



## **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**

29 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **55 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 4,087 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (68.75% of total cumulative cases).

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

29 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **94 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **5,945 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,758 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Of these 94 additional cases reported today, **72 are imported cases** amongst Malaysian students returning home from Indonesia. The remaining **22 cases are due to local transmission**.

Currently, **40 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 18 cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, no additional COVID-19 death was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **100 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.68% of total cumulative cases).

## **Strengthening Surveillance Activities in the Community**

MOH would like to inform that from the beginning, surveillance activities have been carried out in the public and private sectors to identify local transmission of COVID-19 within the community in Malaysia. The surveillance activities included:

- Clinical surveillance i.e. Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) in MOH clinics and hospitals
- COVID-19 screening amongst healthcare workers
- Pre-emergency surgery sampling in MOH hospitals
- Sampling in private laboratories

ILI sampling is performed at eight (8) MOH health clinics throughout the country identified as sentinel sites. Samples are taken amongst patients attending these health clinics with sudden onset of fever (temperature above 38°C) with cough and sore throat, but without any known risk for COVID-19 infection. A total of five (5) samples are taken from each sentinel site and sent to the laboratory for COVID-19 testing for this surveillance analysis.

Meanwhile, SARI sampling involves COVID-19 testing for all patients with pneumonia from all MOH hospitals in Malaysia.

To date, a total of 34,113 samples have been tested for these surveillance activities. Of these, 6,100 were clinical samples of patients with ILI and SARI, of which 71 were positive for COVID-19 (1.16%):

- ILI cases: 8 COVID-19 positive cases out of 1,322 samples
- SARI cases: 63 COVID-19 positive cases out of 4,778 samples

For SARI cases, there is a significant decrease in COVID-19 positive cases during the 17<sup>th</sup> epidemiological week (25 April 2020) during which only three (3) samples were positive from the 2,168 SARI samples tested (0.14 %), compared to the 12<sup>th</sup> epidemiological week (28 March 2020)

during which 33 samples were positive from the 263 SARI samples tested (11.15%).

MOH also monitors the results of COVID-19 testing conducted in the private sector, where samples are sent to private laboratories. It was found that 84 positive cases were detected from 22,081 tests conducted in these private laboratories (0.38%).

These surveillance activities act as an early detection and early warning system for the spread or transmission of COVID-19 in Malaysia. MOH will continue to carry out COVID-19 surveillance activities in Malaysia even after when the Movement Control Order (MCO) is lifted, whereby these activities will continue to be strengthened, including within the private sector and involving the various zones.

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

Malaysians are advised to continue to maintain high levels of personal hygiene at all times, such as regularly hand washing with water and soap, and practice safe 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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## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 29 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	253
Selangor	1	1,404
Negeri Sembilan	72 (72)	508
Melaka	0	193
Johor	0	660
Pahang	5	293
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	2	315
Sarawak	6	502
WP Kuala Lumpur	8	1,222
WP Putrajaya	0	80
WP Labuan	0	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>94 (72)</b>	<b>5,945</b>

\*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases