



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

23 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **53 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 5,912 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully** (82.1% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

23 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **48 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **7,185 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,158 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. Of the 48 additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases who were infected overseas. Out of the 44 local transmission cases, 25 were non-Malaysians, of which 21 cases were detected at the Semenyih Immigration Detention Centre.

Currently, **nine (9) 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 **115 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.60% of total cumulative cases).

Celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri Safely

This year, the whole world will celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri differently compared to previous years. Concerned about the risk of transmission of COVID-19 infection to the public on Hari Raya Aidilfitri, governments in various countries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic have taken different approaches in allowing Muslims to celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri in a safe manner.

As previously advised, MOH urges the public to celebrate this year's Hari Raya Aidilfitri with families at home. If previously the public is accustomed to public celebrations, this year we will be celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri privately in our own homes with family members of the same household.

MOH would like to remind the public that the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) published by the National Security Council (NSC) clearly stated that the number of family members cannot exceed 20 individuals in one day but is subject to the size of the house. Social distancing and good personal hygiene must always be maintained and practiced.

MOH also advises the public to postpone visiting relatives and friends, as well as avoid visiting cemeteries. This includes inter-state travel that may result in transmission of infection to other localities and areas, especially to the Green Zones. We need to learn from the experience of the Pengerang Cluster, where COVID-19 infection transmission occurred due to inter-state travel; and the Rembau Sub-cluster, where COVID-19 infection transmission occurred as a result of visiting relatives.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

Subsequently, the public is advised to continue to adopt new norms and practices. This is to ensure that the COVID-19 infection can be kept under control. The public should be conscientious and take on responsibility for all activities during this festive season, including:

- 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
 - Seek early treatment if symptomatic
 - Stay at home and avoid from visiting others
 - Make the coming celebrations exclusively for family members at home only
 - Regularly clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces in common areas

Continue to adhere to all the SOPs and MOH advisories, including:

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

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.

Finally, MOH would like to wish Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri to all Muslims throughout the country. For non-Muslims, enjoy the holidays. To those who are working and on duty during this festive season, thank you to all those who are dedicated to serving the country.

Thank you.

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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 23 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	37 (4)	1,730
Negeri Sembilan	1	792
Melaka	0	216
Johor	1	670
Pahang	3	344
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	1	341
Sarawak	0	545
WP Kuala Lumpur	5	1,681
WP Putrajaya	0	93
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	48 (4)	7,185

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases