



**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**

30 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **84 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 4,171 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (69.5% of total cumulative cases).

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

30 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 **6,002 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,729 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Of these 57 additional cases reported today, **25 are imported cases**. The remaining **32 cases are due to local transmission**.

Currently, **36 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 14 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **two (2) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **102 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.7% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #101:** Case 4,657 is a 64 year-old Malaysian man with a history of haematological cancer. He was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 4,476; from the Bali PUI cluster). He was admitted into Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital, Pahang on 12 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 29 April 2020 at 4.14 pm.
2. **Death #102:** Case 5,282 is a 72 year-old Malaysian man with a history of hypertension. He was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital on 16 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 30 April 2020 at 12.55 pm.

MOH conveys condolences to all the family members.

### **Current Status of Preparedness and Response Against COVID-19 in Sarawak**

There are currently 18 COVID-19 screening hospitals in Sarawak, an increase from five hospitals during the first wave of COVID-19 infection. There are also now four hospitals identified as COVID-19 treatment centres i.e. Sarawak General Hospital, Miri Hospital, Bintulu Hospital and Sibu Hospital, with a total of 736 COVID-19-dedicated beds. These hospitals are also equipped with a total of 63 ICU beds with 112 ventilators.

In addition, five facilities have been identified as quarantine and low-risk treatment centres with a capacity of 901 beds.

There are currently four laboratories that can conduct COVID-19 tests i.e. in Sarawak General Hospital, Sibu Hospital, Miri Hospital, and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS). In total, these four laboratories can conduct 898 tests per day, and this will soon be increased to 1,040 tests per day. Sarawak General Hospital will receive a Lab Turbo machine, expected to be operational by early May 2020 (with a capacity of 200 tests per day), while Bintulu Hospital is expected to conduct tests from mid-May (with a capacity of 30 to 40 tests per day).

If required, MOH will send samples to hospital laboratories in Peninsular Malaysia or to private laboratories, as part of a short-term measure to rapidly increase testing capacity.

### **Current Status of COVID-19 Clusters in Sarawak**

As of 30 April 2020, 12 pm, three (3) clusters have been identified in Sarawak:

1. A religious gathering cluster in a church in Kuching, Sarawak. This cluster recorded one (1) additional case today, with the total cumulative of 176 confirmed COVID-19 cases, Of these:
  - 86 cases have fully recovered
  - 85 cases are currently inpatients (normal wards)
  - 2 critical cases in the ICU
  - 3 deaths (Cases 358, 2,471 and 2,864)
  
2. Italy Person Under Investigation (PUI) cluster. No additional cases were reported today; with the total cumulative of 63 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Of these:
  - 26 cases have fully recovered
  - 31 cases are currently inpatients (normal wards)
  - 1 critical case in the ICU
  - 5 deaths (Cases 1,031, 1,032, 1,006, 2,850 and 2,210)
  
3. Sarawak General Hospital cluster involving healthcare workers. Two (2) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported today, with the total cumulative of 56 cases. Of these:
  - 35 cases have fully recovered
  - 21 cases are currently inpatients (normal wards)

## Current Status of COVID-19 in Sarawak General Hospital

Majority of the cases in this cluster was closely related to the biggest cluster in Kuching i.e. the church religious gathering cluster (29 out of the 56 cases, or 51.8%). Based on investigations so far, **no cases** were found to have resulted from managing confirmed COVID-19 patients in the COVID-19 wards and ICU at the hospital.

As of 29 April 2020, a total of 2,003 close contacts have been identified following active case detection conducted by the MOH. Of these, 1,950 healthcare workers (HCWs) have tested negative for COVID-19.

For this cluster, stringent preventive and containment measures have been implemented, including:

- Disinfection of all related areas
- Mobilisation of HCWs from nearby hospitals and health clinics
- The practice of safe social distancing, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as required, as well as strict monitoring of all public areas
- Care of immunocompromised patients was transferred to a nearby healthcare facility
- Arrangement of accommodations for HCWs
- Periodic comprehensive screening at all high-risk locations within the hospital

All HCWs involved will undergo screening based on the current guidelines. MOH has also implemented mental health and psychosocial support services (MPHSS) in all MOH healthcare facilities, including psychological first aid activities on an individual and group basis. Emotional support and counselling to HCWs are also provided through online services that have been established at the hospital and state levels.

These proactive measures have been taken to ensure the continuity of healthcare services at Sarawak General Hospital. To date, all critical

services at the hospital are operating as usual and MOH is closely monitoring the situation.

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

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation and the public are advised to continue to stay at home. The public must also maintain high levels of personal hygiene at all times, such as regular hand washing with water and soap, and practice safe social distancing of at least 1 metre away from others. MOH urges that everyone to play their role as responsible citizens in managing the COVID-19 infection in Malaysia.

Thank you.

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30 April 2020 @ 4.30 pm

## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 30 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	253
Selangor	27 (13)	1,431
Negeri Sembilan	5	513
Melaka	5 (2)	198
Johor	3 (3)	663
Pahang	1	294
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	315
Sarawak	5	507
WP Kuala Lumpur	10 (7)	1,232
WP Putrajaya	1	81
WP Labuan	0	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 (25)</b>	<b>6,002</b>

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