



**PRESS STATEMENT  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

**Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **50 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 9,939 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (89.3% of total cumulative cases).

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

29 September 2020, 12 pm – a total of **101 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **11,135 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are currently **1,062 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 115 additional cases reported today, **four (4) are imported cases** who were **infected overseas**, involving one (1) Malaysian and three (3) non-Malaysians. They were travellers from the following countries:

- **Myanmar – 2 cases** reported in Sarawak, both non-Malaysians.
- **Saudi Arabia – 1 case** reported in Sarawak, a Malaysian.
- **Nigeria – 1 case** reported in Selangor, a non-Malaysian.

Of the 97 **local transmission** cases reported today, 93 cases are **Malaysians** and four (4) cases are **non-Malaysians**. A total of **17 cases** have a history of travel to Sabah; therefore, cumulatively there are now 63 such cases since 20 September 2020. The details of the local transmission COVID-19 cases are as follows:

- **Sabah: 73 cases**

- 51 cases from the Bangau-Bangau Cluster, involving 48 Malaysians and 3 non-Malaysians.
- 8 cases from symptomatic screening, all Malaysians.
- 3 cases from the Jalan Bomba Cluster, a new cluster, all Malaysians.
- 2 cases from the Benteng LD Cluster, both Malaysians.
- 2 cases from the Kuarters Cluster, both Malaysians.
- 2 cases from the Jalan Utara Cluster, a new cluster, both Malaysians.
- 1 case from referral screening to Sandakan Hospital, a Malaysian.
- 1 case from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case i.e. Case 11,119, a Malaysian.
- 1 case from screening at the International Port of Entry, a Malaysian.
- 1 case from screening of healthcare workers (HCWs), a Malaysian.
- 1 case from community screening, a Malaysian.

- **Selangor: 14 cases**

- 9 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), all Malaysians.
- 2 cases from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases i.e. Case 11,119 and Case 11,129, both Malaysians.
- 1 case from the Benteng PK Cluster, a new cluster, a Malaysian.
- 1 case from the Jalan Apas Cluster, a Malaysian.
- 1 case from pre-departure screening returning to the country of origin, a non-Malaysian.

- **Johor: 2 cases** from the Bakawali Cluster, a new cluster, both Malaysians.
- **Kuala Lumpur: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.
- **Kedah: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.
- **Perak: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.
- **Melaka: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.
- **Kelantan: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.
- **Pulau Pinang: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.
- **Putrajaya: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.
- **Perlis: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.

Currently, **13 confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), with **five (5) patients on ventilation support**.

**No additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are **134 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.20% of total cumulative cases).

## **Four New Clusters Reported Today**

MOH would like to inform that four (4) new clusters have been identified today i.e. in:

- Sabah (2 clusters)
- Selangor (1 cluster)
- Johor (1 cluster)

### **1. The Jalan Bomba Cluster, Sabah**

The index case for the cluster is Case 11,110, a Malaysian man, who has a history of travel to Semporna, Sabah on 20 September 2020. The case developed fever and cough and was found positive for COVID-19 on 28 September 2020. The case was admitted into the Duchess of Kent Hospital, Sandakan. Screening of close contacts found two (2) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases on 28 September 2020.

The identification of close contacts and screening are still ongoing by the Sandakan Area Health Office. The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

### **2. The Jalan Utara Cluster, Sabah**

This cluster was identified as a result of screening of healthcare workers (HCWs) at a training institute in Sandakan, Sabah. Two (2) HCWs tested positive for COVID-19 on 28 September 2020. They were asymptomatic and were admitted into the Duchess of Kent Hospital, Sandakan.

The identification of close contacts and screening are still ongoing by the Sandakan Area Health Office. The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

### **3. The Benteng PK Cluster, Selangor**

This cluster was identified as a result of the screening of illegal migrants in Klang, Selangor. The screening was conducted from 16 to 25 September 2020, where eight (8) individuals tested positive for COVID-

19. Screening of close contacts found one (1) additional confirmed COVID-19 case for this cluster on 28 September 2020, involving one police personnel. They were admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital. To date, a total of 148 individuals have been screened. The screening results are as follows:

- Nine (9) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 139 individuals tested negative

#### **4. The Bakawali Cluster, Johor**

The index cases for this cluster, Case 10,911 and Case 10912 are a Malaysian married couple who have a history of travel to Semporna, Sabah on 13 to 18 September 2020. On 24 September 2020, both cases developed fever, flu and cough, and sought treatment at Sultan Ismail Hospital, Johor Bahru. They tested positive for COVID-19 on 26 September 2020 and were admitted into the Enche' Besar Hajjah Kalsom Hospital, Johor.

Screening of close contacts found two (2) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases for this cluster. As of 29 September 2020, 12 pm, a total of 25 individuals have been screened. The screening results are as follows:

- Four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 13 individuals tested negative
- 8 individuals awaiting results

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Infection prevention measures including disinfection and cleaning have been carried out at all of the locations involved. The cause of infection is still under investigation for all these clusters.

## **Increase in COVID-19 Cases in the Country**

MOH would like to inform that there is an increase in COVID-19 cases in Malaysia since 7 September 2020. The increase in cases in Sabah and Kedah contributed significantly to the increasing total number of cases. Following this, MOH has strengthened prevention and control measures to curb the transmission of the COVID-19 infection. Among the measures that have been taken are:

- Implementation of the administrative Targeted Enhanced Movement Control Order (TEMCO) in Lahad Datu, Tawau, Kunak and Semporna districts, Sabah
- Tracing of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases
- Implementation of disinfection and decontamination in locations related to the COVID-19 cases
- Implementation of screening at Domestic and International Ports of Entry
- Expansion of screening for high-risk communities and groups
- Mobilisation of health support teams to the Red Zones
- Increasing the number of beds in hospitals and quarantine centres
- Increasing the capacity of medical laboratories

MOH would also like to thank the involvement of other agencies in curbing the transmission of COVID-19.

The number of daily confirmed COVID-19 cases has remained high lately. Therefore, the public is advised to always comply with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). It is hoped that the prevention and control measures taken by the MOH and other agencies in collaboration with the public, can curb the transmission of the COVID-19 infection in Malaysia.

## Using the Hotspot Tracker in the MySejahtera App

Recently, an issue was viralled about a mall that issued a statement about a worker confirmed positive for COVID-19. MOH is very appreciative of the proactive action of the mall to assist in the prevention and control measures.

MOH needs to conduct a detailed investigation before stating an area as high risk (or Hotspot). The determination of the Hotspot is based on the location of the confirmed case(s) and the location(s) that could potentially be the cause of the COVID-19 transmission. MOH also needs to assess the risk and infectivity rate before stating a place or location as a potential cause of the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

MOH thanks the public who have used the various functions of the MySejahtera app. MOH also advises the public to only share verified information so as not to cause fear and panic in the community.

## Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to continue to comply to 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.

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## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 29 September 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
WP Kuala Lumpur	1	2,666
Selangor	15 (1)	2,261
Sabah	73	1,842
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,048
Johor	2	759
Sarawak	3 (3)	709
Pahang	0	377
Kedah	1	354
Perak	1	270
Melaka	1	266
Kelantan	1	162
Pulau Pinang	1	143
Terengganu	0	117
WP Putrajaya	1	100
Perlis	1	34
WP Labuan	0	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>101 (4)</b>	<b>11,135</b>

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