



**PRESS STATEMENT  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

**Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **23 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,925 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.6% of total cumulative cases).

**Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia**

19 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **16 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,235 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 185 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 16 additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, all involving **non-Malaysians**. These four (4) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- Bangladesh – 3 cases in Kuala Lumpur
- Philippines – 1 case in Labuan

All 12 **local transmission cases** are among **Malaysians**. The details are as follows:

- Kedah – 7 cases:
  - 4 cases: From the Tawar Cluster.
  - 3 cases: From the Sala Cluster.
- Pulau Pinang – 4 cases: From the Tawar Cluster.
- Johor – 1 case: From a ship sign-on screening. The case was asymptomatic and has been admitted into Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Hospital.

Currently, **seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, and three (3) 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 (1.35% of total cumulative cases).

### **Current Status of the Tawar Cluster and Sala Cluster**

MOH would like to inform of the current status for the Tawar and Sala Clusters, both reporting additional confirmed cases today:

#### **The Tawar Cluster**

**Eight (8) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** are reported today in Kedah (4 cases) and Pulau Pinang (4 cases). Cumulatively there are now **55 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in this cluster. As of 19 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of **1,910 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (1,560 individuals screened):
  - 44 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 1,173 individuals tested negative
  - 343 individuals awaiting results
  
2. Pulau Pinang (341 individuals screened):
  - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 316 individuals tested negative
  - 14 individuals awaiting results
  
3. Perak (9 individuals screened; last screening on 17 August 2020):
  - All 9 individuals tested negative

### **The Sala Cluster**

**Three (3) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** are reported in Kedah today; therefore, cumulatively there are now **11 confirmed COVID-19 cases**. As of 19 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of **668 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (662 individuals screened):
  - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 494 individuals tested negative
  - 157 individuals awaiting results
  
2. Pulau Pinang (6 individuals screened):
  - All 6 individuals tested negative

Active case detection and screening of close contacts for both clusters are still ongoing. The current situation will be updated from time to time.

## **Celebrate Awal Muharram and the School Holidays Safely**

Muslims will celebrate Awal Muharram or Maal Hijrah on 20 August 2020. In conjunction with this celebration and the public holiday, many members of the public may have made plans to return to their hometowns and take the opportunity to visit relatives and friends. This may include planned inter-state travel and leisure activities with family members.

Therefore, MOH urges the public to continue to comply to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) while practicing the new normal in all of these planned activities. It is advised to avoid holding any large gatherings in conjunction with the celebration and school holidays.

### **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 is 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** as the new normal:

- **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 19 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	31
Kedah	7	190
Pulau Pinang	4	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	0	2,150
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	259
Johor	1	751
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	416
Sarawak	0	682
WP Kuala Lumpur	3 (3)	2,551
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	1 (1)	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 (4)</b>	<b>9,235</b>

\*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case