



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

**UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA
13 September 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, 9,196 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (92.75% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

13 September 2020, 12 pm – a total of **47 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **9,915 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 591 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 47 additional cases reported today, two (2) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving two (2) non-Malaysians. They were travellers from the following countries:

- Maldives – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur, Maldives national.
- Morocco – 1 case in Selangor, Moroccan national.

Of the 45 **local transmission** cases reported today, 28 cases are among **Malaysians**, while 17 cases are among **non-Malaysians**. The details are as follows:

- **Sabah** – 31 cases:
 - 22 cases: From the Benteng LD Cluster [8 cases are Malaysians and 14 cases are non-Malaysians].
 - 4 cases: From screening of older adults in health clinics [3 cases are Malaysians and 1 case a non-Malaysian].
 - 2 cases: From screening at quarantine stations [2 non-Malaysians].
 - 1 case: From screening of healthcare workers [1 Malaysian].
 - 1 case: Screening of detainees at the Kudat District Police HQ [1 Malaysian]
 - 1 case: From Influenza-like Illness (ILI) screening [1 Malaysian].
- **Kedah** – 14 cases:
 - 13 cases: From the Tawar Cluster [13 Malaysians].
 - 1 case: From the Sungai Cluster [1 Malaysian]

These clusters are detailed below.

Currently, **nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), with **four (4) 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 (1.29% of total cumulative cases).

Current Status Benteng LD Cluster, Tawar Cluster and Sungai Cluster

1. The Benteng LD Cluster

As of 13 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of 4,666 individuals have been screened in this cluster, with 22 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases

reported today. The breakdown of screening by districts involved is as follows:

a) Lahad Datu (1,258 screened):

- 88 confirmed COVID-19 cases (**no additional case** reported today)
- 907 individuals tested negative
- 263 individuals awaiting results

b) Tawau (3,408 screened):

- 315 confirmed COVID-19 cases (**22 additional cases** reported today)
- 803 individuals tested negative
- 2,290 individuals awaiting results

From the total number of screenings for this cluster, the breakdown are as follows:

- i. 913 prisoners, of which 383 are confirmed COVID-19 cases
- ii. 623 prison staff, of which two (2) are confirmed COVID-19 cases
- iii. 1,214 close contacts among family members of staff and prisoners, of which three (3) are confirmed COVID-19 cases
- iv. 332 police officers, all tested negative for COVID-19
- v. 744 personnel from other government agencies, all tested negative for COVID-19
- vi. 840 social close contacts, of which 15 are confirmed COVID-19 cases

Of the cumulative 403 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 176 cases are among Malaysians while 227 case were among non-Malaysians from:

- Philippines – 152 cases
- Indonesia – 75 cases

Based on the total number of screenings for this cluster, a total of 1,699 frontliners were screened (36.41%). Of these, two (2) are confirmed COVID-19 cases among frontliners.

2. The Tawar Cluster

As of 13 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of 18,233 individuals have been screened in this cluster, with 13 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases reported today. The breakdown of screening by states involved is as follows:

a) Kedah (17,659 screened):

- 81 confirmed COVID-19 cases (**13 additional confirmed cases** reported today)
- 17,578 individuals tested negative
- No individuals awaiting results

b) Pulau Pinang (563 screened):

- 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases (**no additional confirmed cases** reported today)
- 552 individuals tested negative
- No individuals awaiting results

c) Perak (11 screened):

- No COVID-19 confirmed cases (**no additional confirmed cases** reported today)
- 11 individuals tested negative
- No individuals awaiting results

Based on the total number of screenings for this cluster, a total of 649 healthcare workers (HCWs) were screened (3.56%). Of the total number of HCWs screened, the breakdown by categories is as follows:

- 624 private HCWs (96.15%)
- 25 government HCWs (3.85%)

A total of six (6) confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected among the HCWs. They were all private HCWs.

3. The Sungai Cluster

As of 13 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of 14,044 individuals have been screened in this cluster, with one (1) additional confirmed COVID-19 case reported today. The breakdown of screening by the states involved is as follows:

a) Kedah (13,891 screened):

- 56 confirmed COVID-19 cases (**1 additional confirmed case** reported today)
- 8,054 individuals tested negative
- 5,781 individuals awaiting results

b) Pulau Pinang (135 screened)

- No confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 135 individuals tested negative

c) Perlis (18 screened):

- One (1) confirmed COVID-19 case (**no additional confirmed case** reported today)
- 11 individuals tested negative
- 6 individuals awaiting results

Based on the total number of screenings for this cluster, a total of 711 HCWs were screened (5.06%). Of these, 20 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected among the HCWs.

MOH would like to inform that these three clusters does involved some frontliners, including HCWs. All frontliners must learn from these incidences. While on duty, all frontliners must always comply to the guidelines and procedures that have been set. In addition, the following are important reminders to all frontliners:

- i. Wash hands frequently with soap and water before and after managing cases;

- ii. Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including facemasks when handling any cases;
- iii. Practice physical distancing of at least one metre away from others while using common spaces, especially during rest breaks; and
- iv. Disinfect and clean commonly used areas and high-touch surfaces.

While outside of working hours, frontliners must comply with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) set by the Government. In addition, HCWs must continue to practice the new normal in curbing the transmission of the COVID-19 infection.

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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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 13 September 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	33
Kedah	14	303
Pulau Pinang	0	138
Perak	0	269
Selangor	1 (1)	2,194
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,039
Melaka	0	262
Johor	0	752
Pahang	0	371
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	31	839
Sarawak	0	700
WP Kuala Lumpur	1 (1)	2,619
WP Putrajaya	0	99
WP Labuan	0	23
Total	47 (2)	9,915

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case