



**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

18 June 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **127 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (93.8% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

18 June 2020, 12 pm – A total of **14 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,529 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 408 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 14 additional cases reported today, **three (3) are imported cases who were infected overseas** involving two (2) Malaysians and one (1) non-Malaysian permanent resident. Of the **11 local transmission cases**, seven (7) cases are non-Malaysians and four (4) cases are among Malaysians.

Details for the local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (7 cases) are as follows:

- Kuala Lumpur – 2 cases:
 - 1 case: Close contact (of same household) to confirmed COVID-19 cases (Cases 8,455 and 8,508).
 - 1 case: Close contact to (of same household) to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 8,498).
- Selangor – 1 case: Close contact (family member) to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 8,368).
- Sarawak – 2 cases: Screening at a construction work site.
- Sabah – 1 case: Screening of detainees in prison in Penampang Police Headquarters.
- Perak – 1 case: Pre-departure screening prior to returning to home country.

The details of the COVID-19 local transmission cases among **Malaysians** (4 cases) are as follows:

- Kuala Lumpur – 2 cases: Bukit Jalil Immigration Detention Centre Cluster; among staff.
- Sarawak – 2 cases:
 - 1 case: Pre-surgical screening at Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching.
 - 1 case: Pre-departure screening for overseas travel for an urgent matter.

Currently, four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs), and no patient is on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **121 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.42% of total cumulative cases).

Targeted Approach for Screening at Detention Centres

As previously mentioned, one of the targeted approach activities for high-risk groups that the Government has undertaken is the COVID-19 screening at the Detention Centres. These locations have been identified as at high-risk for COVID-19 infection transmission following the high occurrence of COVID-19 infection among the detainees. Subsequently, screening activities became more focused, i.e.:

- All new detainees at the Detention Centres must undergo sampling
- All detainees to be transferred to another Detention Centre must be sampled first
- All detainees to be sent back to their home country must be sampled first
- All staff working in Detention Centres must be sampled
- Random sampling will be conducted by the District Health Office or State Health Department as part of a risk assessment

As of 18 June 2020, 12 pm, a total of 13,149 individuals have been sampled, of which 782 cases had been detected as COVID-19 positive, 11,564 were negative for COVID-19 and 803 still awaiting results. Of those tested positive, seven (7) are Malaysians while 775 were non-Malaysians. The detail of the results by State is shown in Table 1.

Once confirmed COVID-19 cases are identified, these individuals are isolated and hospitalised for treatment, and active case detection will be conducted.

Table 1 Results of COVID-19 testing at Detention Centres by States

	Total sampled	Positive	Negative	Results pending	Positive	
					M'sian	Non-M'sian
Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya	1,977	651	1,317	9	3	648
Selangor	5,190	126	4,453	611	1	125
Pahang	332	0	332	0	0	0
Pulau Pinang	1,548	0	1,442	106	0	0
Perak	8	0	8	0	0	0
Terengganu	566	0	566	0	0	0
Sabah	1,853	3	1,773	77	2	1
Johor	993	0	993	0	0	0
Kelantan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Labuan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melaka	682	2	680	0	1	1
Total	13,149	782	11,564	803	7	775

Health Advisory on COVID-19

The general public is also reminded to always follow the health advisories repeatedly mentioned by the MOH, that includes:

- 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, continue to adhere to **THIS**:

- **T**: Terms set under the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO)
- **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 18 June 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	1	258
Selangor	2 (1)	2,006
Negeri Sembilan	0	994
Melaka	0	255
Johor	2 (2)	686
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	1	362
Sarawak	4	565
WP Kuala Lumpur	4	2,422
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	14 (3)	8,529

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case