



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

As of 9 February 2020, 12 pm, the Ministry of Health (MOH) has 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 case

Case 17

She is a 65 year-old female Malaysian, who is the mother-in-law of Case 9. She has a medical history of hypertension, diabetes, stroke, cardiovascular disease with a pacemaker, with limited mobility. She had direct contact with Case 9 during the Chinese New Year celebrations with other family members during the time period of 26 to 28 January 2020.

She remained at home from 29 January to 4 February 2020. She started complaining of headache, sweating and lethargy on 5 February 2020, but no fever. She was brought for treatment at a nearby private hospital and was allowed to return home with a follow-up date on 7 February 2020. However, as soon as Case 9 was confirmed positive for 2019-nCoV infection, she was immediately tracked by the District Health Office team. Investigation found that she didn't have any travel history to China and clinical samples were taken from all family members who are close contacts. Subsequent test results confirmed 2019-nCoV on 8 February 2020, while other family members were found to be negative.

She was admitted to the isolation ward in Sungai Buloh Hospital and currently in a stable condition. Contact tracing activities are still on-going.

Current status in Malaysia

With this one (1) additional case, the total cumulative confirmed 2019-nCoV cases in Malaysia is **17 cases**; six (7) from amongst Patient-Under-Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV infection, eight (8) from amongst close contacts, and two (2) amongst Malaysians evacuated through the HADR from Wuhan. Out of these, 12 were Chinese nationals and five (5) Malaysians.

Since screening for travellers was started on 10 January 2020, up to 9 February 2020, 12 pm, the total cumulative PUI for 2019-nCoV infection was 365 individuals; of which 240 are Malaysians, 117 Chinese nationals, and one (1) each from Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, Jordan, Republic of Korea and Thailand. Seven (7) cases were confirmed 2019-nCoV, 341 tested negative, and 17 cases pending results (**Appendix 1, Table 1**).

As of 9 February 2020, 12 pm, one (1) close contact of confirmed 2019-nCoV cases was reported, resulting in a cumulative of 97 individuals. Out of these, eight (8) individuals tested positive for 2019-nCoV, 88 individuals tested negative, and 1 individual pending result (**Appendix 1, Table 2**).

The four (4) family members cases who are related to the first positive case of 2019-nCoV reported in Singapore, and currently admitted in the isolation wards of Sungai Buloh Hospital are all well and free of symptoms. Two (2) cases have negative results on two repeated tests for 2019-nCoV infection, while the remaining two (2) cases are still awaiting repeat testing. Once results are negative for 2 repeated tests, the cases will be considered for discharge.

While confirmed 2019-nCoV cases are continuously being reported, the MOH would like to assure Malaysians that the situation is under control. There is currently no reports of sustained human-to-human infection and isolated infection in Malaysia. MOH will continue to cooperate and collaborate with all ministries, agencies and organisations to strengthen Malaysia's readiness and response to the 2019-nCoV infection in the country. MOH expresses gratitude to all ministries, agencies and organisations involved in preventing the spread of 2019-nCoV infection in Malaysia.

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Table 1: Summary of PUI for 2019-nCoV Infection
(updated 9 February 2020, 12 pm)

| Nationality | Positive | Negative | Pending | Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Malaysian | 1 | 228 | 11 | 240 |
| China | 6 | 106 | 5 | 117 |
| Others | 0 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Total | 7 | 341 | 17 | 365 |

Table 2: Summary of Close Contacts of Confirmed 2019-nCoV Cases
(updated 9 February 2020, 12 pm)

| Nationality | Positive | Negative | Pending | Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Malaysian | 2 | 45 | 1 | 48 |
| China | 6 | 43 | 0 | 49 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 8 | 88 | 1 | 97 |

Note: The Press Statement from the Minister of Health, Malaysia 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.