

PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 14 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, 8,524 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (97.7% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

14 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **four (4) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,729 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.

All four (4) additional cases reported today are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving three (3) Malaysians and one (1) non-Malaysian (permanent resident or allowed to enter Malaysia for work).

Currently, six (6) 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).

Current Status of the Novgorod PUI Cluster

MOH would like to inform that two (2) additional confirmed COVID-19 case have been detected in the Novgorod PUI Cluster. One (1) case is a close contact with the index case (Case 8,673) in Novgorod, Russia, who was detected from the investigation of confirmed COVID-19 cases of this cluster.

The other additional case reported today (Case 8,727) is also an imported case. The case arrived in Malaysia on 13 July 2020 and the RTK-Antigen test at the International Port of Entry was found to be positive. The case was isolated and taken to Sungai Buloh Hospital for treatment. Investigation found that the case was also a close contact to Case 8,673 and Case 8,718 in Novgorod, Russia.

As of 14 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of 22 individuals have been screened including the five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster. All 17 close contacts have been tested and found to be negative for COVID-19. Of these close contacts, 13 individuals were identified as travelers of the same flight, and 4 individuals are family members to Case 8,718 and Case 8,724. Three (3) of these cases are hospitalised at Sungai Buloh Hospital and two (2) cases are hospitalised at Melaka Hospital. One (1) of the case at Melaka Hospital is currently in the ICU.

Further investigation and close contact tracing of the additional confirmed COVID-19 cases are still ongoing, including the close contacts in the same flight. A directive for cleaning and disinfection of the affected aircraft has been issued by the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) Health Office to the airline on 13 July 2020. The flight crew members who interacted with the confirmed cases have been informed to undergo health screening. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH urges the public to continue to remain vigilant and to practice all of the health advisories issued by the MOH, that includes:

- Avoid the 3Cs: Crowded places; Confined spaces; and Close conversations
- Practice the 3Ws: Wash hands frequently with water and soap;
 Wearing facemasks are strongly encouraged in public areas or if symptomatic;
 Warn 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 14 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	99
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	1 (1)	2,093
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	0	258
Johor	2 (2)	701
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	157
Sabah	0	380
Sarawak	0	580
WP Kuala Lumpur	1 (1)	2,446
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	4 (4)	8,729

^{*()} refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case