



## **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**

1 June 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **51 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 6,404 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (81.5% of total cumulative cases).

#### **Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia**

1 June 2020, 12 pm – A total of **38 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **7,857 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,338 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 38 additional cases reported today, 26 are imported cases who were infected overseas. Of the 12 locally transmitted cases, 6 cases are non-Malaysians and the remaining 6 cases amongst Malaysians.

Currently, eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU), and of these, two (2) 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 (1.46% of total cumulative cases).

## **The Number of Daily Cases Reported Due to Local Transmission Amongst Malaysians are as Projected**

Today is the 29<sup>th</sup> day since the enforcement of the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) in Malaysia that started on 4 May 2020. This action was taken to allow the opening of several sectors of the economy in a controlled and cautious manner, while at the same time ensuring that the transmission of COVID-19 infection can be controlled. To this end, various Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been introduced.

To predict the effectiveness of the Government's approach in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the public's compliance to the Government's recommendations and guidelines, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) under the MOH, has used mathematical modelling methods for the projections of COVID-19 cases in Malaysia.

Recently, MOH has taken the most updated information from the actual number of daily cases and compared it to the COVID-19 projections graph prepared by the NIH. When we look at the number of daily COVID-19 cases among Malaysians who were infected locally (i.e. excluding imported cases, non-Malaysian cases in the community and non-Malaysian detainees at the Immigration Detention Centres), it was found to be in-line with the projection of daily cases in the NIH model (Appendix 2, Figure 1; indicated by the blue coloured area under the curve). This reflects the positive impact of the actions taken by the Government as well as the public's compliance to the SOPs and advisories by the Government.

MOH would like to congratulate all Malaysians for their cooperation with the Government for this achievement, in our joint efforts to curb the transmission of the COVID-19 infection. However, the public must remain vigilant and continue to adhere to all SOPs and advisories issued to ensure that there is no increase in COVID-19 cases in the community.

## **Increase in COVID-19 Cases Amongst Non-Malaysians**

If you look at the actual number of daily cases reported (Appendix 2, Figure 2; represented by the black line) that includes all COVID-19 cases in Malaysia i.e. including cases at the Immigration Detention Centres and imported cases, it appears to show an increasing trend surpassing the projected figures (beyond the blue-coloured area under the curve). This increase became obvious after 29 April 2020. This was due to imported cases, transmission of COVID-19 infection among non-Malaysians in several Immigration Detention Centres, and among non-Malaysian workers in various economic sectors in the community.

This meant that Malaysia is facing a new threat that we need to tackle together i.e. the increasing number of COVID-19 cases amongst non-Malaysians. However, these non-Malaysians cannot be ignored or stigmatised by fellow Malaysians. In fact, we need to assist them so that we can reduce the transmission of COVID-19 infection in our country.

Over the years, the interaction and socialising of Malaysians with non-Malaysians are limited; however, their presence, especially non-Malaysian workers, has helped to strengthen the economy of our country. Thus, we need to identify and find solutions to address the issue of transmission of COVID-19 infection amongst these workers and their families.

Therefore, the whole-of-government approach, including non-governmental organisations, civil society and the community are much needed for this issue to be comprehensively addressed. This includes taking the following measures:

1. In accordance with the Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 1990 (Act 446), the problem of cramped and overcrowded living quarters needs to be addressed promptly to ensure that it is not the cause for transmission of COVID-19 infection and other infectious diseases.

2. Non-Malaysian workers (especially in the construction and security sectors) in all Red Zones must be screened for COVID-19 as directed by the Government. In addition, non-Malaysian workers from the Yellow Zones and the Green Zones are encouraged to be screened based on their respective employers' initiative.
3. Embassies for the workers' country of origin and non-governmental organisations are urged to work together to ensure that the most effective communication methods can be used to communicate with these non-Malaysian workers. This is to ensure that the latest updates on COVID-19 and guidelines (including SOPs) that needed to be complied with can be communicated directly to these workers.
4. Employers are responsible for educating their non-Malaysian workers on the recommended good hygiene practices to break the COVID-19 transmission chain. Employers must also ensure that their workers' living quarters comply with the SOP i.e.:
  - Social distancing is practiced
  - Not cramped or overcrowded
  - No close conversations between the workers
  - Cleanliness are maintained in the living quarters, especially in common spaces and commonly used spaces

Therefore, MOH would like to call on the cooperation of all parties to ensure that the daily number of COVID-19 cases in Malaysia does not continue to increase among both Malaysians and non-Malaysians. It is our joint responsibility to ensure that the COVID-19 transmission chain in Malaysia can be broken.

