



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **16 cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,684 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.5% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

4 August 2020, 12 pm – **One (1) additional confirmed COVID-19 case** was reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,002 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 193 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

The **one (1)** additional confirmed case reported today is a **local transmission** case involving a **Malaysian**, a Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) case in Tuanku Fauziah Hospital, Perlis. **No imported cases** who were infected overseas are reported today.

Currently, **no confirmed COVID-19 case** is receiving treatment in the intensive care unit (ICU), and **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).

Only One (1) Additional Case Reported Today

A month has passed since our country reported one (1) additional daily case of COVID-19 on 1 July 2020. Again, we see a decrease in daily reported cases to just one (1) case. MOH would like to thank all parties for this achievement, that is the result of the efforts and cooperation of every level of society and agencies involved in playing their respective roles. MOH hopes that the community will continue to adopt the new normal in daily life and comply with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) set by the Government.

Every level of society is also urged to continue efforts to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases in our country by practicing safe physical distancing of at least 1 metre away from others, maintaining good personal hygiene especially hand hygiene, avoiding crowded and confined areas, as well as avoid close conversations.

Re-transmission of COVID-19 infection in Malaysia can occur if we are complacent and take the Government's recommendations, advisories and warnings lightly. Therefore, the community must continue to take measures to prevent COVID-19 infection at all times to ensure that we continue to succeed in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Viralled Fake News on COVID-19 Screening for Students and Parents who Celebrated Hari Raya Aidil Adha in Kubang Pasu District, Kedah

MOH would like to refer to the fake news that have spread through social media, instructing parents and students who have been on holiday in Kubang Pasu district, Kedah, to undergo COVID-19 screening at the nearest Health Clinic. Please be informed that the MOH **never issued** any official directive – this is fake news that was viralled.

As announced by the MOH, individuals who are required to undergo COVID-19 screening are:

1. Individuals with history of close contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases.
2. Residents who are in the areas under the administrative Restricted Movement Control Order (RMCO) i.e.:
 - Within 1 km radius of the Nasi Kandar Salleh Restaurant, Pekan Napoh (Mukim Hosba, Kubang Pasu)
 - Kampung Pida Satu, Megat Dewa (Mukim Ah, Kubang Pasu)
 - Kampung Bendang Dalam (Mukim Binjal, Kubang Pasu)
 - Kampung Ulu, Padang Sanai (Padang Terap)
3. Those who are closely related to the restaurant involved in the Sivagangga PUI Cluster e.g.:
 - Customers or individuals who had eaten at the restaurant
 - Individuals who interacted with the index case of this cluster or with other workers of the restaurant between 13 July 2020 to 27 July 2020
4. Individuals who have fever or respiratory symptoms.

Individuals meeting any of the above criteria should immediately contact the nearest District Health Office to undergo COVID-19 screening. MOH will continue to work with the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE), State Health Department and State Education Department in addressing this fake news issue to ensure that the instructions issued are valid and accurate.

MOH is always sensitive and concerned about information or news that can cause public anxiety and worry. If there are any doubts regarding the issue of fake news as above or other issues related to COVID-19, the public can contact the National CPRC, MOH at the hotline 03-88810200, 03-88810600, 03-88810700 or official email cprc@moh.gov.my. Validated information on the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia can also be obtained through the CPRC telegram channel of the MOH at <https://t.me/cprckkm>.

The public is reminded to be cautious before disseminating any content which authenticity is in doubt, and can channel such information to the Quick Response Team of the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia (KKMM) at:

- Telephone 03-8911 5103
- Visit sebenarnya.my to check the validity of the news

The public is again urged not to spread any fake news or news which authenticity is in doubt.

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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4 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

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

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	1	20
Kedah	0	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	0	20
Total	1 (0)	9,002

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case