



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **two (2) cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 9,115 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (97.0% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

6 September 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 **9,397 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 154 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

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

- Indonesia – 2 cases in Kuala Lumpur
- Bangladesh – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

The three (3) **local transmission** cases are among **Malaysians**. The details are as follows:

- Sabah – 2 cases: From the Benteng LD Cluster, as detailed below.
- Pulau Pinang – 1 case: From Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) screening in a medical centre, and the case is currently treated at Pulau Pinang Hospital.

Currently, six (6) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), with three (3) patients on ventilation support. **No additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **128 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.36% of total cumulative cases).

Current Status of the Benteng LD Cluster

Two (2) additional confirmed cases (Case 9,395 and Case 9,396) are reported today for this cluster in Sabah. Case 9,395 was a close contact to the Case 9,351. This case developed symptoms on 1 September 2020 and was admitted into Tawau Hospital on 2 September 2020. The case was then detected to be positive and transferred to the ICU for further treatment. For Case 9,396, he is the nephew of Case 9,395. The case was found to be positive on 5 September 2020 and was admitted into Tawau Hospital for treatment.

As of 6 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of 776 individuals have been screened in this cluster. Two (2) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases are reported in the Benteng LD cluster today, cumulatively there are now **16 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in this cluster. The breakdown of screening by districts involved is as follows:

- i. Lahad Datu (420 individuals screened):
 - Seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 259 individuals tested negative
 - 154 individuals awaiting results
- ii. Tawau (356 individuals screened):
 - Nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 67 individuals tested negative
 - 280 individuals awaiting results

Active case detection and screening of close contacts are still ongoing.

Joint Responsibility by All Frontliners

All frontliners, including those in the health sector and security sector, must always remain vigilant against any challenges in preventing the transmission of infectious diseases regardless of individual, place and time. All guidelines and procedures should always be complied with when managing confirmed COVID-19 cases directly or indirectly. This includes regular hand washing, wearing facemasks, appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and maintaining physical distancing, including in common spaces. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) set by the Government must be complied with at all times.

Since the beginning of the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO), the responsibility as frontliners not only lies with the healthcare workers, but it is also the responsibility of the public, the community, and all individuals. Therefore, the country's success in dealing with the post-second-wave COVID-19 pandemic lies in the compliance of healthcare workers and security personnel with all guidelines and procedures, as well as the public's compliance with the SOPs set. Only with this compliance can we maintain the nation's security from the threat of COVID-19.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to 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, including bumping parts of the body in lieu of shaking hands
- 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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6 September 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 6 September 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	32
Kedah	0	224
Pulau Pinang	1	137
Perak	0	269
Selangor	0	2,177
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,037
Melaka	0	262
Johor	0	752
Pahang	0	371
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	2	435
Sarawak	0	699
WP Kuala Lumpur	3 (3)	2,606
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
Total	6 (3)	9,397

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case