



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 10 August 2020

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **19 cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,803 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.8% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

10 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **11 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,094 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 166 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 11 additional cases reported today, five (5) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, all involving Malaysians. The five (5) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- Australia – 3 cases in Selangor
- Japan – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Singapore – 1 case in Johor

Of the six (6) **local transmission cases**, five (5) cases are among Malaysians and one (1) case is a non-Malaysian – i.e. from a workplace

screening in Selangor. The case was asymptomatic and has been admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital, Selangor.

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

- Johor – 1 case: From pre-surgery screening at a private medical centre. The case has been admitted into Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Hospital.
- Perak – 3 cases: From the Kurau Cluster, as detailed below.
- Melaka – 1 case: From ward-admission screening at a private medical centre. The case was asymptomatic and has been admitted into Melaka Hospital.

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 (1.37% of total cumulative cases).

Current Status of the Kurau Cluster, Perak

MOH would like to inform that three (3) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases have been detected in the Kurau Cluster. All these cases were identified through active case detection and screening of close contacts of this cluster. So far, this cluster has involved two states i.e. Perak and Pulau Pinang.

These additional cases are the family members of the first case of this cluster (Case 9,050) i.e. younger brother, a relative by marriage and a 2-year-old nephew. The first case had close contact with all these cases during the visitation ahead of Hari Raya Aidil Adha celebration on 30 July 2020.

Case 9,095 (nephew to Case 9,050) had fever and flu since 30 July 2020. However, the other two cases were asymptomatic. These additional cases have been admitted into Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Perak.

To date, a total of 125 individuals have been screened in this cluster. Of these:

- Five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 112 individuals tested negative
- 8 individuals awaiting results

Active case detection and screening of close contacts are still ongoing. The cause of the infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

Visitation that do Not Comply with the Standard Operating Procedures is One of the Causes of Transmission of COVID-19 Infection

The Sivagangga PUI Cluster and the Kurau Cluster are two clusters that are recently showing an increasing number of COVID-19 cases, particularly after the festive season. Investigations conducted through active case detection and screening of close contacts found that the transmission of COVID-19 infection in these two clusters were largely due to visitations during the festive season. Most of the confirmed cases of these two clusters are made up of family members. Older adults and children are among those diagnosed positive in this cluster, with the age ranging from 2 to 70 years.

Visitations, although currently allowed, are still subject to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Safe physical distancing from other individuals should be practiced in all places, including between family members and relatives. Individuals who are unwell or symptomatic should not visit others or participate in any feasts and celebrations.

Since 1 August 2020, the Government has made it mandatory for the public to wear facemasks in crowded and confined public places. The

public is also encouraged to wear facemasks during visitation and where physical distancing is difficult to practice. Additionally, good self-hygiene practices such as handwashing with soap and water must also be maintained. If these advisories are followed and practiced fully with a high level of self-discipline, these can prevent further transmission of COVID-19 infection in the community and from infecting our loved ones.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH hopes that the public will continue to practice the advisories often emphasised by the MOH as the new normal in daily life. These advisories include:

- 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 10 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	30
Kedah	0	132
Pulau Pinang	0	125
Perak	3	269
Selangor	4 (3)	2,138
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,032
Melaka	1	259
Johor	2 (1)	746
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	410
Sarawak	0	681
WP Kuala Lumpur	1 (1)	2,507
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	22
Total	11 (5)	9,094

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case