



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 16 October 2020

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **245 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 12,259 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (65.4% of total cumulative cases). The breakdown of cases that have recovered by states is as follows:

- Sabah (106 cases)
- Selangor (59 cases)
- Kedah (53 cases)
- WP Labuan (8 cases)
- Sarawak (6 cases)
- Melaka (5 cases)
- Terengganu (3 cases)
- Kelantan (3 cases)
- Pahang (1 case)
- Perlis (1 case)

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

16 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of **629 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are **18,758 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are currently **6,323 active**

and infective COVID-19 cases. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Examining the breakdown of the number of cases reported today, Sabah continues to report the highest number of cases at 489 cases (77.7%). More laboratory results have been obtained today e.g. laboratories in Sabah have conducted 3,296 tests yesterday and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (TUDM) assisted in sending 5,340 samples to Peninsular Malaysia for immediate processing. Meanwhile, the states in the Klang Valley accounted for 9.5% of the total number of cases i.e. Selangor reported 50 cases, Kuala Lumpur 8 cases and WP Putrajaya 2 cases. All these states are under the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO).

In total, 38 cases (6%) today are from the Tembok Cluster, Penjara Reman Cluster and Penjara Seberang Perai Cluster. These cases are isolated in prisons.

Of the 629 additional cases reported today, **two (2)** are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, both Malaysians who were travellers from:

- New Zealand – 1 case reported in Kuala Lumpur
- Singapore – 1 case reported in Kuala Lumpur

Of the 627 **local transmission** cases, 577 cases are Malaysians and 50 cases are non-Malaysians.

Of the total number of cases today, 16 cases are returnees from Sabah, which makes the total number of cases reported to have a history of travel to Sabah since 20 September 2020 is 437 cases.

The details of the local transmission COVID-19 cases are as follows:

- **Sabah: 489 cases**
 - 260 cases from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 71 cases from existing clusters.
 - 158 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Selangor: 50 cases**
 - 25 cases from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 8 cases from the **Merbok Cluster**, a new cluster.
 - 6 cases from existing clusters.
 - 6 cases from screening of returnees from high-risk areas (Sabah).
 - 5 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Pulau Pinang: 33 cases**
 - 32 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 1 case from screening of lockup detainees.

- **WP Labuan: 19 cases**
 - 9 cases from the Bah Bundle Cluster.
 - 6 cases from screening of returnees from high-risk areas (Sabah).
 - 3 cases from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 1 case from ship sign-off screening.

- **Kuala Lumpur: 8 cases**
 - 3 cases from screening of returnees from high-risk areas (Sabah).
 - 1 case from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 4 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Perak: 9 cases**
 - 5 cases from the **Buntar Cluster**, a new cluster.
 - 4 cases from the **Lekir Cluster**, a new cluster.

- **Kedah: 7 cases**
 - 6 cases from the Tembok Cluster.
 - 1 case from Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) screening.

- **Johor: 5 cases**
 - 2 cases from the Simera Cluster.
 - 1 case from screening of returnees from high-risk areas (Sabah).
 - 1 case from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 1 case from symptomatic screening.

- **Melaka: 3 cases**
 - 2 cases from the Utama Cluster.
 - 1 case from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases.

- **WP Putrajaya: 2 cases**
 - 1 case from the **Buntar Cluster**, a new cluster.
 - 1 case from the Selasih Cluster.

- **Negeri Sembilan: 1 case** from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases.

- **Sarawak: 1 case** from a ship sign-on screening.

Currently, **99 confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), with **31 patients on ventilation support**.

Regretfully, six (6) additional COVID-19 deaths were reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **176 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (0.9% of total cumulative cases).

Summary of the deaths reported today is shown in the following table:

Death #	Case	State	Sex	Age (years)	Hospital	Medical History
171	11,628	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	66	Queen Elizabeth	Hypertension, diabetes & stroke
172	15,853	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	72	Duchess of Kent	Heart disease

Death #	Case	State	Sex	Age (years)	Hospital	Medical History
173	18,618	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	39	Semporna	Stroke
174	18,616	Sabah	Female (M'sian)	74	Queen Elizabeth	Hypertension, diabetes & kidney disease
175	18,617	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	67	Queen Elizabeth	Hypertension, heart disease & stroke
176	18,676	Kuala Lumpur	Male (Non-M'sian)	52	University of Malaya Medical Centre	Diabetes, heart disease, psoriasis & spinal disease

MOH extends its condolences to all their family members.

Three New Clusters Reported Today

MOH would like to inform that **three new clusters** have been identified today.

