



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **two (2) cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,555 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (97.2% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

20 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **21 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,800 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 122 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 21 additional cases reported today, six (6) are imported case who were **infected overseas**, involving four (4) Malaysians and two (2) non-Malaysians (allowed to enter Malaysia for work). The six (6) imported cases were travellers from:

- Philippines – 3 cases
- India – 1 case
- Russia – 1 case
- Denmark – 1 case

Of the 15 **local transmission** cases, 13 cases are among Malaysians and two (2) cases are among non-Malaysians.

Details of the local transmission COVID-19 cases among **Malaysians** (13 cases) are as follows:

- Johor – 12 cases: From the Kluang Elderly Care Home Cluster, as detailed below.
- Negeri Sembilan – 1 case: Pre-surgical screening at a medical centre. The case has been admitted into Tuanku Jaafar Hospital, Seremban.

For the local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (2 cases), details are as follows:

- Johor – 2 cases:
 - 1 case: Pre-surgical screening.
 - 1 case: From the Kluang Elderly Care Home Cluster, as detailed below.

Currently, three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment **in intensive care units** (ICUs), and one (1) patient is on ventilation support.

No additional COVID-19 death was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **123 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.40% of total cumulative cases).

The Kluang Elderly Care Home Cluster

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster was detected at an Elderly Care Home in Kluang, Johor. The first case of this cluster is the COVID-19 death reported on 19 July 2020 (Death #123; Case 8,770). Following the detection of this confirmed COVID-19 case, active case detection was conducted.

As of 20 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of 39 individuals have been screened and tested:

- 14 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 18 individuals tested negative
- 7 individuals still awaiting results

Of the confirmed cases, 13 cases are Malaysians and one (1) case is an Indonesian national. This cluster has so far involved 11 older adults (residents of the elderly care home), one (1) worker and one (1) family member.

Infection prevention and control measures have been undertaken, including cleaning and disinfection of the elderly care home. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

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.

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah
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20 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 20 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	1 (1)	100
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	260
Selangor	4 (4)	2,107
Negeri Sembilan	1	1,028
Melaka	0	258
Johor	14	716
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	158
Sabah	0	382
Sarawak	1 (1)	608
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,450
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	21 (6)	8,800

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case