises. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

### **Current Status of the Bukit Jalil and Sepang Immigration Detention Centre Clusters**

As of 12 June 2020, 12 pm, a total of eight (8) new confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported at the Sepang Immigration Detention Centre Cluster bringing the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases to 72 cases out of 1,477 individuals screened.

These eight (8) cases were detected from the screening of 115 detainees. This was a repeat screening i.e. screening of 115 close contacts among detainees placed in Block C on 10 July 2020. All of the confirmed cases are non-Malaysians. They were already isolated at the Sepang Immigration Detention Centre and now have been admitted to the hospital for further management; and therefore, **pose no risk of spreading the infection to the community.**

MOH would like to update on the latest status of the two Immigration Detention Centre clusters that are still active i.e. in Bukit Jalil and Sepang (**Table 1**).

**Table 1** Current status of COVID-19 screening at Bukit Jalil and Sepang Immigration Detention Centres

	<b>Individuals screened</b>	<b>Tested positive</b>	<b>Tested negative</b>	<b>Awaiting results</b>	<b>Non-M'sians</b>
<b>Bukit Jalil</b>	1,661	649	1,012	0	646
<b>Sepang</b>	1,477	72	1,405	0	72

The confirmed COVID-19 cases among non-Malaysians in both the Immigration Detention Centres are from the following nationalities:

- 191 Indian nationals
- 173 Indonesian nationals
- 160 Bangladeshi nationals
- 91 Myanmar nationals
- 65 Pakistanis nationals
- 12 Sri Lankan nationals
- 5 Nepalese nationals
- 5 Philippine nationals
- 4 Cambodian nationals
- 3 Egyptian nationals
- 3 Nigerian nationals
- 2 Vietnamese nationals
- 1 each from Laos, Libya, Syria and Japan

### **Health Advisory on COVID-19**

Although the local transmission of the COVID-19 infection is under control, 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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## Appendix 1

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

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	98
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	9 (1)	2,088
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	1 (1)	257
Johor	0	699
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	157
Sabah	1	380
Sarawak	2	579
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,445
WP Putrajaya	1 (1)	98
WP Labuan	0	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 (3)</b>	<b>8,718</b>

\*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case