



**PRESS STATEMENT  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

**UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)  
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA  
3 September 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, 9,083 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.9% of total cumulative cases).

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

3 September 2020, 12 pm – a total of **14 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,374 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 163 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 14 additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving two (2) **Malaysians** and two (2) **non-Malaysians**. They were travellers from the following countries:

- Singapore – 3 cases; 2 cases in Negeri Sembilan and 1 case in Johor.
- Philippines – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

Of the 10 **local transmission** cases, six (6) cases are among Malaysians and four (4) cases among non-Malaysians.

The details of the local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (6 cases) are as follows:

- Kedah – 4 cases:
  - 3 cases: From the Tawar Cluster.
  - 1 case: From the Telaga Cluster
- Sabah – 2 cases: From the Benteng LD Cluster.

All of the local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (4 cases) are from Sabah i.e. from the Benteng LD Cluster.

All of these clusters are detailed below.

Currently, **four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, with **three (3) patients** on ventilation support.

**No additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **128 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.37% of total cumulative cases).

### **Current Status of the Benteng LD Cluster**

MOH would like to inform of seven (7) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster. Six (6) of the seven (7) cases are reported today. Cumulatively, there are now 14 confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster.

Investigation found that one (1) confirmed COVID-19 case involving a prisoner in Tawau Prison, Sabah (Case 9,351 case that was reported on 1 September 2020) was closely related to this cluster. The case has a history of being detained at the Lahad Datu District Police Headquarters for a case mentioning trial, where he was found to have close contact with both index cases of this cluster (Case 9,344 and Case 9,345).

The six (6) additional confirmed cases reported today have been detected at the Tawau Prison. Four (4) of these cases also have a history of being

at the Lahad Datu District Police Headquarters and had close contact with the index cases. They returned to Tawau Prison on 28 August 2020 and subsequently infected two (2) new prisoners at the Tawau Prison. All these additional confirmed cases were not symptomatic and have been admitted into Tawau Hospital.

As of 3 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of 336 individuals have been screened. Of these:

- 14 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 123 individuals tested negative
- 199 individuals awaiting results

The individuals screened were of the following categories:

- 121 prisoners
- 83 prison staff
- 68 family members of staff and prisoners
- 61 police personnel
- 3 officers from other government agencies

### **Additional Confirmed Cases for the Tawar Cluster, Bunga Cluster and Telaga Cluster**

MOH would like to inform of additional confirmed cases for three clusters i.e. the Tawar Cluster, Bunga Cluster and Telaga Cluster.

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

**Three (3) additional confirmed cases** are reported today for this cluster in Kedah, with (2) cases detected from the area of the administrative Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO). Cumulatively, there are now **78 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in this cluster. As of 3 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of **18,164 individuals** have been screened in this cluster.

The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

- i. Kedah (17,619 individuals screened):
  - 67 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 17,415 individuals tested negative
  - 137 individuals awaiting results
- ii. Pulau Pinang (534 individuals screened – no new screening):
  - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 523 individuals tested negative
- iii. Perak: 11 individuals screened; no new screening. All negative.

There were no new screening in Pulau Pinang and Perak. For the area of the administrative EMCO in Amanjaya, Kedah, a total of 12,903 individuals have been screened in the three (3) zones involved (i.e. Kenanga Zone, Mawar Zone and Melur Zone). So far, three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported, with 12,867 individuals tested negative and 33 individuals are awaiting results.

## **2. The Bunga Cluster**

There are **two (2) additional confirmed cases** reported today for this cluster in Negeri Sembilan, thus cumulatively there are now **six (6) confirmed COVID-19 cases** in this cluster. As of 3 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of **55 individuals** have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

- i. Negeri Sembilan (41 individuals screened):
  - Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 34 individuals tested negative
  - 5 individuals awaiting results
- ii. Selangor (10 individuals screened):
  - Four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 6 individuals tested negative

- iii. Terengganu (4 individuals screened):
- 4 individuals tested negative

### 3. The Telaga Cluster

**One (1) additional confirmed case** is reported today for this cluster in Kedah. Cumulatively there are now **seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases** in this cluster. As of 3 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of 2,089 individuals have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

- i. Kedah (2,083 individuals screened):
- Seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 1,401 individuals tested negative
  - 675 individuals awaiting results
- ii. Pulau Pinang (6 individuals screened):
- 1 individual tested negative
  - 5 individuals awaiting results

Active case detection and screening of close contacts for all these clusters are still ongoing. The current situation of these clusters will be informed from time to time.

### Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to 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; **Warn** self and others for the following, in line with MOH's advisories:

- Avoid shaking hands or touching others, including bumping parts of the body in lieu of shaking hands
- 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 3 September 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	32
Kedah	4	222
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	0	2,175
Negeri Sembilan	2 (2)	1,036
Melaka	0	262
Johor	1 (1)	752
Pahang	0	371
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	6	432
Sarawak	0	699
WP Kuala Lumpur	1 (1)	2,592
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 (4)</b>	<b>9,374</b>

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