



**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

24 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **33 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 5,945 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (82.1% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

24 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **60 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **7,245 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,185 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. Of the 60 additional cases reported today, **seven (7) are imported cases** who were infected overseas.

Out of the 53 local transmission cases, **44 were non-Malaysians**, of which 27 cases were detected at the Semenyih Immigration Detention Centre and six (6) cases were detected in a new cluster in Sepang Immigration Detention Centre.

Currently, **nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, four (4) 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 (1.59% of total cumulative cases).

Celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri by Complying to the Standard Operating Procedures

MOH would like to wish Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri to all Muslims in Malaysia, especially to all frontliners who continue to be dedicated in serving the country during this festive season.

This year we are celebrating Ramadan and Syawal in a different but meaningful atmosphere. We have persevered through the month of Ramadan. Muslims in Malaysia have made sacrifices, spending Ramadan with new norms and practices to ensure that the COVID-19 infection can be kept under control. This achievement should be commended and maintained.

As previously mentioned, throughout the month of Syawal, the usual tradition of visiting family members, relatives and friends are not allowed. In fact, Hari Raya should be celebrated exclusively with family members at home. Hopefully with these new norms and practices, together we will be able to contain the COVID-19 infection transmission during and after this festive season. Our fight against this invisible enemy is still far from over and this is one of our responsibilities to the community and the Nation.

Although today is Hari Raya Aidilfitri and a public holiday in Malaysia, many frontliners are still on duty. If the community had previously relied on frontliners to curb the transmission of COVID-19 infection, now it is the frontliners' turn to expect the community to play a bigger role in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. In their prayers and heartfelt wishes, all frontliners are hopeful that the entire Malaysian community will take on their social responsibility and self-control to ensure that all SOPs are observed and complied to during this festive season.

MOH wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation to all frontliners, including MOH healthcare workers and volunteers, the Royal Malaysian Police, the Malaysian Armed Forces, the People's Volunteer Corps (*Jabatan Sukarelawan Malaysia* or RELA), the Malaysia Civil Defence Force, the Immigration Department of Malaysia and various other agencies committed to providing their services during this festive season.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

The public is advised to continue to adopt new norms and practices during and after the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebrations. This is to ensure that the COVID-19 infection can be kept under control. The public must continue to comply to all MOH's recommendations and advisories, 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 celebrations exclusively for family members at home only
 - Regularly clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces in common areas

In addition, continue to adhere 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

Again, MOH wishes Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri to all Malaysians. *Maaf zahir dan batin.*

Thank you.

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24 May 2020 @ 4.30 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 24 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	46	1,776
Negeri Sembilan	0	792
Melaka	0	216
Johor	1 (1)	671
Pahang	0	344
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	2	343
Sarawak	0	545
WP Kuala Lumpur	11 (6)	1,692
WP Putrajaya	0	93
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	60 (7)	7,245

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases