



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **four (4) cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,821 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.6% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

13 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **15 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,129 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 183 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 15 additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, all involving Malaysians. The four (4) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- Indonesia – 3 cases in Selangor
- Yemen – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

Of the 11 **local transmission cases**, 10 cases are among Malaysians and one (1) case is a **non-Malaysian** in Kuala Lumpur, from an overseas pre-departure screening.

The details of the local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (10 cases) are as follows:

- Kuala Lumpur – 1 case: From pre-surgery screening at a medical centre. The case has been admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital.
- Kedah – 9 cases: From the Tawar Cluster, as detailed below.

Currently, **two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), and no patient is not 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).

The Tawar Cluster

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been identified, with cases mostly in the Tawar mukim (sub-district). The first case of this cluster (Case 9,113) is a Malaysian man who is a trader. He has a history of attending a religious ceremony commemorating the death of a family member that took place from 31 July 2020 to 1 August 2020. This ceremony was attended by an estimated 30 individuals. On 8 August 2020, Case 9,113 began to experience chest pain and fever, and immediately sought treatment at a medical centre. The COVID-19 screening test was done on 9 August 2020 and found to be positive on 11 August 2020.

Following this, active case detection and screening of close contacts were carried out. As of 13 August 2020, a total of 86 close contacts have been screened, including family members, close contacts in the medical centre and other related contacts. Of these:

- Nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 21 individuals tested negative
- 56 individuals awaiting results

All of the new cases of this cluster are the family members of the first case, of which three (3) cases were found to have symptoms. Nine (9) of the confirmed cases, including the first case, have a history of attending the religious ceremony.

Active case detection is still ongoing. Measures to prevent and control the infection, such as disinfection and decontamination have been carried out at identified locations. The cause of the infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

Current Status of the Alleged COVID-19 Positive Case in Lembah Pantai

Referring to the viralled news of an alleged COVID-19 case involving a student at a school in Seri Pantai, MOH would like to inform that the COVID-19 confirmatory test has been repeated twice in the past 24 hours, and the results were negative. Proactive action of screening of close contacts was carried out for 54 individuals involving 42 individuals in the national secondary school, 4 family members, 5 family friends and 3 healthcare workers. The results for all COVID-19 confirmatory tests for these 54 individuals were negative.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH calls on the public to 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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13 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 13 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	30
Kedah	9	143
Pulau Pinang	0	125
Perak	0	269
Selangor	3 (3)	2,142
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,032
Melaka	0	259
Johor	0	749
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	415
Sarawak	0	681
WP Kuala Lumpur	3 (1)	2,520
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	22
Total	15 (4)	9,129

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case