



**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

18 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **135 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 3,102 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (58.5% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

18 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **54 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **5,305 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 2,115 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Currently, **49 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 26 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **two (2) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **88 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.66% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #87:** Case 2,657 is a 60 year-old Malaysian man with a history of hypertension and diabetes. He was admitted into Kuala Lumpur

Hospital on 30 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 12 April 2020 at 3.20 pm.

2. **Death #88:** Case 5,252 is a 36 year-old Myanmar national man. He was admitted into Selayang Hospital, Selangor on 17 April 2020 with late stage Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and was pronounced dead on the same day 17 April 2020 at 10.00 am.

MOH conveys condolences to all family members.

COVID-19 Cluster Amongst Healthcare Workers in Sabah

The healthcare worker (HCW) cluster in Sabah comprises of three MOH hospitals, i.e. Queen Elizabeth 2 Hospital, Women and Children's Hospital, Likas and Keningau Hospital. As of 18 April 2020, there were 31 confirmed COVID-19 cases identified in this cluster, including two additional cases reported today. All of these cases are still under treatment. This cluster involves 23 HCWs and eight family members and the general public.

This cluster was first detected when one HCW who reported for duty at Queen Elizabeth 2 Hospital was found to be positive for COVID-19 on 2 April 2020. This HCW was unwell and had cough and flu symptoms that same day. Investigation and contact tracing activities have been conducted. Several work colleagues and family members were found to be positive.

All 31 cases are still in the ward and are in stable condition. None of these cases were due to managing and treating confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Recent Reduction of COVID-19 Cases

MOH would like to thank all frontline personnel in managing the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia. Three months have passed since the first confirmed COVID-19 case was reported to the National CPRC, MOH. All frontline personnel from all ministries and agencies have worked hard every day to prevent and control the infection. MOH appreciates all the

cooperation given and continue to request all frontline personnel to remain strong and committed as we continue the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, MOH is deeply concerned that the reduction of cases in the past few days may be misinterpreted and misperceived by the public that the current pandemic is almost over, making the public less concerned and less compliant to the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Health Advisory on COVID-19

Therefore, MOH strongly urges the public to continue to comply to all advisories and measures under the MCO. While the reduction in number of cases is a positive development, the public must continue to stay at home, practice social distancing of at least one (1) metre from others, and maintain a high level of personal hygiene at all times, such as regular hand washing with water and soap. These measures are important in reducing and breaking the transmission chain of COVID-19 infection.

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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18 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 18 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	94
Pulau Pinang	0	119
Perak	0	252
Selangor	2	1,340
Negeri Sembilan	3	405
Melaka	0	148
Johor	16	639
Pahang	2	264
Terengganu	1	109
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	10	303
Sarawak	6	403
WP Kuala Lumpur	14	985
WP Putrajaya	0	55
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	54	5,305