1. The Lekir Cluster

This new cluster involves the Manjung district in Perak. The index case for this cluster (Case 17,528) was detected positive for COVID-19 through symptomatic screening on 14 October 2020 and was admitted into the Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Ipoh. Screening of close contacts has identified five (5) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 16 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 144 individuals have been screened, of which:

- Six (6) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 2 individuals tested negative
- 136 individuals awaiting results

2. The Buntar Cluster

This new cluster involves the Kuala Muda district in Kedah, the Kerian district in Perak, and WP Putrajaya. The index case for this cluster (Case 18,035) was detected positive for COVID-19 through symptomatic screening on 15 October 2020 and was admitted into the Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Alor Setar. Screening of close contacts has identified seven (7) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 16 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 51 individuals have been screened, of which:

- Eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 43 individuals awaiting results

3. The Merbok Cluster

This new cluster involves the Kuala Langat, Klang, Kuala Selangor and Petaling districts in Selangor. The index case for this cluster (Case 17,983) was detected positive for COVID-19 through symptomatic screening on 9 October 2020 and was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital. Screening of close contacts has identified eight (8) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 16 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 270 individuals have been screened, of which:

- Nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 261 individuals awaiting results

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to continue to comply to 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, 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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16 October 2020 @ 5.30 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 16 October 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Sabah	489	6,286
Selangor	50	3,014
WP Kuala Lumpur	10 (2)	2,824
Kedah	7	1,890
Negeri Sembilan	1	1,096
Johor	5	834
Sarawak	0	759
Pulau Pinang	33	402
Pahang	1	387
Perak	9	383
Melaka	3	281
Kelantan	0	173
Terengganu	0	157
WP Putrajaya	2	123
WP Labuan	19	111
Perlis	0	38
Total	629 (2)	18,758

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases

Current Status of Active Clusters with Additional Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Reported Today
(16 October 2020)

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Non-M'sians	Total deaths
1. Ramai-Ramai	Sabah	Sandakan	39	156	681	139 (0)	17	16	0
2. Penjara Reman	Pulau Pinang	Timur Laut	27	217	2,683	216 (0)	0	21	1
3. Kasih	Sabah	Lahad Datu	11	45	1,861	45 (0)	0	3	0
4. Benteng LD	Sabah	Lahad Datu, Tawau, Sandakan, Kinabatangan, Tuaran	9	1,040	16,449	232 (0)	807	390	1
5. Bah Bundle	WP Labuan, Johor	Labuan, Johor Bahru	9	17	494	16 (0)	1	1	0
6. Tembok	Kedah, Perak	Kota Setar, Baling, Kuala Muda, Sungai Petani, Kubang Pasu,	6	1,525	6,971	1,295 (9)	229	92	1

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Non-M'sians	Total deaths
		Larut Matang & Selama							
7. Tujuh Serangkai	Sabah	Tuaran	5	94	2,315	77 (0)	16	0	1
8. Penjara Seberang Perai	Pulau Pinang	Seberang Perai Selatan	5	28	530	28 (1)	0	5	0
9. Utama	Selangor, Melaka	Gombak, Hulu Langat, Petaling, Alor Gajah	3	135	572	135 (0)	0	107	0
10. Jalan Meru	Selangor, Johor, Kelantan, WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya, Pahang	Hulu Langat, Klang, Gombak, Petaling, Hulu Selangor, Kuala Selangor, Johor Bahru, Kota Bharu, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai,	3	107	1,004	54 (0)	53	1	0

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Non-M'sians	Total deaths
		Kepong, Cheras, Temerloh							
11. Bestari	Sabah	Sandakan	3	23	55	17 (0)	6	0	0
12. Simera	Terengganu, Pahang, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Perak, Johor	Besut, Kuantan, Petaling, Klang, Hulu Langat, Gombak, Port Dickson, Manjung, Hilir Perak, Johor Bahru	2	33	549	32 (0)	1	2	0
13. Khazanah	Sabah	Lahad Datu	2	18	1439	18 (0)	0	0	0
14. Sungei Way	Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur	Petaling, Klang, Gombak,	1	33	251	32 (0)	1	0	0

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		Hulu Langat, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai, Cheras								
15.	Bah Manggis	Sabah, Selangor	Tawau, Kuala Langat	1	29	580	28 (0)	1	1	0
16.	Tanamera	Sabah	Tawau	1	29	84	20 (0)	9	4	0
17.	Selasih	WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya, Selangor, Johor, Negeri Sembilan	WP Putrajaya, Sepang, Johor Bahru, Seremban	1	20	290	15 (0)	5	0	0
18.	Kau Sing	Sabah	Tawau	1	16	52	10 (0)	6	4	0