### **Health Advisory on COVID-19**

MOH advises the public to continue to adhere to all the advice and recommendations continually emphasised by the Government. These practices must be incorporated as the new norms and normal in everyday life, 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
  - Regularly clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces in common areas

In addition, the public is advised to continue to adhere to **THIS**:

- **T**: **T**erms and SOPs set under the 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.

Thank you.

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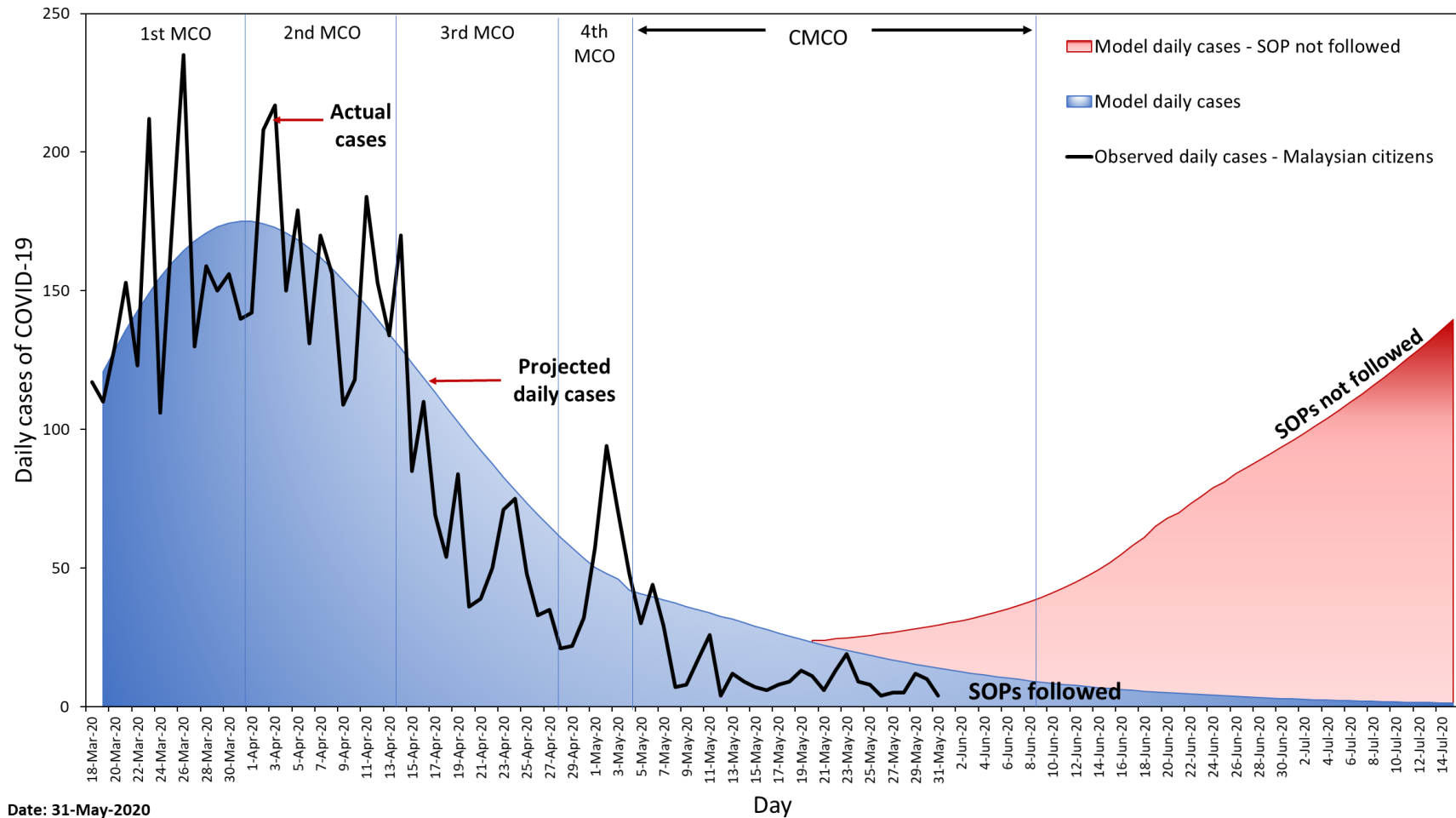
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## Appendix 1

