



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **121 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 10,216 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (84.5% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

3 October 2020, 12 pm – a total of **317 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **12,088 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are currently **1,735 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

All 317 cases reported today are **local transmission** cases involving 303 Malaysians and 14 non-Malaysians. Of the 317 cases, **37 cases** have a history of travel to **Sabah**. Cumulatively there are now 176 cases with a history of travel to Sabah since 20 September 2020.

The details of the local transmission COVID-19 cases are as follows:

- **Sabah: 155 cases**

- 100 cases from symptomatic screening, involving 96 Malaysians and 4 non-Malaysians.
- 35 cases from the Bangau-Bangau Cluster, 33 Malaysians and 2 non-Malaysians
- 10 cases from the Benteng LD Cluster, all Malaysians.
- 4 cases from community screening, all Malaysians.
- 3 cases from the Laut Cluster, all non-Malaysians.
- 2 cases from the Joo Hwa Cluster, both Malaysians.
- 1 case from the Buang Sayang Cluster, a Malaysian.

- **Kedah: 102 cases**

- 97 cases from the Tembok Cluster, 93 Malaysians and 4 non-Malaysians.
- 2 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), both Malaysians.
- 2 cases from the Bah Lunas Cluster, a new cluster, both Malaysians.
- 1 case from the Bah Ketil Cluster, a Malaysian.

- **Selangor: 32 cases**

- 15 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), 14 Malaysians and 1 non-Malaysian.
- 12 cases from the Jalan Meru Cluster, all Malaysians.
- 3 cases from the Jelok Cluster, a new cluster, all Malaysians.
- 2 cases from screening of close contacts to two confirmed COVID-19 cases (Case 11,047 and Case 11,147), both Malaysians.

- **Terengganu: 9 cases**

- 7 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), all Malaysians.
- 1 case from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 11,477), a Malaysian.

- 1 case from screening at the Domestic Port of Entry, a Malaysian.
- **Kuala Lumpur: 4 cases**
 - 2 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), both Malaysians.
 - 1 case from the Jalan Meru Cluster, a Malaysian.
 - 1 case from the Jelok Cluster, a new cluster, a Malaysian.
- **Johor: 4 cases**
 - 3 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), all Malaysians.
 - 1 case from the Jalan Meru Cluster, a Malaysian.
- **Sarawak: 3 cases** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), all Malaysians.
- **Pulau Pinang: 3 cases**
 - 2 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), both Malaysians.
 - 1 case from the Bah Rose Cluster, a new cluster, a Malaysian.
- **Kelantan: 2 cases** from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 11,132), both Malaysians.
- **Putrajaya: 2 cases** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), both Malaysians.
- **Negeri Sembilan: 1 case** from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.

Currently, **29 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 **137 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.13% of total cumulative cases).

- **Death #137** (Case 10,939) is a 57-year-old Malaysian man with a history of diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidaemia. He developed cough, loss of appetite and fever since 10 September 2020. On 24 September 2020, he had shortness of breath and was taken to the Emergency and Trauma Department, Semporna Hospital; and he was later referred to Tawau Hospital on the same day. He was admitted into the ICU and required ventilation support. The COVID-19 screening test was positive on 28 September 2020. His health condition deteriorated, and he was pronounced dead on 2 October 2020, 11.44 pm.

MOH extends its condolences to his family members.

Three New Clusters

MOH would like to inform that **three (3) new clusters** have been identified today:

- Kedah – 2 clusters
- Selangor – 1 cluster

The Bah Lunas Cluster, Kedah

This new cluster has been identified in Kulim, Kedah. The index case of this cluster (Case 11,471) is a 35-year-old Malaysian man who returned from a high-risk area in Sabah. He tested positive for COVID-19 on 30 September 2020 and was admitted into Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Kedah. Subsequently, screening of close contacts was conducted and three (3) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases for this cluster were identified. All these confirmed cases are Malaysians and they were admitted into Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Alor Setar, Kedah.

