



**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

14 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **202 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 2,478 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (49.7% of total cumulative cases). **Again, the number of cases discharged today is higher than the number of additional confirmed cases reported.**

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

14 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **170 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **4,987 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. After removing cases discharged well and deaths, there are **currently 2,427 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Currently, **60 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 33 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **five (5) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **82 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.64% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #78:** Case 4,532 is an adult male with no identification document and believed to be a foreigner, who was found dead in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 6 April 2020. The COVID-19 test sample taken during autopsy was found to be positive on 11 April 2020. The case is currently under police investigation.
2. **Death #79:** Case 2,052 is a 65 year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. He was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital on 27 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 14 April 2020 at 5.17 am.
3. **Death #80:** Case 4,818 is a 63 year-old Malaysian man with a history of heart disease and kidney disease. He was admitted into Kuala Lumpur Hospital on 7 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 12 April 2020 at 11.36 pm.
4. **Death #81:** Case 4,521 is a 74 year-old Malaysian woman with a history of kidney disease. She was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 4,088) who attended the Seri Petaling gathering. She was admitted into Melaka Hospital on 9 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 13 April 2020 at 4.20 pm.
5. **Death #82:** Case 1,649 is an 81 year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes. He was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 343) who attended the Seri Petaling gathering. He was admitted into Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Hospital, Johor on 26 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 14 April 2020 at 11.50 am.

MOH conveys condolences to all family members.

Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Workers

MOH would like to inform the preparedness and current status of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the use of healthcare workers (HCWs) in managing COVID-19 cases.

As generally known, PPE shortage is a global issue that is affecting almost all countries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In MOH healthcare facilities, the use of PPE has increased drastically following the COVID-19 situation in the country.

PPE is a key requirement for frontline HCW in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are several types of PPE used by HCWs, for example:

- Footwear or boot cover – 78 days stock balance
- Protective head cover – 52 days stock balance
- 3-ply face mask – 47 days stock balance
- Surgical N-95 face mask – 37 days stock balance
- Disposable face shield (eye visor, face shield or goggles) – 25 days stock balance
- Disposable fluid resistant apron (long sleeves with cuffs) – 23 days stock balance
- Jumpsuit or protective coverall – 19 days stock balance
- Disposable plastic gown and other types of PPE

To ensure that PPE stocks are sustainable, MOH has and will continue to carry out PPE procurement in bulk at central and state levels. MOH is working closely with the National Security Council, National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) and other central agencies to ensure that issues relating to the stocks are specifically addressed. The contributions of PPE by various private entities, non-governmental organisations and philanthropists will continue to be welcomed and much appreciated.

To closely monitor stock levels and consumption rates for each type of PPE in each state, MOH uses a simple online reporting and database system that is administered by Officers at all State Health Departments, hospitals and District Health Offices (including all health clinics under the respective District Health Office). This reporting system is closely monitored, and rapid mobilisation of stocks will be undertaken as required.

A list of names, telephone numbers and e-mails of responsible officers in each state is made available to assist the public and HCW to provide feedback in the event of any shortages of PPE. An immediate verification

and rapid mobilisation of stocks will be undertaken based on needs and priorities.

It is important to note that the type of PPEs used must be in accordance with the duty requirements of the respective units where the HCWs are assigned to, as stated in the “Garis Panduan Pengurusan COVID-19 di Malaysia No.5/2020” or the COVID-19 Management Guidelines in Malaysia No.5/2020, in Annex 8: The Infection Prevention And Control (IPC) Measures. Not all HCWs are required to wear all types of PPE at their respective duty stations.

In this regard, MOH recommends careful and judicious use of PPE by all HCWs in view of their continued usage throughout this COVID-19 pandemic.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH urges the public to fulfil their responsibilities by:

1. Continue to maintain a high standard of personal hygiene such as washing hands frequently with water and soap
2. Practice social distancing at least 1 metre away from others

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation based on all available information, and the public will be continuously updated on the latest information.

Thank you.

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14 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 14 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	1	18
Kedah	0	93
Pulau Pinang	3	119
Perak	3	250
Selangor	50	1,299
Negeri Sembilan	2	362
Melaka	3	147
Johor	8	587
Pahang	11	236
Terengganu	0	106
Kelantan	0	154
Sabah	5	285
Sarawak	15	363
WP Kuala Lumpur	69	899
WP Putrajaya	0	54
WP Labuan	0	15
Total	170	4,987