



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **five (5) cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,486 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (97.8% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

8 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **three (3) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,677 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 70 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

No local transmission cases are reported today. All three (3) reported cases were imported cases **among Malaysians who were infected overseas.**

Currently, two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs) and **one (1) 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 (1.39% of total cumulative cases).

The Biggest COVID-19 Cluster in Malaysia (the Seri Petaling Gathering Cluster) Ended Today

MOH would like to inform that the largest COVID-19 cluster in Malaysia, the Seri Petaling Gathering Cluster, **has ended today**. This cluster was detected following a large religious gathering held at a mosque in Seri Petaling, Kuala Lumpur. The gathering took place over four days, from 27 February until 3 March 2020 and was attended by over 16,000 participants (14,500 Malaysians and 1,500 non-Malaysians of various nationalities).

The first confirmed COVID-19 case in this cluster was reported in the country on 11 March 2020 (one week after the gathering ended) i.e. Case 131 and Case 136. They were Malaysians from Pahang and Negeri Sembilan who attended the gathering. The source of infection for this cluster **most likely originated from overseas**, and subsequently spread in the community through the large gathering of people by close contact with positive cases. The transmission of COVID-19 infection for this cluster was nationwide throughout Malaysia.

As of 8 July 2020, a total of 42,023 individuals have been screened in this cluster. Of these, 3,375 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected (38.9% of total cumulative COVID-19 cases in Malaysia). The cases for this cluster and sub-clusters were detected in seven states (**Appendix 2**), involving 2,550 Malaysians and 825 non-Malaysians of 27 nationalities (detailed in **Appendix 3**).

Majority of the confirmed COVID-19 cases were asymptomatic, i.e. 2,187 cases or 64.8% of the total number of cases of this cluster. A total of 87 patients were treated in the ICUs. Of these, 29 patients needed ventilation support. A total of 3,341 individuals have fully recovered, resulting in a 98.9% recovery rate. There are no longer any active cases.

Unfortunately, 34 deaths have been reported in this cluster (28.1% of total COVID-19 deaths in Malaysia). The deaths were among 31 Malaysians and three (3) non-Malaysians; 30 men and four (4) women. The distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths by age-groups is shown in **Table 1** below:

Table 1 Number of COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Age-Groups

Age-group (years)	No. of cases (%)	No. of deaths (%)
0 - 19	759 (22.5%)	0
20 - 29	779 (23.1%)	0
30 - 39	487 (14.4%)	2 (5.9%)
40 - 49	397 (11.8%)	3 (8.8%)
50 - 59	469 (13.9%)	7 (20.6%)
60 - 69	370 (10.9%)	12 (35.3%)
70 - 79	93 (2.8%)	10 (29.4%)
80 - 89	21 (0.6%)	0
Total	3,375	34

Since the cluster was first detected, the Government had adopted an aggressive targeted approach through active case detection among the identified target groups of this cluster i.e. participants and close contacts of the Seri Petaling gathering, as well as students and staff of religious schools throughout Malaysia. As a result of investigations and activities under the targeted approach, MOH had detected a total of 17 sub-clusters within this cluster (**Appendix 4**). International border control also ensured that there was no longer any infection transmission due to imported COVID-19 cases.

Four months have passed since the cluster was first detected and today marks the 28th day since the last reported case (i.e. Case 8,367) on 11 June 2020. Today is a very meaningful day for the Nation. This achievement is a shared success for MOH and other agencies who have collaborated through integrated actions in all approaches to control and contain the transmission of the COVID-19 infection in this cluster. The media has also played a major role in disseminating information and communicating risk related to this cluster throughout the country.

Thank you to the Seri Petaling Mosque for their support and cooperation. The cooperation by all members of the *Jemaah* (congregation) had assisted in the detection, isolation and treatment of COVID-19 cases. The MOH would like to thank all those involved, for their contribution and service leading towards this achievement.

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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8 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 8 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	97
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	1 (1)	2,066
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	0	256
Johor	0	694
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	157
Sabah	0	378
Sarawak	1 (1)	573
WP Kuala Lumpur	1 (1)	2,442
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	3 (3)	8,677

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case

Appendix 2

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases of the Seri Petaling Gathering Cluster Registered by States

	State	No. of cases
1.	Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya	963
2.	Selangor	538
3.	Johor	504
4.	Sabah	223
5.	Perak	171
6.	Pahang	169
7.	Negeri Sembilan	160

**Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases of the Seri Petaling
Gathering Cluster by Nationalities**

	Nationality	No. of cases
1.	Malaysian	2,550
2.	Philippines	169
3.	Bangladeshi	151
4.	Myanmar	140
5.	Indonesian	114
6.	Indian	88
7.	Pakistani	51
8.	Cambodian	22
9.	Vietnamese	22
10.	Thailand	9
11.	Chinese	8
12.	Kyrgystan	8
13.	Bruneian	7
14.	Nepalese	7
15.	Nigerian	5
16.	Fijian	4
17.	Jordanese	4
18.	Sri Lankan	4
19.	Australian	2
20.	Singaporean	2
21.	United States	1
23.	Kenyan	1
24.	Maldives	1
25.	Egyptian	1
26.	Somalian	1
27.	Tunisian	1

	Nationality	No. of cases
28.	Yemenese	1

Appendix 4

List of Sub-Clusters from the Seri Petaling Gathering Cluster

	Sub-Cluster	No. of cases
1.	Kampung Sungai Lui	211
2.	Pasar Borong, Kuala Lumpur	204
3.	Bandar Baru Ibrahim Majid and surrounding areas	193
4.	Selangor Mansion	179
5.	Wedding reception, Bandar Baru Bangi	159
6.	Maahad Darul Uloom Al-Islamia, Sungai Salan	85
7.	Plaza City One Tower	55
8.	Rembau	53
9.	Madrasah Bustanul Ulum Abu Bakar, Ayer Merbau	41
10.	SP in Kuching	41
11.	PKNS Flats	37
12.	Pasar Besar Jalan Othman	28
13.	Pekan	22
14.	Pasir Gudang Edible Oil (PGEO)	15
15.	Malayan Mansion	13
16.	Madrasah Penanti	11
17.	Pasar Harian (Wet Market) Selayang	6
	Total	1,353