



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

17 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **59 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 5,571 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (80.8% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

17 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **22 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **6,894 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,210 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. Of the 22 additional cases reported today, five (5) are imported cases who were infected overseas, while 17 cases are local transmission involving nine (9) non-Malaysians.

Currently, **13 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, seven (7) cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **113 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.64% of total cumulative cases).

Being Concerned of the Negative Impact of Movements Across States on the Transmission of COVID-19

MOH is very concerned about the increase in individual movements and inter-state travel, especially ahead of the upcoming festivities.

As announced by the Senior Minister (Security Cluster), enforcement by the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) on 15 May 2020 found that as many as 508 vehicles were attempting to travel inter-state back to their respective hometowns. This number has increased to 1,248 vehicles on 16 May 2020. They have been ordered to turn around by the PDRM.

MOH appreciates the efforts and thanks PDRM for the enforcement to ensure high compliance of the public towards the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO). This is important to ensure that the public do not abuse the flexibility afforded by the Government.

As of 17 May 2020, a total of **971 confirmed COVID-19 cases (14.1%)** out of the cumulative 6,894 confirmed COVID-19 cases have a **history of inter-state travel**. In addition, **18 clusters out of the total 49 clusters** recorded in Malaysia were also related to inter-state travel. Ten of these clusters are still active.

Confirmed COVID-19 cases that are closely related to inter-state travel are particularly troubling, especially if they continue to occur even after the enforcement of the CMCO. The public should be concerned during the upcoming festivities as this may be a catalyst for transmission of COVID-19 infection to the current Green status areas.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

Managing the COVID-19 pandemic in the country is the responsibility of every Malaysian. Public empowerment, including empowering the communities, families and individuals, is very important as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). Therefore, these actions must be inculcated into everyday life as long as COVID-19 exists.

All levels of the society must take social responsibility in combating the COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia by adhering to **THiS**:

- **T**: Terms and SOPs set under the 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; and **C**lose conversations
- Practice the **3Ws**: **W**ash hands frequently with water and soap; **W**earing facemasks are strongly encouraged in public areas or if symptomatic; **W**arn self and others for the following, in line with MOH's advisories:
 - 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 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.

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah
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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 17 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	8 (3)	1,636
Negeri Sembilan	0	776
Melaka	0	215
Johor	0	668
Pahang	1	336
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	331
Sarawak	0	544
WP Kuala Lumpur	13 (2)	1,528
WP Putrajaya	0	90
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	22 (5)	6,894

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases