



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 1 August 2020

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **three (3) cases** have recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,647 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.2% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

1 August 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 **8,985 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 213 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the nine (9) additional cases reported today, seven (7) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving five (5) Malaysians and two (2) non-Malaysians. The seven (7) imported cases were travellers from:

- India – 2 cases in Selangor
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) – 1 case in Selangor
- Japan – 1 case in Selangor
- Switzerland – 1 case in Selangor
- Philippines – 1 case in Perak
- Pakistan – 1 case in Perak

Of the two (2) **local transmission cases**, one (1) case is among **Malaysians** and one (1) case is among non-Malaysians.

The details of the local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (1 case) – Case is from Kedah, from the Sivagangga PUI Cluster.

The details of the local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (1 case) – Case in Selangor, from the Bukit Tiram Cluster, as detailed below.

Currently, two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in the 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 **125 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.39% of total cumulative cases).

First Case Outside of Johor for the Bukit Tiram Cluster

As of 1 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 135 individuals have been screened. Of these:

- 10 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 124 individuals tested negative
- 1 individual awaiting results

Of the 10 confirmed cases, four (4) are non-Malaysians. The additional confirmed case reported today (Case 8,977) is a close contact to the Case 8,893 from Johor. Through the investigation and active contact detection conducted by the District Health Office, Case 8,893 had stayed in the house of Case 8,977 from 16 July 2020 until 19 July 2020 in Selangor. Thus, the case was identified and given a Home Surveillance Order (HSO).

A second COVID-19 screening test was conducted when Case 8,977 developed symptoms of cough and sore throat. The case tested positive for COVID-19 and admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital.

The breakdown of cases and close contacts by states are as follows:

State	No. of close contacts	No. of confirmed COVID-19 cases
Johor	69	9
Melaka	11	0
Selangor	18	1
Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya	21	0
Terengganu	6	0
Total	125	10

Mandatory Use of Facemasks from 1 August 2020

MOH would like to inform that the Government has made it mandatory to wear facemasks in public transport and in crowded public areas from 1 August 2020. This is one of the strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection in Malaysia. Individuals who do not comply to this directive will face a fine of RM1,000 under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 [Act 342].

However, it should be remembered that the use of facemasks should be practiced together with regular good hand hygiene and safe physical distancing of at least one (1) metre from others.

There are two types of facemasks that can be used for the purpose of prevention, namely medical facemasks and non-medical facemasks.

1. **Medical facemasks** such as the 3-ply surgical masks, should be used by healthcare workers (HCWs), individuals with respiratory tract

infection symptoms, high-risk groups such as older adults (i.e. those age 60 years and above), and those with chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

2. The **use of non-medical facemasks** is recommended for individuals who do not have symptoms but are in places where physical distancing is difficult to practice.

There are also fabric non-medical facemasks on the market. However, these may not meet the criteria recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). Such facemasks can be worn by the public, but their effectiveness may vary depending on the type of material and number of layers of the fabric used. It is important to note that facemasks should not be shared with others. All facemasks need to be worn and disposed of properly.

Facemasks should not be worn by children less than two (2) years of age, by individuals who may have difficulty breathing, individuals who are unconscious, disabled, or unable to remove facemasks without assistance.

The public is requested to give full cooperation to the Government in combating the current situation. “United we are strong, separated we will fall” (*Bersatu kita teguh, bercerai kita roboh*) is a proverb that will determine the success or failure of Malaysia in facing the COVID-19 pandemic that is affected all countries globally.

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 now mandatory in public areas or highly recommended 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.

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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 1 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	19
Kedah	1	110
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	2 (2)	264
Selangor	6 (5)	2,129
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,029
Melaka	0	258
Johor	0	742
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	398
Sarawak	0	678
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,476
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	19
Total	9 (7)	8,985

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case