



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

**UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA
4 July 2020**

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **15 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,461 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (97.7% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

4 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **10 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,658 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 76 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 10 additional cases reported today, **seven (7) are imported cases** who were infected overseas, all involving Malaysians. Of the **three (3) local transmission cases**, one (1) case is a non-Malaysian – from screening of a police suspect in Seremban, Negeri Sembilan prior to transfer to prison; and two (2) cases among Malaysians. The details of these 2 cases are as follows:

- Kuala Lumpur – 1 case: Pre-surgical screening in Canselor Tuanku Muhriz (UKM) Hospital. The patient has been transferred to Sungai Buloh Hospital.

- Sabah – 1 case: Screening of healthcare workers who have completed work duties at a quarantine centre in Likas.

Currently, two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs) and both patients are 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 (1.39% of total cumulative cases).

The Pudu Cluster Ends

MOH would like to inform that the Pudu Cluster has ended. This was a residential cluster in Kuala Lumpur first detected from screening of workers at a construction site. The first confirmed COVID-19 case was detected on 10 May 2020 following a COVID-19 screening of workers that was initiated by the employer.

As of 3 July 2020, a total of 3,387 individuals have been screened, and 80 confirmed COVID-19 cases were found (a positive rate of 2.36%), with 97.5% of cases among non-Malaysians. The details of the nationalities of the cases are as follows:

- 69 cases – Bangladeshi nationals
- 7 cases – Myanmar nationals
- 2 cases – Indonesians nationals
- 2 cases – Malaysians

Administrative movement restriction was implemented in this cluster area with the assistance of various agencies to conduct active case detection and implement subsequent infection control measures. The investigation showed that the main factor contributing to the spread of COVID-19 infection in the cluster was crowded and cramped living quarters. It was not possible to practice safe social distancing in this circumstance among those found to be positive for COVID-19.

MOH would like to thank all parties that have provided their respective services for all activities related to this cluster.

The Pekan District Health Office Working Together with the Pahang State Election Commission for the Chini State By-Election

The voting for the Chini state by-election is taking place today, 4 July 2020. The Pekan District Health Office (DHO) and other related agencies have begun early preparations to ensure that the voting process goes smoothly in compliance with the new norms and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that has been set.

Among the preparations and the COVID-19 preventive measures carried out by the DHO for this Chini state by-election included:

- The By-Election Coordination meeting was held one month prior at the Pekan District Office together with the Pahang State Election Commission (EC).
- Briefing to all EC personnel and work process simulation was also conducted with all healthcare workers (HCWs) involved.
- Assignment of medical teams and monitoring teams at all polling centres.
- The monitoring teams will conduct monitoring activities within the polling centres to ensure that voters are compliant with the SOP.
- The medical team on duty at special tents at the polling centres will conduct temperature checks.
- For voters who failed their temperature checks or with symptoms, they will vote in a special tent following a designated SOP. The voters will then be examined by the medical team for further management.

A total of 140 HCWs have been assigned to the 13 polling centres. As of 3 pm today:

- 98 voters were referred to the treatment tent.
- 6 voters were found to have symptoms and allowed to vote in the special tent.

- 1 voter was referred to the nearby health clinic for further management.

MOH congratulates all officers and staff on duty and performing their respective tasks to ensure that this state by-election runs smoothly. Congratulations also to all voters for performing their responsibility to the nation by voting and complying with the new norms following the set SOP.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH urges the public to remain vigilant and continue to practice all of the health advisories issued 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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4 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 4 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	97
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	7 (7)	2,058
Negeri Sembilan	1	1,026
Melaka	0	256
Johor	0	692
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	157
Sabah	1	376
Sarawak	0	571
WP Kuala Lumpur	1	2,438
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	10 (7)	8,658

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case