



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 26 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 recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,978 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.6% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

26 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **six (6) additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,291 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 188 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the six (6) additional cases reported today, one (1) is an imported case who was **infected overseas** i.e. in Singapore, involving a **non-Malaysian**. This case is reported in Selangor.

All five (5) **local transmission cases** are among **Malaysians** in Kedah:

- 3 cases: From the Tawar Cluster, as detailed below.
- 1 case: From Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) screening in Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital.
- 1 case: From symptomatic screening in Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital.

Currently, **nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, with **six (6) 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 Public Health Interventions

Three (3) additional cases are reported in the Tawar Cluster in Kedah today; cumulatively there are now **73 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in this cluster. As of 26 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of **4,051 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (3,514 individuals screened):
 - 62 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 2,884 individuals tested negative
 - 568 individuals awaiting results

2. Pulau Pinang (526 individuals screened):
 - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 513 individuals tested negative
 - 2 individuals awaiting results

3. Perak: All 11 individuals screened tested negative (no additional screening done)

MOH has conducted various public health interventions including activities to prevent transmission of the COVID-19 infection. These activities are undertaken in collaboration with various other agencies. These activities were done to curb the spread of the COVID-19 infection in this cluster especially in Kedah that has reported 85% of the confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster. These activities included:

1. Intensifying active case detection;
2. Enhancing enforcement of compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs);
3. Closing of schools and premises involved, to enable disinfection and decontamination activities; and
4. Strengthening risk communication, including frequent updates on the current situation of COVID-19 affected areas through the mass media.

These activities are still ongoing in the field, including screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases. The current situation of this cluster 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 26 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	32
Kedah	5	212
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	1 (1)	2,159
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	259
Johor	0	751
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	417
Sarawak	0	696
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,560
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
Total	6 (1)	9,291

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case