



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 15 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 fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,831 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.3% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

15 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **26 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,175 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 219 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 26 additional cases reported today, three (3) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving two (2) **Malaysians** and one (1) **non-Malaysian**. The three (3) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- Austria – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- USA – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Vietnam – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

Of the 23 **local transmission cases**, 20 cases are among Malaysians and three (3) cases among non-Malaysians.

The details of local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (20 cases) are as follows:

- Kedah – 14 cases:
 - 3 cases: From the Sala Cluster (a new cluster as detailed below).
 - 10 cases: From the Tawar Cluster (latest update as detailed below).
 - 1 case: From the Kuala Muda Cluster (latest update as detailed below).
- Kuala Lumpur – 2 cases:
 - 1 case: From a workplace screening.
 - 1 case: From screening of close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 8,688).
- Pulau Pinang – 2 cases: From the Tawar Cluster; screening of close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 9,129)
- Johor – 1 case: From pre-surgery screening.
- Perlis – 1 case: From pre-surgery screening.

For the local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (3 cases), details are as follows:

- Negeri Sembilan – 2 cases: From screening of detainees who are illegal migrants.
- Kuala Lumpur – 1 case: From a workplace screening.

Currently, **six (6) 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 remains **125 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.36% of total cumulative cases).

The Sala Cluster in Kedah

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been detected in the Yan District, Kedah. The first case of this cluster (Case 9,148) is a Malaysian who was found to be positive for COVID-19 on 13 August 2020 through the Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) clinical surveillance system at Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Kedah. Active case detection and screening of close contacts were conducted on 14 August 2020, and additional cases were detected on 15 August 2020. All three confirmed cases reported today are **family members** to the first case (Case 9,148).

As of 15 August 2020, 80 close contacts have been screened. Of these:

- Four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 76 individuals awaiting results

All cases for this cluster are Malaysians. Active case detection is ongoing, and preventive and control measures such as cleaning and disinfection have been carried out at the identified locations. The cause of the infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

Current Status of the Tawar Cluster

MOH would like to inform that **12 additional confirmed cases** are reported for the Tawar Cluster today, i.e. 10 cases in Kedah and two (2) cases in Pulau Pinang. Cumulatively there are now **33 confirmed COVID-19** cases in this cluster.

As of 15 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 657 individuals have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (520 individuals screened):
 - 30 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 472 individuals tested negative
 - 18 individuals awaiting results

2. Pulau Pinang (129 individuals screened):
 - Three (3) confirmed COVID-19 case
 - 119 individuals tested negative
 - 7 individuals awaiting results

3. Perak (8 individuals screened):
 - No confirmed COVID-19 case
 - 8 individuals awaiting results

Active case detection and screening of close contacts are still ongoing for this cluster and the current situation will be updated from time to time.

Current Status of the Kuala Muda Cluster

MOH would like to inform that one (1) additional confirmed COVID-19 case was reported for the Kuala Muda Cluster today. As of 15 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of **133 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. Of these, three (3) are confirmed COVID-19, 27 individuals tested negative and the remaining 103 individuals are awaiting results.

Active case detection and screening of close contacts are still ongoing for this cluster and the current situation will be updated from time to time.

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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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 15 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	1	31
Kedah	14	169
Pulau Pinang	2	128
Perak	0	269
Selangor	0	2,144
Negeri Sembilan	2	1,034
Melaka	0	259
Johor	1	750
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	415
Sarawak	0	682
WP Kuala Lumpur	6 (3)	2,529
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	22
Total	26 (3)	9,175

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case