



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

**UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA
3 August 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 recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,668 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.3% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

3 August 2020, 12 pm – A total of **two (2) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,001 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 208 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

The **two (2)** additional confirmed cases reported today are **local transmission** cases involving **Malaysians**. **No imported cases who were infected overseas** are reported today. The details of the **local transmission** cases are as follows:

- Kedah – 1 case: From the Sivagangga PUI Cluster.
- Labuan – 1 case: From random screening in the field, a college student. The case was asymptomatic and has been admitted into Labuan Hospital.

Currently, only **one (1) confirmed COVID-19 case** is receiving treatment in the intensive care unit (ICU), and **no patient is on ventilation support**.

No additional COVID-19 death was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **125 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.39% of total cumulative cases).

Current Status of the Sivagangga PUI Cluster

As of 3 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 425 individuals have been screened. Of these:

- 21 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 362 individuals tested negative
- 42 individuals awaiting results

As informed earlier, the Sivagangga PUI Cluster is a local transmission cluster in the community that was caused by an imported case (i.e. the index case for this cluster). In addition to the Sivagangga PUI Cluster, there are also other active clusters that were caused by imported cases who have not complied with the Home Surveillance Order (HSO) that was implemented from 10 June to 23 July 2020. These clusters are:

- Elsa Cluster
- Novgorod PUI Cluster
- Pitakwa PUI Cluster
- Melbourne PUI Cluster
- Ramnad PUI Cluster
- Al-Khobar PUI Cluster
- Shirala PUI Cluster

The index case for the Sivagangga PUI Cluster is a restaurant owner who has returned to Malaysia from India and was placed under the HSO. However, he was found not to have complied with the terms of the Order.

This non-compliance has led to widespread transmission of the COVID-19 infection in the community. The disease transmission has been

identified through investigation of close contacts and active case detection conducted by the Government. However, the District Health Office and the State Health Department face several challenges in fully carrying out contact tracing activities. This is because the restaurant involved did not use the MySejahtera application nor record the attendance as well as the body temperature of customers to this restaurant.

Today, one (1) additional confirmed case was reported in this cluster (Case 9,000), who is a regular customer of the restaurant. He underwent a self-initiated COVID-19 screening at a private health facility on 27 July 2020, and the results of the Rapid Test Kit Antibody screening was negative. On 31 July 2020, he began to experience symptoms of fever and cough but did not contact the District Health Office or the nearest Health Clinic for immediate treatment. Only one (1) day later, after being involved with activities related to the Hari Raya Aidil Adha celebration, the case has come forward to inform that he is a close contact to the index case. Subsequently, RT-PCR screening test was done, and the case was found to be positive for COVID-19. The case was then admitted into Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital for treatment.

Learning from this case, MOH would like to remind the public not to withhold or hide any important information such as any close contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases or similar relevant information from the authorities. The public should come forward if they are at high-risk or have close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. It is the social responsibility of every individual in the community so that together we can prevent and control the transmission of COVID-19 infection.

MOH also urges all employers, traders, companies or premises' owners to register with the MySejahtera application through its website. As announced by the Senior Minister (Security Cluster) during his press conference earlier this afternoon, the Government has made it mandatory to use this application in all premises to facilitate the process of investigation and tracking of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to continue to remain vigilant and to always comply to the recommendations and health advisories repeatedly emphasised by the MOH. These advisories must be incorporated into everyday life as the new normal.

- Avoid the **3Cs**: Avoid **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 now mandatory in public areas (starting from 1 August 2020 as directed by the National Security Council) or highly recommended 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 physical 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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3 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 3 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	19
Kedah	1	122
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	264
Selangor	0	2,130
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,029
Melaka	0	258
Johor	0	742
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	400
Sarawak	0	678
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,476
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	1	20
Total	2	9,001

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case