



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **one (1) case** has fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,520 confirmed COVID-19 cases have recovered** (97.7% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

13 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **seven (7) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,725 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 83 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the seven (7) additional cases reported today, six (6) are **imported cases** who were infected overseas, involving two (2) Malaysians and five (5) non-Malaysians (permanent residents or allowed to enter Malaysia for work). The one (1) **local transmission case** is a **Malaysian**, a case from the Novgorod PUI Cluster, as detailed below.

Currently, four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs) and **three (3) 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).

Novgorod PUI Cluster

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been detected in Malacca. This cluster was identified when the third confirmed COVID-19 case was detected from close contact screening of the second confirmed COVID-19 case for this cluster.

The first case of this cluster is a Malaysian (Case 8,673) who returned to Malaysia from Russia on 5 July 2020. The result of the COVID-19 screening at the International Port of Entry was positive and the case was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital. The second case of this cluster (Case 8,718) is a friend to Case 8,673 who travelled together. They boarded the same aircraft on 5 July 2020.

The result of the COVID-19 screening for Case 8,718 at the International Port of Entry was negative. However, the case developed fever and respiratory tract symptoms on 7 July 2020. The repeat screening was positive for COVID-19.

As of 13 July 2020, there are three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases and 14 close contacts have been identified in this cluster. All 14 close contacts have been screened and tested negative for COVID-19. Investigation and active case detection are ongoing.

As informed above, there is transmission of COVID-19 infection to a family member from a case who was infected overseas (Case 8,718).

The case arrival in Malaysia on 6 July 2020 was welcomed by family members. Four (4) family members came together in their own car to pick the case up from the International Port of Entry. Investigation found that the father of case (i.e. Case 8,724) was found to be positive for COVID-19 after he developed fever, making him the third case of the Novgorod PUI Cluster.

Measures to be Taken to Reduce the Risk of Transmission of COVID-19 Infection among Family Members of Imported Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

MOH would like to remind all individuals placed under the Home Surveillance Order (HSO) to comply to all measures set out in the COVID-19 Management Guidelines in Malaysia No.5/2020 (Annex 10a and 10b: Home Assessment Tool). The measures are as follows:

- Always remain at home during the HSO period
- Restrict visitors or guests coming to the house
- Record visitors visiting the house and present the records to the health authorities if requested
- Keep a safe distance from healthy people (including family members) of at least 1 metre away
- If symptomatic, always use a facemask
- When not wearing a facemask, cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Always practice good cough hygiene
- If you need to get out of the house (e.g. to go to the clinic), wear a facemask and avoid crowded places
- Avoid using public transport, if necessary, wear a facemask
- Avoid sharing eating utensils and personal care equipment e.g. toothbrushes with others
- Wash used eating utensils with water and soap before reusing
- Ensure the house is well ventilated by opening the windows

Family members of travellers returning to Malaysia are also reminded to minimise the number of individuals welcoming and picking them up at the International Port of Entry. They must also avoid physical contact and wear facemasks throughout the journey home. If any family members or members of the same household develop symptoms, they are required to seek immediate treatment. Those with symptoms must take the initiative to remain at home and practice self-home-quarantine while practicing safe social distancing from other family members and friends.

MOH requests the cooperation of all members of the public to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 infection amongst family members or members of the same household.

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 13 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	1 (1)	99
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	4 (4)	2,092
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	1	258
Johor	0	699
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	157
Sabah	0	380
Sarawak	1 (1)	580
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,445
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	7 (6)	8,725

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case