



**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

15 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **88 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 5,439 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (79.3% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

15 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **36 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today, of which **28 cases are amongst non-Malaysians**.

Cumulatively there are now **6,855 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,304 active and infective COVID-19 cases**.

Currently, **14 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, five (5) cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are **112 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.63% of total cumulative cases).

Strengthening the Laboratory Information and Database Management System for COVID-19 Tests for More Efficient and Accurate Reporting

MOH is currently undertaking consolidation of COVID-19 related data. In collaboration with other agencies such as the National Security Council (NSC) and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), a database system has been developed. Known as e-COVID, this system ensures more efficient, timely and accurate data collection from the field.

In addition, standardisation of the laboratory data management systems from all COVID-19 laboratories (i.e. from MOH, universities, MOSTI, military hospitals and private laboratories) has been strengthened using the Public Health Laboratory Information System (SIMKA). This system was developed by the National Public Health Laboratory (MKAK) and has been used by all COVID-19 laboratories since mid-April 2020.

This is a good achievement compared to previously, where field and laboratory data were collated and reported manually.

As of 14 May 2020, MOH has reported that a total of 297,342 individuals have undergone COVID-19 testing, of which 6,819 were found to be positive (a positive rate of 2.29%). However, with the use of this improved data collection system, MOH would like to inform that **as of 15 May 2020, 12 pm, MOH has screened a total of 424,306 individuals, of which 6,855 were positive for COVID-19 and 417,451 were negative.** This resulted in a positive rate of 1.62%. In addition, the number of individuals screened is 13 individuals per 1,000 population.

This shows that Malaysia has one of the highest screening rates amongst the ASEAN countries. The COVID-19 screening was conducted as targeted screening amongst high-risk groups for COVID-19 infection.

This data consolidation work could not have been carried out without the cooperation of various parties, including the seven private laboratories. MOH looks forward to the continuous cooperation of all laboratories and

that all relevant data can be provided in the interest of country in managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH seeks the cooperation of the public in combating the COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia by adhering to **THIS**:

- **T**: Terms and SOPs set under the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO)
- **Hi**: High-risk groups such as children, infants, older adults and the disabled must be protected, and if unwell with symptoms, to seek early treatment
- **S**: Safe social distancing is practiced at all times, of at least 1 metre away from others

The public is also advised to adhere to the 3Cs and 3Ws as recommended by MOH:

- Avoid the 3Cs: **C**rowded places; **C**onfined spaces; **C**lose conversations
- Practice the 3Ws: **W**ash hands frequently with water and soap; **W**earing facemasks is advisable in public areas or if symptomatic; **W**arn self and others for the following
 - Avoid shaking hands or touching others
 - Practice good coughing and sneezing etiquette
 - Disinfect frequently touched surfaces
 - Stay at home and go out only for important matters
 - Seek treatment if symptomatic

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation, both in the country as well as internationally, 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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15 May 2020 @ 4.30 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 15 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	14	1,627
Negeri Sembilan	1	776
Melaka	1 (1)	215
Johor	0	668
Pahang	5	328
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	330
Sarawak	0	544
WP Kuala Lumpur	15	1,508
WP Putrajaya	0	89
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	36 (1)	6,855

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases