



## **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**

6 June 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **25 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 6,635 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (79.9% of total cumulative cases).

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

6 June 2020, 12 pm – A total of **37 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,303 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,551 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 37 additional cases reported today, eight (8) are imported cases who were infected overseas. Of the 29 locally transmitted cases, 19 cases are non-Malaysians and 10 cases are amongst Malaysians.

Currently, five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU), and no cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **117 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.41% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #117:** Case 2,296 is a 79 year-old Malaysian woman. She was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 1,508). She developed symptoms on 18 March 2020 and was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital on 26 March 2020. She was pronounced dead on 5 June 2020, 2.05 pm.

MOH conveys condolences to the family members.

### **The Use of Face Masks**

As previously mentioned, MOH strongly encourages the use of face masks in public, especially in confined and crowded areas or spaces.

On 5 June 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced an advisory on the use of face masks. WHO recommends that individuals with symptoms are advised to avoid going out, except for important matters and to seek treatment. If they need to get out of the house, they need to use face masks.

In addition, WHO also recommends the use of face masks by:

1. Healthcare workers (HCWs) in healthcare facilities. MOH also advises HCWs to also use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when working in healthcare facilities, especially when performing procedures;
2. Older adults in areas where there are local community infection transmission; and
3. The public in areas where there are local community infection transmission.

In principle, the use of face masks should be a priority for HCWs as well as the general public with symptoms. This is because COVID-19 infection spreads through respiratory droplets in the community. The public is encouraged to wear face masks when in confined and crowded areas. This is because in such areas, it is difficult for individuals to practice safe social distancing of at least 1 metre away from others.

However, WHO also emphasised that the use of face masks alone is not enough to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection. Keep in mind that safe social distancing, the practice of regular hand washing with water and soap, and other public health measures should be applied in everyday life. These are the most important practices that the public must take in the fight against COVID-19.

WHO will also continue to conduct research and will update the public on the latest development from time to time.

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

MOH urges the cooperation of every individual so that together we can prevent further COVID-19 outbreaks and ensure that the transmission of COVID-19 infection can be broken in the country. The recommended actions are:

- 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 to the SOPs, the public is advised to continue to adhere to **THIS:**

- **T:** Terms 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

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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## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 6 June 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	256
Selangor	14 (1)	1,953
Negeri Sembilan	5	910
Melaka	0	234
Johor	0	676
Pahang	0	363
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	0	351
Sarawak	2	555
WP Kuala Lumpur	15 (7)	2,389
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	1	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>37 (8)</b>	<b>8,303</b>

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