



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **47 cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 8,775 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.8% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

8 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **seven (7) additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,070 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 170 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the seven (7) additional cases reported today, six (6) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving three (3) Malaysians and three (3) non-Malaysians. The six (6) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- China – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Yemen – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Myanmar – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Japan – 1 case in Selangor
- Pakistan – 1 case in Sarawak

- Mexico – 1 case in Labuan

There is only one (1) **local transmission case** involving a **Malaysian**. The case was detected through a workplace screening in Negeri Sembilan. The case has a history of working in Indonesia and returned back to Malaysia on 7 May 2020. The case was asymptomatic and has been admitted into Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital, Seremban.

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

No additional COVID-19 death was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **125 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.38% of total cumulative cases).

No Additional Confirmed Cases Reported Today for the Sivagangga PUI Cluster

As of 8 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 4,198 individuals have been screened in this cluster. These included screening conducted in Kedah, Perlis and Pulau Pinang. Of these:

- 43 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 3,235 individuals tested negative
- 920 individuals awaiting results

Close contact screening and active case detection is still ongoing. Preventive measures such as cleaning and disinfection are carried out in areas that have been identified as closely related to this cluster.

The current situation of this cluster will be communicated to the public from time to time. The public is requested to check the validity of the information received before acting on and disseminating the information.

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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8 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

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

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	30
Kedah	0	132
Pulau Pinang	0	122
Perak	0	266
Selangor	1 (1)	2,133
Negeri Sembilan	1	1,032
Melaka	0	258
Johor	0	744
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	410
Sarawak	1 (1)	680
WP Kuala Lumpur	3 (3)	2,499
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	1 (1)	22
Total	7 (6)	9,070

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case