



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

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

#### **Technical Working Committee for COVID-19 Cluster Meeting No.2/2020**

5 March 2020 – The Technical Working Committee for COVID-19 Cluster Meeting No.2/2020, chaired by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia, was held today with various agencies.

#### **Current Status in Malaysia**

**Five (5) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases (Cases 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55)** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) Ministry of Health (MOH) today. Cumulatively as of 5 March 2020, 12 PM, there are now **55 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Of these, 22 cases have fully recovered and discharged well.

All additional cases reported today are related to the one (1) COVID-19 cluster that was identified involving Case 26. These cases were close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster. To date, this cluster consists of 26 confirmed cases. Investigation and contact tracing activities are still ongoing.

#### **Outcome of the Technical Working Committee for COVID-19 Cluster Meeting No.2/2020**

Taking into account the current COVID-19 situation in Malaysia that is currently in the second wave, the Committee agreed on the following measures:

1. Advises all Malaysians to temporarily postpone travel to the following cities or regions:
  - 1.1. Lombardy, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna, Italy;
  - 1.2. Hokkaido, Japan; and

- 1.3. Tehran, Qom and Gilan, Iran
2. Temporarily restrict the entry of all visitors (except citizens, permanent residents, social pass holders and Malaysian student passes) who were present or visited the above town or territory within 14 days prior to arrival to Malaysia.
3. Malaysians who are currently in the above cities or regions are advised to take heightened precautionary measures, maintain personal health and to adhere to advisories and instructions by the local authorities.
4. Malaysians abroad are also encouraged to register at the nearest Malaysian embassies. Information on Malaysian Embassies and High Commissions are available at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at [www.kln.gov.my](http://www.kln.gov.my).
5. To gazette facemasks as a controlled item under the Control of Supplies Regulations (Prohibition of Export) 2020 to ensure adequate supply of facemasks for all Malaysians.

## **Health Advisory**

To avoid unnecessary panic and anxiety at workplaces when a confirmed or suspected case is identified amongst the employees, MOH advises organisations that it is unnecessary to close work premises. It is adequate to conduct more intensive cleaning and disinfection at common areas, particularly at frequently touched surfaces. Individuals identified as close contacts by MOH will undergo health screening. MOH advises individuals identified as close contacts to remain calm and to cooperate fully in providing accurate information when contacted. At the same time, the public is requested not to spread or disseminate unverified information that can cause unnecessary panic and anxiety to the community.

Thank you.

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