



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 7 August 2020

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **15 cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,728 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.3% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

7 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **25 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,063 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 210 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 25 additional cases reported today, nine (9) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving eight (8) Malaysians and one (1) non-Malaysian. The nine (9) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- Philippines – 4 cases in Sabah
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) – 1 case in Selangor
- Turkey – 1 case in Selangor
- Djibouti, East Africa – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Australia – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

- Yemen – 1 case in Sarawak

Of the 16 **local transmission cases**, 15 cases are amongst Malaysians and case (1) case a non-Malaysian.

The details of the local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (15 cases) are as follows:

- Perlis – 10 cases: From the Sivagangga PUI Cluster.
- Kedah – 1 case: From the Sivagangga PUI Cluster.
- Pulau Pinang – 1 case: From the Sivagangga PUI Cluster, as detailed below.
- Perak – 2 cases: From Influenza Like Illness (ILI) screening at sentinel clinics.
- Kuala Lumpur – 1 case: From symptomatic screening. The case was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital.

The local transmission **non-Malaysian** case (1 case) is from screening of illegal migrant detainees in Johor.

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

No additional COVID-19 death was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **125 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.38% of total cumulative cases).

Additional Confirmed Cases in Perlis and Pulau Pinang Closely Related to the Sivagangga PUI Cluster

MOH would like to inform an additional 13 confirmed COVID-19 cases for the Sivagangga PUI Cluster. Of these, 12 cases are reported today. As of 7 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 3,246 individuals have been screened in this cluster. Of these:

- 43 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 2,320 individuals tested negative
- 883 individuals awaiting results

A total of 1,884 close contacts have been identified and will be tested in Perlis and Pulau Pinang, following the additional cases reported today.

The breakdown of confirmed COVID-19 cases by states is as follows:

- 31 cases in Kedah
- 11 cases in Perlis
- 1 case in Pulau Pinang

Ten (10) additional cases were reported in Perlis today, as well as Case 9,002 reported in Perlis on 4 August 2020, are from one family. Therefore, all 11 cases in Perlis are from the Sivagangga PUI Cluster.

Investigation found that one of the family members (i.e. Case 9,054, a second-generation infection case) is a regular customer of the stall belonging to the Case 8,976 (first-generation case of this cluster). This makes the Case 9,054 as the second-generation case and the 10 family members of Case 9,054 case are the third generation of this cluster. All these 10 additional cases were asymptomatic and have been admitted into Tuanku Fauziah Hospital, Perlis for treatment.

One (1) additional case in Kedah (Case 9,053) is a close contact (wife) to Case 9,035 case that was reported on 6 August 2020; while one (1) additional case in Pulau Pinang (Case 9,052) was screened because on 30 July 2020 the case was back at his/her hometown, one of the areas currently under the implementation of administrative Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO).

Close contact screening and active case detection is still ongoing. Preventive measures such as cleaning and disinfection are carried out in areas that have been identified as closely related to this cluster.

The current situation of this cluster will be communicated to the public from time to time. The public is requested to check the validity of the information received before acting on and disseminating the information.

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 (starting from 1 August 2020 as directed by the National Security Council) 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 7 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	10	30
Kedah	1	132
Pulau Pinang	1	122
Perak	2	266
Selangor	2 (2)	2,132
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,031
Melaka	0	258
Johor	1	744
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	4 (4)	410
Sarawak	1 (1)	679
WP Kuala Lumpur	3 (2)	2,496
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	21
Total	25 (9)	9,063

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case