



**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**

21 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **54 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 3,349 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (61.1% of total cumulative cases).

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

21 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **57 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **5,482 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 2,041 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment. Of these 57 cases, **18 are imported cases** amongst Malaysians returning from abroad, with the remaining 39 cases are from local infections.

Currently, **43 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 27 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **three (3) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **92 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.68% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #90:** Case 2,050 is a 72 year-old Malaysian woman with a history of diabetes and hypertension. She is the mother of Case 2,053, who developed symptoms on the same day. She was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital on 27 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 20 April 2020 at 1.47 pm.
2. **Death #91:** Case 4,090 is a 69 year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. He was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital on 6 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 21 April 2020 at 2.28 am.
3. **Death #92:** Case 5,332 is a 92 year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes, hypertension and dementia. He was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 4,711). He was admitted into Kuala Lumpur Hospital on 8 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 21 April 2020 at 1.30 am.

MOH conveys condolences to all the family members.

### **Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Amongst Malaysians Returning from Overseas since 3 April 2020**

As previously mentioned, the number of additional cases reported daily in the past few days have shown a decreasing trend.

However, MOH has detected a number of confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst Malaysians who have just returned from abroad. This is expected as more than 180 countries around the world have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Government had taken the right action in instituting compulsory quarantine of all Malaysians returning from abroad under the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Over the two-week period since 3 April 2020 until 20 April 2020, a total of 12,160 Malaysians returning from abroad have been quarantined. Of these, 7,910 individuals have been sampled so far, with 95 positive COVID-19 cases detected (1.2%). This proactive measure has resulted

in an increase of the number of confirmed cases reported in states where these individuals are quarantined. For example, the additional 37 cases in Melaka, 32 cases in WP Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya, 3 cases in Sarawak, 3 cases in Johor and 2 cases in Selangor (additional 18 cases identified today across few states, making the total as 95 cases thus far). These confirmed cases have been isolated and given treatment in hospitals.

### **Surveillance, Active Case Detection and Targeted Approach for COVID-19 in the Community**

To identify COVID-19 infection transmission in the community in Malaysia, MOH has earlier since 2 February 2020 started sampling from patients with Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) in MOH hospitals and health clinics, as one of the COVID-19 infection surveillance activities.

Samples for COVID-19 testing are taken from all patients with pneumonia. To date, there were 56 positive cases out of 2,669 samples taken (i.e. 2.1% of total SARI cases sampled).

ILI sampling began in the 9<sup>th</sup> epidemiological week (23 February 2020), starting with eight selected MOH health clinics (as the sentinel sites). This is to determine if there is community spread of the infection.

A total of eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases were identified from 1,280 samples taken (representing 0.6% of total ILI cases sampled). This surveillance activity serves as an early detection and early warning systems for COVID-19 infection in Malaysia. MOH will continue to expand and strengthen COVID-19 surveillance activities in Malaysia.

In addition, MOH has also used the targeted approach in containing the spread of COVID-19 infection. Amongst the activities carried out are detection among high-risk groups (e.g. in tahfiz schools and amongst foreign workers), and implementation of the Enhanced MCO (EMCO) where house-to-house population census and active case detection are conducted.

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

The compliance of the community towards the MCO is important in helping the Government to reduce the infectivity of COVID-19 in the community. This is to ensure that cross-border infections across states, districts and sub-districts (*mukim*) do not occur. In addition to border control activities, the community's compliance towards the MCO will further ensure that the transmission of the COVID-19 infection can be fully controlled.

Malaysians are advised to continue to maintain a high level of personal hygiene at all times, such as regular hand washing with water and soap; as well as practice social distancing of at least 1 metre from others.

Thank you.

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21 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 21 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	94
Pulau Pinang	0	119
Perak	0	252
Selangor	11	1,356
Negeri Sembilan	1	409
Melaka	1	188
Johor	1	645
Pahang	8	279
Terengganu	0	109
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	308
Sarawak	22	436
WP Kuala Lumpur	13	1,021
WP Putrajaya	0	77
WP Labuan	0	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5,482</b>