



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

19 June 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **70 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,070 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (94.6% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

19 June 2020, 12 pm – A total of **six (6) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,535 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 344 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the six (6) additional cases reported today, **two (2) are imported cases who were infected overseas** involving one (1) Malaysian and one (1) non-Malaysian permanent resident. All **four (4) local transmission cases** are among Malaysians, as follows:

- Kuala Lumpur – 1 case: Screening at a religious school
- Selangor – 1 case: Close contact (family member) of a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 8,513)
- Negeri Sembilan – 1 case: Screening before returning to Sarawak
- Sarawak – 1 case: From Kidurong Cluster, described below

Currently, three (3) 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).

Kidurong Cluster

MOH would like to inform of a new cluster that has been detected in Sarawak. To date, six (6) cases have been detected for this cluster. The index case is a student of a public Institution of Higher Education, found to be positive for COVID-19 on 12 June 2020. Active case detection of the family members found that the father, mother and two siblings were also positive for COVID-19. In addition, a friend of the father was also found to be positive for COVID-19; making this a new cluster in Kidurong.

Investigation and screening of close contacts have been carried out, and so far, a total of 231 individuals have been identified. Of these, 163 individuals have been screened and all tested negative for COVID-19. The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

Community-based Surveillance will be further strengthened

Of late, the number of additional confirmed COVID-19 cases reported daily is within one to two digits. In particular, local transmission cases were single digit, indicating that Malaysia has entered the recovery phase. However, MOH will continue the surveillance activities that will be further strengthened to monitor local transmission of COVID-19 in the community. This surveillance will enable early detection of COVID-19 cases in Malaysia and enable immediate prevention measures to be taken. The surveillance activities include pre-surgical surveillance as well as screening of identified targeted groups.

Clinical surveillance is done by random COVID-19 sampling from MOH healthcare facilities. Up till the 24th epidemiological week (i.e. up to 13

June 2020), a total of 19,309 samples of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) cases were taken, of which:

- ILI cases: 15 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 2,048 samples (a positive rate of 0.7%)
- SARI cases: 76 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 17,261 samples (a positive rate of 0.4%)

MOH would like to inform that the number of sentinel health clinics has been increased to a total of 26 health clinics throughout the country. This is to strengthen the early warning system for COVID-19 infection transmission in Malaysia.

For pre-surgical screening (emergency and semi-emergency cases) at MOH hospitals; up till 19 June 2020, a total of 17 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected from 37,756 patients screened (a positive rate of 0.05%).

As part of the targeted approach strategy, targeted screening is done for nine (9) identified high-risk groups, as follows:

1. Seri Petaling gathering: 3,375 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 41,955 individuals screened (a positive rate of 8.04%)
2. Religious schools: 722 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 19,050 individuals screened (a positive rate of 3.79%)
3. Healthcare workers: 363 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 28,512 individuals screened (a positive rate 1.27%)
4. Locations under all types of Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO): 913 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 31,258 individuals screened (a positive rate of 2.92%)
5. Travellers from overseas (since 3 April 2020): 598 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 51,121 individuals screened (a positive rate of 1.17%)
6. Wet markets: 275 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 34,028 individuals screened (a positive rate of 0.81%)

7. Non-Malaysian workers at construction sites and the security sector (in Red Zones): 154 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 1,696 individuals screened (a positive rate of 9.08%)
8. Senior care facilities: 30 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 16,213 individuals screened (a positive rate of 0.19%)
9. Immigration Detention Centres: 776 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 8,280 individuals screened (a positive rate of 9.37%). Of these, 83% are from the Bukit Jalil Immigration Detention Centre.

COVID-19 surveillance in Malaysia will continue even when the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) ends. In addition, the surveillance will be strengthened including in the private sector. MOH would like to inform that all confirmed COVID-19 cases in the public (government) and private healthcare facilities must be notified to the MOH. This is because COVID-19 has already been listed as a notifiable disease under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 [Act 342].

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 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.

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah
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Appendix 1

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

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	3 (2)	2,009
Negeri Sembilan	1	995
Melaka	0	255
Johor	0	686
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	0	362
Sarawak	1	566
WP Kuala Lumpur	1	2,423
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	6 (2)	8,535

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case