



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **nine (9) cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,784 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.7% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

9 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **13 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,083 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 174 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 13 additional cases reported today, nine (9) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving five (5) Malaysians and four (4) non-Malaysians. The nine (9) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- China – 2 cases in Kuala Lumpur
- India – 2 cases in Kuala Lumpur
- Japan – 2 cases; 1 case in Kuala Lumpur and 1 case in Selangor
- Ireland – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Indonesia – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

- Yemen – 1 case in Sarawak

All **four (4) local transmission cases** are among **Malaysians**. The details are as follows:

- Pulau Pinang – 3 cases:
 - Two (2) cases: From the Sivagangga Cluster.
 - One (1) case: From the Kurau Cluster, as detailed below.
- Putrajaya – 1 case: From the Meranti Cluster, as detailed below.

Currently, only **one (1) confirmed COVID-19 case** is receiving treatment in the intensive care unit (ICU), and **no patient is on 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).

Two (2) New Clusters Reported Today

MOH would like to inform that two (2) new clusters have been identified today:

1. The Kurau Cluster

Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases have been detected in this cluster. The first case of this cluster (Case 9,050) was reported on 7 August 2020. The second case of this cluster (Case 9,082) is the brother-in-law of Case 9,050, detected through active case detection and screening of close contacts. His whole family in Pulau Pinang were screened, and he was found to be positive for COVID-19 on 9 August 2020; however, his family members (5 individuals) were tested negative.

So far, a total of 115 individuals who were close contacts have been screened. Of these:

- 106 individuals tested negative
- 9 individuals awaiting results.

Active case detection and screening of close contacts are still ongoing.

2. The Meranti Cluster

This cluster was first detected when Case 9,083, a healthcare worker (HCW), was tested positive for COVID-19 on 8 August 2020. This case had close contact with Case 8,968, a confirmed COVID-19 case detected through pre-surgery screening (reported on 31 July 2020). Investigation of Case 8,968 found that the case had a history of seeking treatment at the health facility where Case 9,083 was on duty. Close contact screening and active case detection are underway, and so far, 15 individuals have been screened. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

Latest Status for the Sivagangga PUI Cluster

As of 9 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 4,636 individuals have been screened in this cluster, and of these, there are 45 confirmed COVID-19 cases. The breakdown of screening by States is as follows:

1. Kedah (4,078 individuals screened):
 - 31 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 4,020 individuals tested negative
 - 27 individuals awaiting results
2. Perlis (390 individuals screened):
 - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 379 individuals awaiting results

3. Pulau Pinang (168 individuals screened):
- Three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 85 individuals tested negative
 - 80 individuals waiting results

Close contact screening and active case detection are 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.

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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9 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 9 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	30
Kedah	0	132
Pulau Pinang	3	125
Perak	0	266
Selangor	1 (1)	2,134
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,032
Melaka	0	258
Johor	0	744
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	410
Sarawak	1 (1)	681
WP Kuala Lumpur	7 (7)	2,506
WP Putrajaya	1	99
WP Labuan	0	22
Total	13 (9)	9,083

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case