



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **five (5) cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,546 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (97.5% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

18 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **nine (9) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,764 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 96 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the nine (9) additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported case who were **infected overseas**, involving three (3) Malaysians and one (1) non-Malaysian (spouse to a Malaysian). The four (4) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- Indonesia – 2 cases
- Singapore – 1 case
- Pakistan – 1 case

Of the five (5) **local transmission** cases, one (1) case is a **non-Malaysian**; from pre-departure screening for overseas travel (to China). The case was asymptomatic and was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital.

The remaining four (4) local transmission cases are among **Malaysians**, detail as follows:

- Sarawak – 4 cases:
 - 1 case: Screening of close contacts in the Mambong Cluster, as detailed below.
 - 1 case: Pre-procedural screening at Bau Hospital, Kuching.
 - 2 cases: Cases from the Stutong Cluster; the detail of this new cluster is shown below.

Currently, only one (1) confirmed COVID-19 case is receiving treatment **in the intensive care unit (ICU)**, and the patient is not 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).

The Stutong Cluster

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been detected at a market in Stutong, Sarawak. As of 18 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of 218 traders have been screened, consisting of 213 Malaysians and 5 non-Malaysians:

- 3 Chinese nationals
- 1 Indonesian national
- 1 Vietnamese national

Of those screened, 56 individuals were sampled. The test results so far are as follows:

- Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 54 individuals tested negative

This cluster was detected from COVID-19 screening of traders at the market, who have been identified as a high-risk group in the targeted approach.

The market has been temporarily closed for infection prevention and control activities, including cleaning and disinfection. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

Current Status of the Mambong Cluster

As of 18 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported from the 70 individuals screened in the Mambong Cluster. The remaining 65 individuals screened are still awaiting results.

This cluster involves four (4) Malaysians and one (1) non-Malaysian i.e. a Philippine national who is the index case for this cluster (Case 8,732). The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

The Health Status of Malaysians Brought Back from New Delhi, India through the Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Mission

As posted in the status on the social media site of the Director General of Health Malaysia on 18 July 2020, the 96 individuals brought back home from New Delhi, India through the Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Mission are all in good health and without symptoms. This includes 72 males and 24 females; 92 adults and 4 children – following a health screening by healthcare workers at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

Nasopharyngeal swabs were taken at KLIA for COVID-19 testing for 88 individuals, while the remaining 8 individuals (family members of the embassy staff) had undergone pre-departure screening in India and tested negative for COVID-19.

They have all been placed at the quarantine centre at the Academy of Higher Education Leadership, Enstek, Nilai, for a period of 14 days. This 14-day mandatory quarantine is conducted at a designated quarantine centre, and not as a Home Surveillance Order, taking into account that these individuals have just returned from a country at high-risk of COVID-19 infection.

Health monitoring is conducted by healthcare workers from the Seremban District Health Office, Negeri Sembilan. This health monitoring is conducted twice a day to ensure that they remain healthy and can be allowed to return home after the completion of the quarantine period.

MOH will continue to monitor their health and inform the public of their latest status from time to time.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public not to be complacent and to continue to remain vigilant; and to always practice all of the health advisories issued by the MOH. The advisories that should be incorporated as the new normal include:

- 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 18 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)	2,099
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	0	258
Johor	0	701
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	1 (1)	158
Sabah	0	381
Sarawak	7 (2)	601
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,449
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	9 (4)	8,764

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case