



**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

7 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **74 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 4,776 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (73.9% of total cumulative cases). The number of cases discharged is almost two times higher than the additional confirmed COVID-19 cases reported today.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

7 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **39 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **6,467 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,584 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Of these 39 additional cases reported today, **one (1) is an imported case**. The remaining 38 cases are due to local transmission, of which eight (8) cases were detected in clusters and localities under the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO).

Currently, **19 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, eight (8) cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **107 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.65% of total cumulative cases).

Wesak Day Celebrations, 7 May 2020

MOH wishes a Happy Wesak Day today, 7 May 2020, to all Buddhists in Malaysia, especially healthcare workers (HCWs) and all frontliners.

Usually during Wesak Day, Buddhists will visit the Buddhist temple with their families in the morning for a religious ceremony. Although mass gatherings and visitation activities are not allowed at this time, however, Wesak Day can still be celebrated with new norms and practices.

The Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) must still be complied with, ensuring safe social distancing is at least 1 metre away from others, and not participating in mass gatherings or celebrations.

Cheras Security Guards Cluster

MOH has identified a cluster involving security guards and personnel at a shopping mall in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur. As of 7 May 2020 12 pm, ten (10) confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in this cluster involving nine (9) Nepalese nationals and one (1) Malaysian.

The source of infection for this cluster is still under investigation. Further precautionary and preventive measures have been taken, including identifying and conducting COVID-19 screening tests on all employees and their close contacts.

All of the Nepalese national cases in this cluster live in the same residence in Cheras. COVID-19 screening has been conducted on all members of this household, security guards and personnel at the mall, as well as other closely connected personnel at the mall. So far, 436 individuals have been screened, of which 10 individuals were found positive, 347 tested negative and 79 are still awaiting results.

The Cheras and Titiwangsa District Health Office will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in the cluster. All close contacts of each case have been contacted for screening and health education was also provided.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

Employers of various economic sectors who are allowed to operate must comply with all of the requirements and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) set by the authorities based on their respective sectors.

In addition, it is very important for the employer and all employees to maintain proper practices in their workplace such as:

- Avoid crowded spaces
- Avoid confined spaces with many people at the same time, such as in the pantry at work
- Avoid close conversation, keep a distance of at least 1 metre from others while talking

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation based on available information from the World Health Organization (WHO). The public will be continuously updated on the latest information. In addition, MOH will ensure that appropriate preventive and control measures are continuously implemented.

Thank you.

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7 May 2020 @ 4.30 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 7 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	253
Selangor	16	1,580
Negeri Sembilan	0	600
Melaka	1 (1)	209
Johor	0	667
Pahang	0	305
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	1	317
Sarawak	1	537
WP Kuala Lumpur	20	1,398
WP Putrajaya	0	86
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	39 (1)	6,467

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases