



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **six (6) cases** have fully recovered and discharged. **Cumulatively, 8,965 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.7% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

24 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **seven (7) additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,274 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 184 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the seven (7) additional cases reported today, two (2) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving **Malaysians**. They were travellers from the following countries:

- Philippines – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- USA – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

Of the five (5) **local transmission cases**, two (2) cases involved Malaysians and three (3) cases involved non-Malaysians. The details of the local transmission COVID-19 cases among **non-Malaysians** (3 cases) are as follows:

- Sarawak – 3 cases:
 - 2 cases: From workplace screening. The cases were asymptomatic and were admitted into Sarawak General Hospital.
 - 1 case: From a pre-departure screening prior to travel back to country of origin.

The two (2) local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (2 cases) are as follows:

- Sarawak – 2 cases:
 - 1 case: From a workplace screening. The case was asymptomatic and was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital.
 - 1 case: From a screening pre-delivery. The case was asymptomatic and was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital.

Currently, **eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, with **five (5) 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).

No Additional Confirmed Cases in the Tawar Cluster Today

MOH would like to inform that **no additional confirmed case** in the Tawar Cluster was reported today. However, screening of close contacts and activities in the field are still ongoing. As of 24 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of **3,436 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (2,907 individuals screened):

- 54 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 2,393 individuals tested negative
 - 460 individuals awaiting results
2. Pulau Pinang (518 individuals screened):
- 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 506 individuals tested negative
 - 1 individual awaiting result
3. Perak: All 11 individuals screened tested negative (no additional screening done)

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.

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 24 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	31
Kedah	0	200
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	0	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	5	696
WP Kuala Lumpur	2 (2)	2,560
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
Total	7 (2)	9,274

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case