As of 3 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 112 individuals have been screened. The screening results are as follows:

- Four (4) confirmed COVID-19 case
- 21 individuals tested negative
- 87 individuals awaiting results

The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

The Bah Rose Cluster, Kedah

This new cluster has been identified in Kuala Muda, Kedah. The index case of this cluster (Case 11,212) is a 48-year-old Malaysian man with a history of travel to Sabah. He tested positive for COVID-19 on 29 September 2020 and was admitted into Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Kedah. Subsequently, screening of close contacts was conducted and seven (7) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases for this cluster were identified. All these confirmed cases are Malaysians and they were also admitted into Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Kedah for treatment.

As of 3 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 477 individuals have been screened. The screening results are as follows:

- **Kedah** (81 individuals screened):
 - Seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 69 individuals tested negative
 - 5 individuals awaiting results
- **Pulau Pinang** (396 screened):
 - One (1) confirmed COVID-19 case
 - 71 individuals tested negative
 - 324 individuals awaiting results

The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

The Jelok Cluster, Selangor

This new cluster has been identified in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur. The index case of this cluster (Case 11,788) is a 27-year-old Malaysian man. He tested positive for COVID-19 through symptomatic screening on 1 October 2020 and was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital. Subsequently, screening of close contacts was conducted and three (3) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases for this cluster were identified. All these confirmed cases are Malaysians and they were also admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital for treatment.

As of 3 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of eight (8) individuals have been screened. The screening results are as follows:

- Four (4) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 4 individuals tested negative

The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

Increase in Daily COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia

The trend in the numbers and breakdown of new confirmed COVID-19 cases today is almost similar as reported recently, whereby there is still an increase in cases in the Tembok Cluster, Kedah that reported 97 additional cases and 155 cases reported in Sabah. The remaining 65 cases are reported in several other states. This includes 37 cases among individuals returning from Sabah who were detected through screening conducted by the MOH.

In fact, this increasing trend in the number of daily cases is the result of active and aggressive measures in the field to curb the transmission of COVID-19. Among the measures that have been taken are:

- Active Contact Detection for confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- The administrative Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) in Kota Setar that started on 11 September 2020 and ended on 25 September 2020, where a total of 18,701 individuals were screened, covering 18,614 Malaysians and 87 non-Malaysians. From the screening, a total of 44 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected i.e. 43 Malaysians and one non-Malaysian. The remaining 18,657 individuals tested negative for COVID-19 i.e. 18,571 Malaysians and 86 non-Malaysians.
- Targeted Screening in four (4) districts of the Targeted Enhanced Movement Control Order (TEMCO) in Sabah.
- Screening for Visitors from Sabah at all Ports of Entry (International and Domestic). Since the implementation of this screening, a total of 13,032 individuals have been screened and 176 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected.
- High-Risk Group Screening, which includes screening of older adults in nursing or care homes, screening of immigration detainees, and screening of healthcare workers (HCWs).
- Surveillance through monitoring of Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) cases, Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases, pre-surgery screening and other field surveillance activities.

To ensure that the current situation of COVID-19 transmission in Sabah can be controlled immediately, MOH has mobilised support teams, delivered Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and ventilators, and also opened a low-risk treatment centre to be used as a quarantine centre and to house stable confirmed COVID-19 cases. These actions have been taken since the beginning of the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in Sabah and has been increased according to the current needs in the state.

Sabah has six Hospitals and seven COVID-19 Low Risk Quarantine and Treatment Centres (PKRC), with a capacity of 590 beds and 1,396 beds respectively. As of 2 October 2020, the bed occupancy rate is 69% in MOH hospitals and 31% in the PKRC. As for the Intensive Care Services, Sabah has 66 beds dedicated to treating critical COVID-19 patients and the bed occupancy rate is currently at 23%.

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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3 October 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 3 October 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
WP Kuala Lumpur	4	2,691
Selangor	32	2,347
Sabah	155	2,263
Negeri Sembilan	1	1,052
Johor	4	777
Sarawak	3	716
Kedah	102	696
Pahang	0	381
Perak	0	274
Melaka	0	267
Kelantan	2	168
Pulau Pinang	3	148
Terengganu	9	134
WP Putrajaya	2	107
Perlis	0	38
WP Labuan	0	29
Total	317 (0)	12,088

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases