



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

As of 5 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 11 and 12

The two (2) confirmed 2019-nCoV cases were detected amongst the Malaysians evacuated from Wuhan through the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission mounted by the Malaysian government on 4 February 2020. Both patients have been admitted to the isolation ward at Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital in Seremban and are in stable conditions.

Current status in Malaysia

With this two (2) additional cases, the total cumulative confirmed 2019-nCoV cases in Malaysia is **twelve cases**; five (5) from amongst Patient-Under-Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV infection, five (5) from amongst close contacts, and now two (2) from amongst Malaysians evacuated through the HADR from Wuhan. Out of these, nine (9) were Chinese nationals and 3 (three) Malaysians.

Since screening for travellers was started on 10 January 2020, up to 5 February 2020, 10 am, the total cumulative PUI for 2019-nCoV infection was 257 individuals; of which 161 are Malaysians, 91 Chinese nationals, and one (1) each from Australia, Republic of Korea, Jordan, Brazil and Thailand. Five (5) cases were confirmed 2019-nCoV, 235 tested negative, and 17 cases with pending results (**Appendix 1, Table 1**).

As of 5 February 2020, 10 am, 25 additional close contacts of confirmed 2019-nCoV cases were reported, resulting in a cumulative of 61 individuals. Out of these, five (5) individuals tested positive for 2019-nCoV and 56 individuals tested negative (**Appendix 1, Table 2**).

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission

A total of 107 individuals (88 Malaysians and 19 non-Malaysian family members) were evacuated from Wuhan, involving 26 mission officers (6 medical personnel, 1 from the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), 1 from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 12 crew members and 6 officers from the Malaysian embassy in China). They all underwent the 2019-nCoV infection screening process and clinical samples were obtained. As mentioned earlier, two (2) Malaysians were confirmed 2019-nCoV cases, whilst the remaining 131 individuals tested negative. They are all currently under a 14-day quarantine and observation.

Laboratory capacity

Initially, laboratory testing to detect and confirm 2019-nCoV infections were limited to the Institute for Medical Research (IMR) and the National Public Health Laboratory (MKAK) Sungai Buloh. Currently a total of 12 hospital laboratories and four (4) public health laboratories throughout Malaysia have capacity, following training by IMR using the protocol set out by the World Health Organization. The testing capacity will be further extended to include private laboratory networks, that will be undergoing training organised by the MKAK Sungai Buloh on 6 February 2020.

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Table 1: Summary of PUI for 2019-nCoV Infection
(updated 5 February 2020, 10 am)

| Nationality | Positive | Negative | Pending | Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Malaysian | 1 | 147 | 13 | 161 |
| China | 4 | 83 | 4 | 91 |
| Others | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 5 | 235 | 17 | 257 |

Table 2: Summary of Close Contacts of Confirmed 2019-nCoV Cases
(updated 5 February 2020, 10 am)

| Nationality | Positive | Negative | Pending | Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Malaysian | 0 | 26 | 0 | 26 |
| China | 5 | 30 | 0 | 35 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 5 | 56 | 0 | 61 |

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