PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **36 cases** have recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 9,030 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (97.0% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

28 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **10 additional confirmed COVID-19 case** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,306 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 151 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 10 additional cases reported today, eight (8) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving one (1) Malaysian and seven (7) non-Malaysians. They were travellers from the following countries:

- India – 6 cases: 5 cases in Kuala Lumpur, 1 case in Selangor
- Indonesia – 1 case in Selangor
- Philippines – 1 case in Sarawak

Of the two (2) local transmission cases, one (1) case is a Malaysian and one (1) case is a non-Malaysian. The Malaysian case was detected in

Kedah from symptomatic screening. The non-Malaysian case was detected in Selangor from screening of detainees (illegal migrants) at the Bukit Jalil Immigration Detention Centre.

Currently, **eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, with **six (6) patients** 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 (1.34% of total cumulative cases).

COVID-19 Transmission Outside and Inside the Country

The trend of COVID-19 infection in Malaysia as well as globally is closely monitored to ensure that control measures to prevent the transmission of infection in Malaysia are taken immediately. Control at the International Ports of Entry is enhanced where all travellers arriving at the ports of entry will undergo a health screening process, swab taken for COVID-19 testing, need to download the MySejahtera app and undergo self-quarantine at a quarantine station for 14 days.

As of 27 August 2020, out of the 106,793 travelers who had arrived in Malaysia, a total of 904 individuals were detected positive for COVID-19 (a positive rate of 0.85%). Of the 904 cases detected, the three countries with the highest number of cases were from Indonesia with 295 cases (32.6%), followed by Egypt with 93 cases (10.3%) and Singapore with 70 cases (7.7%). Malaysia will continue to strengthen public health activities carried out at the International Ports of Entry to ensure that COVID-19 infection abroad can be controlled.

To curb the transmission of the COVID-19 infection in the country, all Malaysians need to play their roles together because this is the social responsibility of each individual. MOH urges the public to continue to comply with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) set by the Government at all times.

Taking into account the National Day celebration to be held on 31 August 2020, this will be an extended weekend. Therefore, the public is advised to avoid any large-scale gatherings and to comply with the new norms as well as all SOPs. MOH also emphasises that the use of facemasks in crowded and confined places has been made mandatory by the National Security Council (NSC) from 1 August 2020, especially where physical distancing is difficult to practice.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advices the public to remain vigilant and continue to follow the recommendations and health advisories that are often emphasised. These advisories must be incorporated as the new normal in our daily life, including:

- 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 is 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** as the new normal:

- **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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28 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States
(Cumulative, as of 28 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	32
Kedah	1	213
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	3 (2)	2,164
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	262
Johor	0	751
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	417
Sarawak	1 (1)	697
WP Kuala Lumpur	5 (5)	2,565
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
Total	**10 (8)**	**9,306**

*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case