PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **28 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,859 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.3% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

16 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 **9,200 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 216 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 25 additional cases reported today, 16 are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving 11 **Malaysians** and five (5) **non-Malaysians**. The 16 imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- Thailand – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Hong Kong – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Indonesia – 2 cases in Kuala Lumpur
- India – 3 cases; 2 cases in Selangor and 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Saudi Arabia – 3 cases in Kuala Lumpur

- Pakistan – 2 cases in Kuala Lumpur
- Yemen – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Lebanon – 1 case in Selangor
- UK – 1 case in Selangor
- Japan – 1 case in Selangor

Of the nine (9) **local transmission cases**, seven (7) cases are among Malaysians and two (2) cases among non-Malaysians.

The details of local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (7 cases) are as follows:

- Kedah – 5 cases: From the Tawar Cluster (latest update as detailed below).
- Sabah – 1 case: From pre-surgery screening in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kota Kinabalu.
- Pulau Pinang – 1 case: From the Tawar Cluster.

The local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (2 cases) are in Kuala Lumpur; from a random workplace screening conducted by the District Health Office. Both cases are restaurant workers.

The news of the closure notice of the restaurant was viralled on social media and caused some concerns among customers. The District Health Office are conducting **active case detection**, where investigation and testing will be done. The restaurant has been temporarily closed for cleaning and disinfection.

Currently, **seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, and two (2) patients are 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).

Current Status of the Tawar Cluster

MOH would like to inform that **six (6) additional confirmed cases** are reported for the Tawar Cluster today, i.e. five (5) cases in Kedah and one (1) case in Pulau Pinang. Cumulatively there are now **39 confirmed COVID-19** cases in this cluster.

As of 16 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 899 individuals have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (727 individuals screened):
   - 35 confirmed COVID-19 cases
   - 643 individuals tested negative
   - 49 individuals awaiting results

2. Pulau Pinang (164 individuals screened):
   - Four (4) confirmed COVID-19 case
   - 155 individuals tested negative
   - 5 individuals awaiting results

3. Perak (8 individuals screened):
   - No confirmed COVID-19 case
   - 5 individuals tested negative
   - 3 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.

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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16 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States
(Cumulative, as of 16 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	31
Kedah	5	174
Pulau Pinang	1	129
Perak	0	269
Selangor	5 (5)	2,149
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	259
Johor	0	750
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	1	416
Sarawak	0	682
WP Kuala Lumpur	13 (11)	2,542
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	22
Total	**25 (16)**	**9,200**

*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case