



**PRESS STATEMENT  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

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

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **four (4) cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,949 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.7% of total cumulative cases).

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

22 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **eight (8) additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,257 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.

Of the eight (8) additional cases reported today, three (3) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving one (1) **Malaysian** and two (2) **non-Malaysians**. They were travellers from the following countries:

- Bangladesh – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Netherlands – 1 case in Sarawak
- Philippines – 1 case in Sabah

All five (5) **local transmission cases** involved **Malaysians** from the Tawar Cluster in Kedah – as detailed below.

Currently, **eight (8) 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).

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

**Five (5) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** are reported in the Tawar Cluster today, bringing the cumulative number to **63 confirmed COVID-19 cases**. As of 22 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of **2,942 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (2,414 individuals screened):
  - 52 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 2,227 individuals tested negative
  - 135 individuals awaiting results
  
2. Pulau Pinang (517 individuals screened):
  - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 443 individuals tested negative
  - 63 individuals awaiting results
  
3. Perak (11 individuals screened – no additional screening done since last update):
  - 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.

## **Response on the Queries on the inaccurate address of a case in Subang Jaya in the MySejahtera app**

MOH would like to inform that it has received queries on the notification of a COVID-19 case in the Subang Jaya area. A review and investigation have been carried out on the **inaccurate** location. MOH would like to confirm that the confirmed COVID-19 case was reported on 10 August 2020; the case is a non-Malaysian detected from a workplace screening. While waiting for the test results, **the employer had proactively placed the case under quarantine at a hotel in Subang Jaya**, therefore this location was registered in the MySejahtera app.

However, upon receiving the positive COVID-19 results, the registration address of the case was transferred back to the address of his residence in Bandar Tun Hussein Onn, Cheras, before he was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital. This is an important action because active case detection and screening of close contacts are conducted at the location of the case's residence i.e. Bandar Tun Hussein Onn, Cheras. This location was also updated in the MySejahtera app as the address of the case.

The MOH would like to express gratitude to the public who are using the various functions of the MySejahtera app, and the above query is evidence that the community is very concerned on the latest COVID-19 situation around them. MOH is appreciative of the public's cooperation in reporting any COVID-related issues to the MOH. MOH also advises the public to only share information that has been verified so as not to raise unnecessary panic in the community.

### **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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22 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 22 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	31
Kedah	5	198
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	0	2,153
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	259
Johor	0	751
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	1 (1)	417
Sarawak	1 (1)	688
WP Kuala Lumpur	1 (1)	2,555
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 (3)</b>	<b>9,257</b>

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