



## **PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

### **UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 14 August 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 fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,828 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.5% of total cumulative cases).

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

14 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **20 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,149 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 196 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 20 additional cases reported today, seven (7) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving six (6) **Malaysians** and one (1) **non-Malaysian**. The seven (7) imported cases were travellers from the following countries:

- Lebanon – 3 cases in Kuala Lumpur
- Indonesia – 1 case in Selangor
- France – 1 case in Selangor
- Yemen – 1 case in Sarawak
- Taiwan – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

All 13 **local transmission cases** are among Malaysians. The details are as follows:

- Kedah – 12 cases:
  - 10 cases: From the Tawar Cluster, as detailed below.
  - 1 case: From the Kuala Muda Cluster, as detailed below.
  - 1 case: A Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) case.
- Pulau Pinang – 1 case: From the Tawar Cluster; a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 9,149). The case also had a history of visiting Case 9,113 and Case 9,129 at a private hospital in Pulau Pinang.

Currently, **four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), and one (1) patient is on ventilation support.

**No additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **125 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.37% of total cumulative cases).

### **The Kuala Muda Cluster in Kedah**

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster was detected in Kuala Muda District, Kedah. The first case of this cluster (Case 9,114) is a Malaysian man who is a policeman. The confirmed case reported today (Case 9,147) is a colleague of the index case.

Subsequently, active case detection and screening of close contacts were conducted on 13 August 2020, and the additional confirmed case was detected on 14 August 2020.

As of 14 August 2020, 124 close contacts have been screened and tested. Of these:

- Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 5 individuals tested negative
- 117 individuals awaiting results

All cases in this cluster are Malaysians. Active case detection is ongoing, and preventive and control measures such as cleaning and disinfection have been carried out at the identified locations. The cause of infection for this cluster is still under investigation.

### **Current Status of the Tawar Cluster**

MOH would like to inform that 11 additional confirmed cases for the Tawar Cluster were reported today, i.e. 10 cases in Kedah and one (1) case in Pulau Pinang (Case 9,149). Case 9,129 from this cluster who was reported yesterday was admitted into Pulau Pinang Hospital from a private medical centre, but this case remains registered as a case in Kedah.

As of 14 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 261 individuals have been screened in this cluster. Of these, there are 21 confirmed COVID-19 case. The breakdown of screening by the states involved is as follows:

1. Kedah (156 individuals screened):
  - 20 confirmed COVID-19 cases
  - 77 individuals tested negative
  - 59 individuals awaiting results
2. Pulau Pinang (105 individuals screened):
  - One (1) confirmed COVID-19 case
  - 75 individuals tested negative
  - 29 individuals awaiting results

Active case detection and screening of close contacts are still ongoing for this cluster and the current situation will be updated from time to time.

## Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH calls on the public to continue to practice the advisories often emphasised by the MOH as the new normal in daily life. These advisories include:

- 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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## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 14 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	30
Kedah	12	155
Pulau Pinang	1	126
Perak	0	269
Selangor	2 (2)	2,144
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,032
Melaka	0	259
Johor	0	749
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	415
Sarawak	1 (1)	682
WP Kuala Lumpur	4 (4)	2,523
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 (7)</b>	<b>9,149</b>

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