



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **four (4) cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,515 confirmed COVID-19 cases have recovered** (97.8% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

11 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **eight (8) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,704 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 67 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the eight (8) additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases where infected overseas, all are Malaysians. Of the four (4) local transmission cases, two (2) are among Malaysians and two (2) are among non-Malaysians.

The details of the local transmission cases among Malaysians (2 cases) are as follows:

- Sarawak – 1 case: Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) patient admitted into Sarawak General Hospital. This patient is also death #122 reported today, detail shown below.
- Sabah – 1 case: Screening of a patient who was referred to a hospital.

The details of the local transmission cases among non-Malaysians (2 cases) are as follows:

- Selangor – 2 cases: Screening of detainees at the Sepang Immigration Detention Centre prior to repatriation to the country of origin.

Currently, three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICUs) and **two (2) patients are on ventilation support.**

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **122 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.40% of total cumulative cases):

- Death #122 (Case 8,702) is a 72 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of hypertension and diabetes. He sought traditional treatment on several occasions since 3 July 2020 and at a private hospital on 9 July 2020. He was then immediately transferred to Sarawak General Hospital due to suspected COVID-19 infection. He was subsequently confirmed to have COVID-19 infection, his health deteriorated further, and he was transferred to the ICU. He was pronounced dead on 10 July 2020, 5.49 pm.

MOH expresses condolences to the family members.

Pre-Surgery Sampling as a COVID-19 Surveillance System in Malaysia

MOH wishes to inform that pre-surgery sampling is one of the COVID-19 surveillance system in Malaysia. It aims to detect early COVID-19 infection in the community and provide early warning for the MOH to take immediate action.

This surveillance is conducted on a large population and covers all levels of the society who are asymptomatic. Individuals who need to undergo emergency or semi-emergency surgery in MOH hospitals would be tested for COVID-19 first. As of 10 July 2020, a total of 60,952 pre-surgery samples have been taken. Of these, 21 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected (a positive rate of 0.03%). The percentage of positive cases remains low despite the high sampling numbers indicates that local transmission COVID-19 in the country is under control.

This dynamic surveillance system is a good proxy for describing the transmission of the COVID-19 infection in the community in Malaysia. This is because it covers all levels of society and conducted on asymptomatic individuals. The MOH will continue to monitor for COVID-19 cases in the community and ensure that cases are detected early so that the transmission of the COVID-19 infection can be controlled.

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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11 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 11 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	98
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	258
Selangor	3 (1)	2,079
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	0	256
Johor	2 (2)	699
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	157
Sabah	1	379
Sarawak	2 (1)	577
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,445
WP Putrajaya	0	97
WP Labuan	0	17
Total	8 (4)	8,704

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case