



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **six (6) cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,600 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.7% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

26 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **13 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,897 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 173 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 13 additional cases reported today, three (3) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving one (1) Malaysian and two (2) non-Malaysians (allowed to enter Malaysia). The three (3) imported cases were travellers from:

- Pakistan – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Kazakhstan – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Indonesia – 1 case in Kelantan

Of the 10 **local transmission** cases, nine (9) cases are among Malaysians and one (1) case is a non-Malaysian.

Details of the local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (1 case) is as follows:

- Johor – 1 case: From the Bukit Tiram Cluster.

Details of the local transmission COVID-19 cases among **Malaysians** (9 cases) are as follows:

- Johor – 6 cases: From the Bukit Tiram Cluster.
- Pahang – 1 case: From pre-procedure screening.
- Sabah – 1 case: From screening of close contacts of Case 8,662.
- Sarawak – 1 case: From the Sentosa Cluster.

Currently, only **two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs), and **one (1) patient is on ventilation support.**

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **124 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.39% of total cumulative cases):

- **Death #124** (Case 8,743) is a 63 year old Malaysian woman, with history of hypertension, diabetes and hypercholesterolaemia. She developed fever and cough on 3 July 2020 and sought treatment on 9 July 2020. She was referred to Sarawak General Hospital on the same day and tested positive for COVID-19. Her condition deteriorated and she was pronounced dead on 26 July 2020, 12.04 am.

MOH extends its condolences to her family members.

Travellers Returning Before 24 July 2020 Urged to Comply to the Home Surveillance Order

As announced by the Senior Minister of Defense (Security Cluster) on 26 July 2020, the Government has decided that all Malaysians returning from overseas and non-Malaysians entering Malaysia (expatriates, spouses and dependents of Malaysians) must undergo mandatory quarantine for 14 days in Quarantine Stations as determined by the Government starting on 24 July 2020.

For travellers who have returned to Malaysia and had undergone the Home Surveillance Order (HSO) before 24 July 2020, they are advised to fully comply with the conditions set:

- Stay at home fully while under the quarantine period and avoid mixing with family members or other members of the household.
- If safe social distancing of at least 1 metre away from others is difficult to practice and maintain, they must wear facemasks.
- Use the MySejahtera application to conduct self-health assessment.
- The HSO bracelet must be worn at all times throughout the HSO.
- Undergo COVID-19 testing on day 13 at the nearest health clinic or private clinic accredited by MOH and obtain a copy of the results.
- On day 14, go to the nearest District Health Office (DHO) with the COVID-19 test results to be released from the HSO, and to have the HSO bracelet removed by the DHO officer.

MOH would like to inform that until 24 July 2020, a total of 17,897 travellers have been released from the HSO and the bracelet removed by the DHO. However, until 24 July 2020, there are still **2,897 travellers who have not presented at the DHO to be released from the HSO.**

The MOH at all levels, Headquarters, State Health Departments and District Health Offices, will continue to work closely with the Royal Malaysian Police to take appropriate action against individuals who have not gone to the DHO with their day-13 COVID-19 test results.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to continue to remain vigilant and to always comply to the recommendations and health advisories repeatedly emphasised by the MOH. These advisories must be incorporated into everyday life as the new normal.

- Avoid the **3Cs**: Avoid **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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26 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 26 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	100
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	262
Selangor	0	2,118
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,028
Melaka	0	258
Johor	7	737
Pahang	1	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	1 (1)	160
Sabah	1	385
Sarawak	1	650
WP Kuala Lumpur	2 (2)	2,460
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	18
Total	13 (3)	8,897

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case