**PRESS STATEMENT**
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

**Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **27 cases** have recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,644 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.3% of total cumulative cases).

**Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia**

31 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **12 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,976 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 207 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 12 additional cases reported today, five (5) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving two (2) Malaysians and three (3) non-Malaysians. The five (5) imported cases were travellers from:

- Indonesia – 3 cases; 1 each in Kuala Lumpur, Johor and Sarawak respectively. The case in Johor is an illegal immigrant.
- Qatar – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- United Kingdom – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

Of the seven (7) **local transmission cases**, five (5) cases are among **Malaysians** and two (2) cases are among non-Malaysians.

The details of the local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (5 cases) are as follows:

- Johor – 1 case: From pre-surgery screening at Sultan Ismail Hospital.
- Kedah – 2 cases: From the Sivagangga PUI Cluster.
- Selangor – 1 case: From pre-surgery screening at a medical centre.
- Negeri Sembilan – 1 case: From screening prior to transfer to a prison.

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

- Johor – 1 case: From pre-surgery screening.
- Sabah – 1 case: Death of a confirmed COVID-19 case at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, as detailed below.

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

**One (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **125 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.39% of total cumulative cases):

- **Death #125** (Case 8,974) is a 64 year old non-Malaysian man (Philippines national) with a history of health disease. He had symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath on 25 July 2020 but did not seek treatment. On 29 July 2020, he was found unconscious and was later taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Sabah where he was pronounced dead. He was found to be positive for COVID-19.

MOH extends its condolences to the family members.

**Current Status of the Sivagangga PUI Cluster**

As of 31 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of 262 individuals have been screened. Of these:

- Eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 251 individuals tested negative
- Three (3) individuals awaiting results

Of the eight (8) confirmed cases, five (5) are non-Malaysians. Investigation and active case detection is still ongoing.

**Celebrate Hari Raya Aidil Adha by Complying to the Standard Operating Procedures**

MOH wishes Selamat Hari Raya Aidil Adha to all Muslims in Malaysia, especially to all frontliners who continue to perform their duties and serve the Country during this festivity. This is also a great and noble sacrifice.

Muslims in Malaysia who perform the sacrificial ritual are advised to continue to comply with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) set by the Government. The usual Hari Raya Aidil Adha celebrations, such as travelling back to the hometowns to visit family members, performing the Eid prayers at mosques and visiting cemeteries, should be done based on the new normal.

The use of facemasks is highly recommended in crowded and confined places, especially if physical distancing is difficult to practice. Continue to maintain good personal hygiene, especially hand hygiene, by regular hand washing water and soap. This is important particularly when handling food during the Eid celebrations.

The MOH would also like to take the opportunity on this auspicious day to express appreciation to all frontliners, including MOH healthcare workers and volunteers, the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM), the Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM), the Malaysian Volunteer Department (RELA), the

Malaysian Civil Defense Department (JPAM), the Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM) and various other agencies committed to providing their services during this festive season.

The frontliners now hope that the community can play their role in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. In their prayers, thoughts, hearts and minds, all of the frontliners hope that the entire Malaysian community will undertake their social responsibility and self-compliance, to ensure that all the SOPs can be complied with fully during the festivity. Hopefully, with these new normal, we can all together control the COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia during and after the festive season.

**Health Advisory on COVID-19**

MOH advices 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 physical 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**
Director General of Health Malaysia

31 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

## Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States
(Cumulative, as of 31 July 2020, 12 pm)

| State | No. of New Cases * | Cumulative |
|---|---|---|
| Perlis | 0 | 19 |
| Kedah | 2 | 109 |
| Pulau Pinang | 0 | 121 |
| Perak | 0 | 262 |
| Selangor | 1 | 2,123 |
| Negeri Sembilan | 1 | 1,029 |
| Melaka | 0 | 258 |
| Johor | 3 (1) | 742 |
| Pahang | 0 | 370 |
| Terengganu | 0 | 114 |
| Kelantan | 0 | 160 |
| Sabah | 1 | 398 |
| Sarawak | 1 (1) | 678 |
| WP Kuala Lumpur | 3 (3) | 2,476 |
| WP Putrajaya | 0 | 98 |
| WP Labuan | 0 | 19 |
| **Total** | **12 (5)** | **8,976** |

*(  ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case