



**PRESS STATEMENT  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

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

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **10 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,959 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.7% of total cumulative cases).

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

23 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **10 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,267 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 10 additional cases reported today, eight (8) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving three (3) **Malaysians** and five (5) **non-Malaysians**. They were travellers from the following countries:

- Japan – 3 cases in Sarawak
- Indonesia – 3 cases: 2 cases in Selangor and 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Maldives – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Mexico – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

The two (2) **local transmission cases** involved **Malaysians** from the Tawar Cluster in Kedah – as detailed below.

Currently, **nine (9) 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 and Alam Cluster**

MOH would like to report on the latest updates for the Tawar Cluster and the Alam Cluster, both clusters reporting additional confirmed cases today.

### **1. The Tawar Cluster**

**Two (2) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** are reported in the Tawar Cluster today, bringing the cumulative number to **65 confirmed COVID-19 cases**. As of 23 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of **3,286 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (2,758 individuals screened):
  - 54 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 2,362 individuals tested negative
  - 342 individuals awaiting results
  
2. Pulau Pinang (517 individuals screened):
  - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 506 individuals tested negative
  
3. Perak: All 11 individuals screened tested negative

## 2. The Alam Cluster

**Three (3) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** are reported in this cluster today. As of 23 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of **27 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. Of these:

- Seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 18 individuals tested negative
- 2 individuals awaiting results

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 23 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	31
Kedah	2	200
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	2 (2)	2,155
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	259
Johor	0	751
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	417
Sarawak	3 (3)	691
WP Kuala Lumpur	3 (3)	2,558
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 (8)</b>	<b>9,267</b>

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