



## **PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

As of 7 February 2020, 10 am, the Ministry of Health (MOH) have confirmed **one (1) additional case of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** that was reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC).

#### **About the additional confirmed cases**

##### **Case 15**

She is a 59 year-old female Chinese national from Wuhan, China. Together with her husband, son and daughter-in-law, they arrived in Singapore on 17 January 2020, and entered Malaysia via Johor Bahru on 21 January 2020, where she remained mostly within her holiday accommodation. She developed a fever on 26 January 2020 but didn't seek treatment at any healthcare facilities. Her son had purchased some over-the-counter medication at a nearby pharmacy. They were originally scheduled to fly back to Guangzhou, China via Johor Bahru on 4 February 2020; however Case 15 and her husband decided to postpone due to her symptoms, whilst her son and daughter-in-law flew back as planned.

She remained symptomatic despite the over-the-counter medication, and on 5 February 2020, the manager of the accommodation informed the District Health Office. She was then referred to Permai Hospital, Johor Bharu for further management and admitted to the isolation ward. Subsequent test results confirmed 2019-nCoV on 6 February 2020. She is currently in a stable condition. Her husband was also admitted to the isolation ward in the same hospital. He remained asymptomatic and his test result is still pending.

#### **Current status in Malaysia**

With this one (1) additional case, the total cumulative confirmed 2019-nCoV cases in Malaysia is **15 cases**; six (6) from amongst Patient-Under-Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV infection, seven (7) from amongst close contacts, and two (2) from amongst Malaysians evacuated through the HADR from Wuhan. Out of these, eleven (11) were Chinese nationals and four (4) Malaysians.

Since screening for travellers was started on 10 January 2020, up to 7 February 2020, 10 am, the total cumulative PUI for 2019-nCoV infection was 313 individuals; of which 198 are Malaysians, 107 Chinese nationals, and one (1) each from Australia, Republic of Korea, Jordan, Brazil, Canada, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Thailand. Seven (7) cases were confirmed 2019-nCoV, 297 tested negative, and nine (9) cases with pending results (**Appendix 1, Table 1**).

As of 7 February 2020, 10 am, 19 additional close contacts of confirmed 2019-nCoV cases were reported, resulting in a cumulative of 96 individuals. Out of these, six (6) individuals tested positive for 2019-nCoV, 74 individuals tested negative, and 16 individuals pending results (**Appendix 1, Table 2**).

### **Advisory to limit visiting hospitals**

To prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV within hospitals, the general public, particular high-risk individuals, are advised to limit hospital visits especially for non-essential matters. High-risk individuals include:

1. Children, 2 years and below;
2. Elderly, 65 years and above;
3. Patients with chronic diseases;
4. Immunocompromised patients; and
5. Pregnant women

If hospital visits become necessary, good personal hygiene must always be practiced, particularly for the high-risk individuals:

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth frequently, without washing hands before and after;
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds) or sanitisers;

- Practice good cough etiquette – cover mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing, dispose tissue appropriately after use and wash hands immediately; and
- Individuals with upper respiratory tract infection symptoms must wear a face-mask and keep a safe distance (of at least 1 metre) from other people.

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**Table 1: Summary of PUI for 2019-nCoV Infection**  
(updated 7 February 2020, 10 am)

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Total</b>
Malaysian	1	191	6	188
China	6	99	2	95
Others	0	7	1	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>290</b>

**Table 2: Summary of Close Contacts of Confirmed 2019-nCoV Cases**  
(updated 7 February 2020, 10 am)

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Total</b>
Malaysian	1	41	5	47
China	5	33	11	49
Others	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>96</b>

**Note:** The Press Statement on 5 February 2020 has informed of two (2) confirmed 2019-nCoV cases amongst Malaysians evacuated from Wuhan through the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission. The remaining 131 individuals tested negative for 2019-nCoV.