



## **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**

15 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **seven (7) cases** have fully recovered and discharged well from Sungai Buloh Hospital. Cumulatively, **42 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** and discharged well.

#### **Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia**

15 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **190 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **428 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Based on preliminary investigation, the majority of these additional cases are related to the *Tabligh* gathering in Seri Petaling mosque.

Currently nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units requiring ventilation support.

#### **Health Advisory on COVID-19**

Investigation and contact tracing activities for individuals involved with the *Tabligh* gathering are still actively ongoing. Therefore, MOH urges all individuals who have participated in the *Tabligh* gathering to contact the nearest District Health Office for further management. These individuals will be placed under the home-surveillance order under Section 15(1) of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 for 14 days from the date they last joined the *Tabligh* gathering in Seri Petaling mosque or identified as close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case, whichever is later. Similarly, close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases who do not meet the criteria for

hospital admission will also be placed under the 14-day home surveillance under the same Act.

Therefore, MOH wishes to inform that all State Departments of Health and District Health Offices are currently undertaking COVID-19 control activities amongst the *Tabligh* members and other suspected COVID-19 individuals to prevent further spread of the infection. All parties are requested to provide their full support to MOH and to work together to contain the spread of the infection by complying to all health advisories.

Malaysians are requested to refrain from sharing or disseminating unverified news or information that may cause anxiety to the public. MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation, and the public will be continuously updated on the latest information.

Thank you.

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