



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

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

Teleconference with the Director General of the World Health Organization

18 February 2020 – a teleconference call was held this afternoon together with the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

During the teleconference, Dr Tedros congratulated Malaysia on the preparedness and response in managing the COVID-19 infection and WHO holds the public health capacity in high regards.

WHO proposed that Malaysia continues to strengthen influenza surveillance by conducting COVID-19 tests among patients with severe acute respiratory infection (SARI).

- The Ministry of Health (MOH) informed WHO that Malaysia has already extended respiratory-track infections surveillance to include the COVID-19 testing.

MOH will continue to work closely with WHO and other related agencies.

Current COVID-19 Infection Status in Malaysia

MOH wishes to inform that all **107 Malaysians and family members** who were evacuated from Wuhan, China through the Humanitarian and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission on 4 February 2020 will be allowed to return back to their respective homes once they have completed the health monitoring period at

the Higher Education Leadership Academy (Akademi Kepimpinan Pendidikan Tinggi – AKEPT).

- All repeated COVID-19 tests were found to be negative.

However, one individual is currently admitted into hospital for a health-related issue.

Those who were allowed home today included the **two (2)** confirmed COVID-19 cases treated at Tuanku Jaafar Hospital, Seremban.

- This was Case 11 and Case 12:
 - Case 11 was a 9 year-old Malaysian boy.
 - Case 12 was a 45 year-old Malaysian man, the father to Case 11.
 - Both these cases received in-patient treatment in isolation wards. They underwent repeated COVID-19 tests and found to be negative on two consecutive repeated tests.

MOH wishes to express appreciation and congratulates all agencies involved in making the HADR mission a success.

Current COVID-19 Infection Statistics in Malaysia

As of 18 February 2020, 10 am, cumulatively a total of **eleven (11) cases** has been discharged well from hospitals.

No new COVID-19 case was reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) today.

- The total cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases in Malaysia remains at **22 cases**, with **eleven (11) cases still receiving treatment in hospitals**.

Out of these confirmed 22 cases:

- **Twelve (12)** from amongst Patient-Under-Investigation (PUI)
- **Eight (8)** from amongst close contacts

- **Two (2)** amongst Malaysians evacuated through the HADR from Wuhan

Out of these confirmed 22 cases:

- 15 were Chinese nationals
- Six (6) were Malaysians
- One (1) US national

As of 18 February 2020:

- A total of 583 patient-under-investigation (PUI) was reported to CPRC.
- For the close contacts to confirmed cases, 230 individuals tested negative for COVID-19 infection and 13 individuals awaiting results.

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