



## PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

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

#### Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **seven (7) cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,553 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (97.4% of total cumulative cases).

#### Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

19 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **15 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,779 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 103 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 15 additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported case who were **infected overseas**, involving two (2) Malaysians and two (2) non-Malaysians (one allowed to enter Malaysia for work; and the other is a spouse to a Malaysian). The four (4) imported cases were travellers from:

- United Kingdom – 2 cases
- India – 1 case
- Libya – 1 case

Of the 11 **local transmission** cases, eight (8) cases are among Malaysians and three (3) cases are among non-Malaysians.

Details of the local transmission COVID-19 cases among **Malaysians** (8 cases) are as follows:

- Sarawak – 5 cases:
  - 1 case: Screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 8,743).
  - 1 case: Self-requested screening.
  - 1 case: Screening prior returning to work.
  - 2 cases: Random sampling in the field at the main points of entry into Sarawak.
- Selangor – 1 case: Pre-surgical screening at the Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM.
- Sabah – 1 case: Pre-procedural screening at Queen Elizabeth 2 Hospital.
- Johor – 1 case: A brought in dead (BID) case. This is death #123 reported today, detail as shown below.

For the local transmission cases among **non-Malaysians** (3 cases), details are as follows:

- Kuala Lumpur – 1 case: From the Kuala Lumpur Restaurant Cluster, as detailed below.
- Selangor – 1 case: From the Sepang *Rumah Kongs*i Cluster, as detailed below.
- Sarawak – 1 case: From the Kuching Jetty Cluster, as detailed below.

Currently, two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment **in intensive care units** (ICUs), and one (1) patient is on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **123 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.40% of total cumulative cases):

- Death #123 (Case 8,770) is a 72 year old Malaysian man with a history of hypertension and stroke. He was a resident of an elderly care home and developed symptoms of fever and cough on 10 July 2020. He was referred to the Enche Besar Hajjah Khalsom Hospital, Johor on 17 July 2020 and died upon arrival at the emergency department. He tested positive for COVID-19 and was pronounced dead on 17 July 2020, 12.51 pm.

MOH extends its condolences to his family members.

### **The Sepang *Rumah Kongs* Cluster**

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been detected at the shared living quarters (*rumah kongs*) at a construction site in Sepang, Selangor. As of 19 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of 96 workers have been screened, consisting of nine (9) Malaysians and 87 non-Malaysians:

- 63 Indonesian nationals
- 22 Bangladeshi nationals
- 9 Malaysians
- 2 Myanmar nationals

All of the workers screened were also tested for COVID-19. The results are as follows:

- Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 94 individuals tested negative

This cluster consists of two (2) non-Malaysians, i.e. one (1) Indonesian national who is the index case (Case 8,739) for this cluster and one (1) Bangladeshi national who is the close contact reported today. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

### **The Kuala Lumpur Restaurant Cluster**

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been detected at a restaurant in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur, as the result of random screening

in the field conducted by the District Health Office. As of 19 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of 250 individuals – 14 restaurant workers and 236 customers – have been screened. All the individuals screened were also tested for COVID-19. The results are as follows:

- Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 248 individuals tested negative

This cluster consists of two (2) non-Malaysians, both Indian nationals, one (1) who is the index case (Case 8,666) for this cluster and the other is the close contact reported today. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

### **The Kuching Jetty Cluster**

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been detected in Sarawak. As of 19 July 2020, 12 pm, a total of 25 fishermen have been screened and the results of COVID-19 testing are as follows:

- Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 23 individuals tested negative

This cluster consists of two (2) non-Malaysians, both Indonesian nationals, one (1) who is the index case (Case 8,736) for this cluster and the other is the close contact reported today. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

### **Health Advisory on COVID-19**

MOH advises the public not to be complacent and to continue to remain vigilant; and to always practice all of the health advisories issued by the MOH. The advisories that should be incorporated as the new normal include:

- 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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19 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

## Appendix 1

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

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	99
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	2 (2)	260
Selangor	4 (2)	2,103
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,027
Melaka	0	258
Johor	1	702
Pahang	0	365
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	158
Sabah	1	382
Sarawak	6	607
WP Kuala Lumpur	1	2,450
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 (4)</b>	<b>8,779</b>

\*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case