



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

11 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that Case 78 has fully recovered and discharged well. Cumulatively, 26 confirmed cases have fully recovered and discharged well.

Current Situation of COVID-19

11 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of 20 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. The close contacts of these additional cases are being identified, and contact tracing activities and investigations are still ongoing to identify the source of infection.

With these additional 20 cases, cumulatively there are now **149 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Of these:

- 22 cases amongst Patients Under Investigation (PUI);
- 124 cases amongst close contacts;
- One (1) case from the severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) surveillance for COVID-19; and
- Two (2) cases amongst the Humanitarian Assistance mission evacuees.

The two (2) cases earlier reported to be in the intensive care unit (ICU) requiring ventilation support are still in the ICU but currently in stable conditions. Of these, one (1) case is in Sungai Buloh Hospital and one (1) case is in Sultanah Aminah Hospital, Johor Bahru.

MOH is conducting COVID-19 surveillance to detect sporadic and local cases in Malaysia through patients with influenza-like-illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARI) with no history of travelling to affected countries or contacts with confirmed COVID-19 cases. As of 11 March 2020, a total of 600 samples (138 for SARI and 462 for ILI) have been tested and one (1) sample was found to be positive for COVID-19. Investigation is currently ongoing to identify the source for this sporadic case.

MOH also wishes to inform that all 66 Malaysians and family members who were brought back from Wuhan, China through the Humanitarian Assistance mission on 26 February 2020 have been allowed to return back to their respective homes after completing the 14-day home surveillance at the Higher Education Leadership Academy (Akademi Kepimpinan Pendidikan Tinggi – AKEPT). They remained asymptomatic and all repeated COVID-19 tests were negative.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam

The International Health Regulations (IHR) Focal Point for Brunei Darussalam has notified the Malaysian IHR Focal Point of the confirmed COVID-19 case detected in their country. This case was reported to have a history of travelling to a *Tabligh* (religious) gathering in Seri Petaling mosque in Selangor from 27 February 2020 until 1 March 2020.

Based on preliminary information, an estimated 10,000 individuals from several countries, including Malaysia, participated in this gathering. The participants from Malaysia were estimated to be over 5,000 individuals. All State Health Departments are currently conducting investigations in their respective states.

Health Advisory

Based on this recent COVID-19 case diagnosed in Brunei Darussalam, MOH advises all individuals who have attended the *Tabligh* gathering to:

1. If **symptomatic**, to immediately contact the nearest District Health Office or State CPRC (contact details in **Appendix 1**) or contact the Virtual Health Advisory (collaboration between MOH and DoctorOnCall) through

the link in MOH's website for further advice. In addition, MOH is also collaborating with BookDoc, where the public can download the BookDoc application through the Google Play store (for Android only) to access the "Health Advice" with doctor service for free via chat only. They are also advised to maintain a high level of personal hygiene, wash hands frequently with the correct technique, practice good cough and sneezing etiquette, and to wear facemasks;

AND

2. **If asymptomatic**, to practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least 1 metre from other individuals for 14 days from the last date of attending the gathering.

MOH strongly urges all individuals who attended the gathering to give their full cooperation with MOH to ensure that the COVID-19 infection does not spread further in the community.

MOH also strongly advises that:

1. To postpone all mass gatherings involving the public to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection;
2. If unwell with respiratory tract infection symptoms, not to attend events or programs involving the public or in crowded public places, including religious activities;
3. Individuals with symptoms are advised to practice social distancing, of at least 1 metre distance from other individuals;
4. The public is advised not to travel to countries affected by the COVID-19 infection; and
5. Malaysians with respiratory tract infection symptoms not to visit or travel to other parts of Malaysia during the upcoming school break.

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation through information obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) and

the IHR Focal Points of other countries. The public will be continuously updated on the latest information. Therefore, MOH advises the public to obtain the official latest information on COVID-19 from the MOH's website. For additional information, please contact the National CPRC Infoline at:

Telephone: 03-88810200 / 03-88810600 / 03-88810700
(8 am to 5 pm, daily)

Email: cprc@moh.gov.my.

Thank you.

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Director General of Health Malaysia

11 March 2020 @ 5 pm

Appendix 1

Contact Details for the State-level Crisis Preparedness and Response Centres

	State	Working hours		Telephone	Email
1	Perlis	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	04-9766317	cprc.pls@moh.gov.my
		After Office hours or Public Holiday (PH)		019-2780408 019-4001070	
2	Kedah	Sunday - Wednesday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	04-7746081	vektor.kdh@moh.gov.my vektorkedah@moh.gov.my
		Thursday	8.00 - 3.30 pm	04-7746063	
		Friday, Saturday & PH	8.00 - 12.00 pm	04-7746072	
3	Pulau Pinang	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	04-2629902	epid_penang@moh.gov.my
		Saturday, Sunday & PH	10.00 - 2.00 pm		
4	Perak	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	05-2433962	cprcprk@moh.gov.my
		Saturday, Sunday & PH	10.00 - 2.00 pm		
5	Selangor	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	03-51237251	bgdenggisel@moh.gov.my cprc_sel@moh.gov.my
		Saturday, Sunday & PH	9.00 - 2.00 pm	03-51237252	
6	JKWPKL	Monday - Friday	7.30 - 5.30 pm	03-26977710 03-26977730	cprckl@moh.gov.my
		Saturday, Sunday & PH	11.00 - 3.00 pm	03-26983757	
7	Negeri Sembilan	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	06-7641326	cpbv_ns@moh.gov.my
		Saturday, Sunday & PH	8.00 - 5.00 pm		
8	Melaka	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	06-2883019 06-2345999	cprcmelaka@moh.gov.my
		Saturday, Sunday & PH	10.00 - 2.00 pm	06-2883019	
9	Johor	Sunday - Wednesday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	07-238 2217	cprcknj@gmail.com
		Thursday	8.00 - 3.30 pm	07-236 3305	
10	Pahang	Monday - Friday	9.00 - 5.00 pm	09-570 7910 09-570 7914 09-570 7909	cprc_pahang@moh.gov.my cdcpahang@moh.gov.my
11	Terengganu	Sunday - Wednesday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	09-619 6269	kpbv.trg@moh.gov.my bgerakan.trg@moh.gov.my
		Thursday	8.00 - 3.30 pm	09-635 3752	
		Friday, Saturday & PH	9.00 - 3.30 pm		
12	Kelantan	Sunday - Wednesday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	09-747 2089	cprc_kel@moh.gov.my
		Thursday	8.00 - 3.30 pm		
		Friday, Saturday & PH	8.00 - 12.00 pm		
13	Sabah	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	088-219455 088-512531 088-512533	sbhcprc@moh.gov.my
14	Sarawak	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	082-443248	cprc_sarawak@moh.gov.my
		Saturday, Sunday & PH	9.00 - 3.00 pm		
15	WP Labuan	Monday - Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm	087-410973 016-9195425	cprclabuan@gmail.com

		Saturday, Sunday & PH	8.00 - 1.00 pm	016-9195426	
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