



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 20 August 2020

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **seven (7) cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,932 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.7% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

20 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **five (5) additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,240 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.

All five (5) additional cases reported today are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving two (2) **Malaysians** and three (3) **non-Malaysians**. They were travellers from the following countries:

- Japan – 4 cases in Sarawak
- Bangladesh – 1 case in Selangor

No local transmission cases are reported today.

Currently, **seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, with **four (4) patients** 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).

The Alam Cluster

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been identified on board a ship in Bintulu, Sarawak. So far, a total of four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases have been detected on the ship. This cluster was detected following a COVID-19 screening that was carried out on five (5) crew members who had symptoms. Of these, four (4) individuals tested positive for COVID-19, and one (1) is still awaiting laboratory confirmation results.

All these confirmed cases are imported cases who were infected overseas, involving two (2) Malaysians and two (2) non-Malaysians. The ship on which they are working has a history of travel to Japan. The cases are being treated at Bintulu Hospital, Sarawak. Therefore, this cluster does not carry any risk of infection transmission in the community because it is an **isolated imported cluster on board a ship**.

Active case detection and screening of close contacts are ongoing. Prevention and control measures such as disinfection and decontamination have been carried out on the ship.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to remain vigilant and continue to follow the recommendations and health advisories that are often emphasised. These advisories must be incorporated as the new normal in our daily life, including:

- 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.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah
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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 20 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	31
Kedah	0	190
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	1 (1)	2,151
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	259
Johor	0	751
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	416
Sarawak	4 (4)	686
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,551
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
Total	5 (5)	9,240

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case