



## PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

### UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 21 August 2020

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

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **13 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,945 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.7% of total cumulative cases).

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

21 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **nine (9) additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,249 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 179 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the nine (9) additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, all involving **non-Malaysians**. They were travellers from the following countries:

- Philippines – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Austria – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Indonesia – 1 case in Selangor
- India – 1 case in Selangor

Of the five (5) **local transmission cases**, four (4) are Malaysians and one (1) non-Malaysian – from a pre-departure screening prior to travelling back to the country of origin. The case was asymptomatic and admitted into Sarawak General Hospital.

The details of the local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (4 cases) are as follows:

- Kedah – 3 cases: From the Tawar Cluster.
- Kuala Lumpur – 1 case: From the Maju Cluster (new cluster)

Both clusters are detailed below.

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 Maju Cluster**

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster was detected at a restaurant in Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur. The first two (2) cases of this cluster, Case 9,176 and Case 9,177, were reported on 16 August 2020. They are workers of the restaurant who were detected from of random screening of restaurant workers conducted around the city of Kuala Lumpur.

Subsequently, screening of close contacts was conducted, and an additional confirmed case in this cluster was detected. The case was a customer of this restaurant, developed symptoms (sore throat and headache) since 17 August 2020 and was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital.

To date, a total of 672 individuals have been screened, i.e. 16 workers and 656 customers. Of these:

- Three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 669 individuals tested negative

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

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

**Three (3) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** are reported in the Tawar Cluster today, bringing the cumulative number to **58 confirmed COVID-19 cases**. As of 21 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 2,733 individuals have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (2,256 individuals screened):
  - 47 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 1,985 individuals tested negative
  - 224 individuals awaiting results
2. Pulau Pinang (466 individuals screened):
  - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 430 individuals tested negative
  - 25 individuals awaiting results
3. Perak (11 individuals screened):
  - All 11 individuals tested negative

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

## 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.

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## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 21 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	31
Kedah	3	193
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	2 (2)	2,153
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	259
Johor	0	751
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	416
Sarawak	1	687
WP Kuala Lumpur	3 (2)	2,554
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 (4)</b>	<b>9,249</b>

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