



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

22 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **103 cases** have recovered and allowed discharged today. **Cumulatively, 3,452 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged** (62.4% of total cumulative cases). The number of cases discharged well is more than double the number of additional cases reported today.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

22 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **50 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **5,532 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,987 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Currently, **43 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 25 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **93 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.68% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #93:** Case 5,483 is a 72 year-old Malaysian woman with a history of cancer and hypertension. She was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital on 20 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 22 April 2020 at 9.15 am.

MOH conveys condolences to the family members.

Pengerang, Johor COVID-19 Cluster

MOH has detected a COVID-19 cluster in Pengerang, Johor. The index case (Case 1,508) first developed symptoms on 12 March 2020. He sought treatment at a private clinic on 16 March 2020 and was suspected to have dengue fever. He travelled across several states the following day to visit relatives around Selangor before returning back to Pengerang on 18 March 2020. His health deteriorated and he was admitted into Sultanah Aminah Hospital, Johor on 20 March 2020 in critical condition. He was subsequently confirmed positive for COVID-19 on 22 March 2020.

As of 22 April 2020, there are 15 confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster, i.e. 10 cases amongst work colleagues and 5 cases amongst family members of the index case, including his 79 year-old mother and 10 year-old daughter. A total of 7 cases are still under treatment while 8 cases have fully recovered and discharged. In total, 3 cases in this cluster were treated in the ICU.

The spread of infection among family members living in another state is believed to be due to the visits that took place the day before the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Health Advisory on COVID-19 in the Month of Ramadan

The worldwide pandemic of the COVID-19 infection has had a profound impact on the norms and practices in our daily lives. These include changes to religious and cultural practices and traditions such as visiting family members and friends, religious gatherings and celebrations that are amongst the hallmark of our country's multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society.

The traditions and worship practices in the month of Ramadan for Muslims around the world will also be affected as many countries are implementing movement and border controls to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 infections in their respective countries.

Learning from the spread of COVID-19 infection in the Pengerang cluster and Rembau sub-cluster, MOH urges the public to continue complying with the MCO and refrain from visiting the homes of family members and friends. These include making trips across states, districts and sub-districts (*mukim*), or attending mass gatherings (e.g. religious events and receptions). MOH is very concerned that such activities that are commonplace for Malaysians will result in further transmission of COVID-19 infection amongst family members, particularly amongst older adults and children.

MOH calls upon all Muslims in the country to take advantage of the upcoming month of Ramadan to perform religious activities, prayers and preparing meals for breaking fast together as a family in their respective homes. In addition to celebrating the month of Ramadan with loved ones at home, this measure will help us to care and protect family members, particularly elderly parents and small children from being infected by COVID-19.

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

Thank you.

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22 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 22 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	1	95
Pulau Pinang	0	119
Perak	0	252
Selangor	1	1,357
Negeri Sembilan	2	411
Melaka	1	189
Johor	3	648
Pahang	6	285
Terengganu	0	109
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	308
Sarawak	19	455
WP Kuala Lumpur	16	1,037
WP Putrajaya	1	78
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	50	5,532