



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **six (6) cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 9,054 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.9% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

31 August 2020, 12 pm – a total of **six (6) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,340 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 159 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the six (6) additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving two (2) **Malaysians** and two (2) **non-Malaysians**, who were travellers from Singapore. All these cases are reported in Selangor.

The two (2) **local transmission** cases are among **Malaysians** reported in Kedah, i.e. one (1) case from the Tawar Cluster and one (1) case from the Telaga Cluster.

Currently, **six (6) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, with four (4) patients on ventilation support.

Regretfully, one (1) additional COVID-19 death was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **127 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.36% of total cumulative cases):

- **Death #127** (Case 9,124) is a 62-year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes and hypertension. He was one of the confirmed cases reported on 13 August 2020 from the Tawar Cluster. He started having cough on 11 August 2020 and was admitted into Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Kedah on 13 August 2020 when detected positive for COVID-19. His health condition deteriorated and required ventilation support from 19 August 2020. He was pronounced dead on 30 August 2020 at 10.35 pm.

MOH extends its condolences to his family members.

The Bunga Cluster

MOH would like to inform that a new isolated cluster has been identified involving workers on a ship in Port Dickson Port, Negeri Sembilan. The ship involved has a travel history from the Port of Singapore. A total of 34 ship crews working on this ship were screened on 28 August 2020 for the purpose of ship sign-in and sign-off. Of these:

- Four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 6 individuals tested negative
- 24 individuals awaiting results

The confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster involve two (2) Malaysians and two (2) non-Malaysians. These four (4) confirmed cases were not symptomatic and initially quarantined at a hotel in Selangor. After found to be positive, they were admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital, Selangor.

Thus, this cluster does not carry the risk of infection transmission in the community because it is an imported and isolated cluster on a ship.

Prevention and control measures such as disinfection and decontamination have been carried out on the ship. The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

Current Status of the Tawar Cluster and the Telaga Cluster

MOH would like to inform of the additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Tawar Cluster and Telaga Cluster. Both additional cases are reported in Kedah.

1. The Tawar Cluster

There is **one (1) additional confirmed case** reported in the Tawar Cluster in Kedah today; thus, bringing the cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster to **74 cases**. As of 31 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 16,462 individuals have been screened in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

- i. Kedah (15,917 individuals screened):
 - 63 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 12,597 individuals tested negative
 - 3,257 individuals awaiting results
- ii. Pulau Pinang (534 individuals screened):
 - 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 523 individuals tested negative
- iii. Perak: 11 individuals screened, all tested negative. No new screening done.

Of the total screening in Kedah (i.e. 15,917 individuals), a total of 12,553 individuals are from the area of the Administrative Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) involving three zones i.e. Kenanga Zone, Mawar

Zone and Melur Zone in Amanjaya. So far, no additional confirmed cases have been reported in those zones. A total of 8,084 individuals tested negative for COVID-19 and 4,469 individuals are awaiting results.

2. The Telaga Cluster

One (1) additional confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 9,340) is reported for the Telaga Cluster in Kedah today. This cluster was first reported on 30 August 2020 with two (2) confirmed cases involving hospital healthcare workers (Case 9,284, the index case; and Case 9,334). However, further investigation found two (2) more confirmed COVID-19 cases that were reported previously (Case 9,306 and Case 9,291) who were **also close contacts to the index case**. Cumulatively there are now five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster. As of 31 August 2020, 12 pm, a total of 735 individuals have been screened in this cluster. Of these:

- Five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 730 individuals tested negative

Active case detection and screening of close contacts are still ongoing for these two clusters.

Happy 63rd National Day

MOH proudly wishes Happy 63rd National Day to all Malaysians. In conjunction with this historic day, MOH would like to thank all the frontliners and all staff behind the scene who have worked hard to fight against the enemy of the country, the COVID-19 infection, that is now threatening the world. May we continue to be resilient and united, working together to fight to free Malaysia from the threat of this virus and all other threats. Together we will continue to take care of our beloved country.

“Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka!”

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises 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.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah
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31 August 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 31 August 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	32
Kedah	2	216
Pulau Pinang	0	136
Perak	0	269
Selangor	4 (4)	2,171
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,034
Melaka	0	262
Johor	0	751
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	0	417
Sarawak	0	699
WP Kuala Lumpur	0	2,587
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
Total	6 (4)	9,340

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case