



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA

As of 4 February 2020, 10 am, the Ministry of Health (MOH) have confirmed **two (2) additional cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** that was reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC).

About the additional confirmed cases

Case 9

He is a 63 year-old male Chinese national from Wuhan, who arrived at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) on 18 January 2020. He reported developing fever on 23 January 2020, and sought out-patient treatment at a private hospital in Kuala Lumpur. This case was reported to MOH and he was placed under home surveillance (under the Observation and Surveillance Order) for 14 days. The fever persisted and on 2 February 2020, he was transferred to Kuala Lumpur Hospital for further treatment. Subsequent test results confirmed 2019-nCoV on 3 February 2020. The patient remains in the isolation ward and in a stable condition.

Case 10

He is a 41 year-old male Malaysian, with a travelling history to a neighbouring country from 16 to 23 January 2020 for an international meeting that included attendees from China. He returned back to Malaysia on 23 January 2020. He sought treatment at a private healthcare facility on 29 January 2020 for fever and cough. He was then referred to Sungai Buloh Hospital and admitted into the isolation ward on 2 February 2020. Subsequent test results confirmed 2019-nCoV on 3 February 2020, and the patient remains in a stable condition. MOH Malaysia has communicated with the MOH of the neighbouring country, and they have confirmed that contact tracing activities have been initiated.

MOH Malaysia is working closely with their counterpart to identify the possible source of infection.

Current status in Malaysia

With this two (2) additional cases, the total cumulative confirmed 2019-nCoV cases in Malaysia is **ten cases**; five (5) from amongst Patient-Under-Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV infection, and five (5) from amongst close contacts. Out of these, nine (9) were Chinese nationals and 1 (one) Malaysian.

Since screening for travellers was started on 10 January 2020, up to 4 February 2020, 10 am, the total cumulative PUI for 2019-nCoV infection was 213 individuals; of which 122 are Malaysians, 86 Chinese nationals, and one (1) each from Australia, Republic of Korea, Jordan, Brazil and Thailand. Five (5) cases were confirmed 2019-nCoV, 188 tested negative, and 20 cases with pending results (**Appendix 1, Table 1**).

There are currently 36 individuals who are close contacts of confirmed 2019-nCoV cases. Out of these, five (5) individuals tested positive for 2019-nCoV and were admitted to the isolation wards in Hospital Sungai Buloh (4) and Hospital Permai (1). They are all in stable conditions. The other 27 individuals tested negative for 2019-nCoV and four (4) results are still pending (**Appendix 1, Table 2**).

MOH will continue to closely monitor the situation and ensure that adequate steps are taken towards preventing and controlling the risk of spread of the infection in the country. We will continuously update Malaysians on the latest situation, and also urge all Malaysians to pay attention and adhere to all related health advisories issued by MOH.

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Table 1: Summary of PUI for 2019-nCoV infection
(updated 4 February 2020, 10 am)

Nationality	Positive	Negative	Pending	Total
Malaysia	1	108	13	122
China	4	75	7	86
Australia	0	1	0	1
Republic of Korea	0	1	0	1
Jordan	0	1	0	1
Brazil	0	1	0	1
Thailand	0	1	0	1
Total	5	188	20	213

Table 2: Summary of Close Contacts of Confirmed 2019-nCoV Cases
(updated 4 February 2020, 10 am)

Index Case	Positive	Negative	Pending	Total
Case positive in Singapore	4	4	0	8
Case ZJ	0	17	0	17
Case CYY	0	2	0	2
Case WJH	1	4	0	5
Case OKL	0	0	1	1
Case JH	0	0	3	3
Total	5	27	4	36

Note: Contact tracing is currently undergoing for Case 9 and Case 10