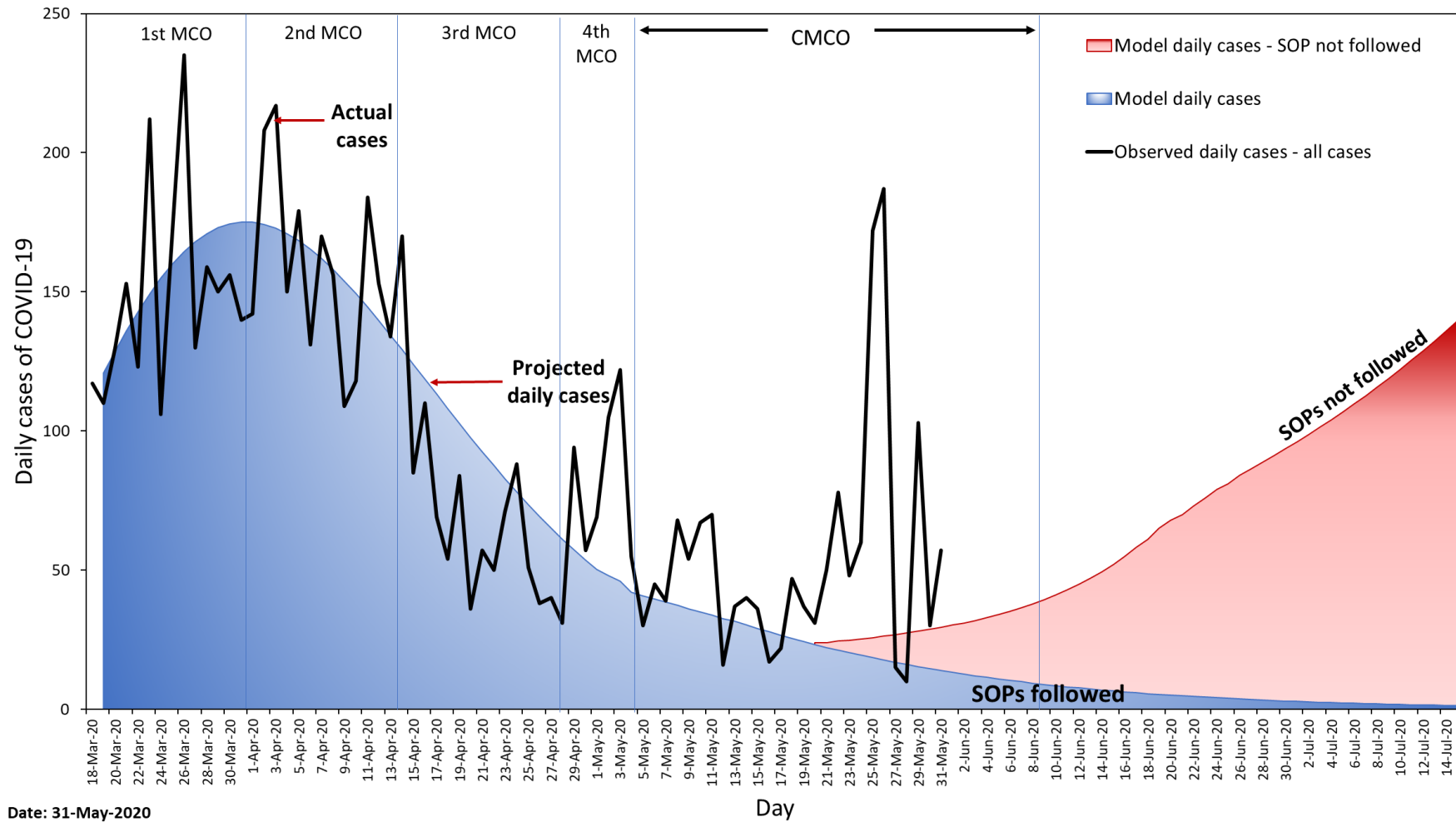
### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 1 June 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	256
Selangor	11 (7)	1,920
Negeri Sembilan	2	860
Melaka	13 (13)	232
Johor	0	675
Pahang	0	361
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	1	347
Sarawak	0	552
WP Kuala Lumpur	11 (6)	2,039
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>38 (26)</b>	<b>7,857</b>

\*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases



**Figure 1:** Number of daily COVID-19 cases among Malaysians (excluding imported cases, non-Malaysian cases in the community and non-Malaysian detainees at the Immigration Detention Centres) compared against the projection of the number of cases on 21 May 2020



Date: 31-May-2020

**Figure 2:** Number of daily COVID-19 cases among Malaysians (all cases) compared against the projection of the number of cases on 21 May 2020