



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **74 cases** have fully recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 10,501 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (75.0% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

7 October 2020, 12 pm, MOH would like to inform that **139 cases** were detected in the **Tembok Cluster, a prison in Kedah** (i.e. 28.4% of the total cases) reported today, 34 cases from other active clusters, 314 other cases in the community and two (2) imported cases. **In total, 489 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **13,993 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are currently **3,351 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 489 cases reported today, **two (2)** are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving one (1) Malaysian and one (1) non-Malaysian who were travellers from:

- **India – 1 case** reported in Kuala Lumpur, a Malaysian.
- **Maldives – 1 case** reported in Selangor, a non-Malaysian.

Of the 487 **local transmission** cases, 467 cases are Malaysians and 20 cases non-Malaysians. Of the 487 cases, **139 cases** are those detected in the **Tembok Cluster, in Alor Setar Prison and Pokok Sena, Kedah** (28.4% of total cases) reported today. All the confirmed cases in the Tembok Cluster are in an isolated cluster within the administrative Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) area and within the prison. Therefore, these cases are isolated from the local communities.

Of the 487 **local transmission** cases, 15 cases were individuals with history of travel from Sabah; therefore, cumulatively there are now **283 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: 282 cases**

- 182 cases from community screening.
- 71 cases from symptomatic screening.
- 22 cases from screening of close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- 2 cases from the Laut Cluster.
- 2 cases from hospital admission screening.
- 1 case from hospital referral screening.
- 1 case from pre-surgery screening.
- 1 case from screening of detainees.

- **Kedah: 153 cases**

- 139 cases from the Tembok Cluster.
- 14 cases from the Bah Sintok Cluster.

- **Selangor: 19 cases**

- 7 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah). This includes 1 case from the Selasih Cluster.
- 4 cases from the Jalan Meru Cluster.
- 3 cases from symptomatic screening.
- 2 cases from the Benteng PK Cluster.
- 1 case from the Embun Cluster

- 1 case from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
 - 1 case from self-initiated screening.
- **Pulau Pinang: 7 cases**
 - 6 cases from the **Penjara Reman Cluster**, a new cluster.
 - 1 case from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- **Johor: 6 cases**
 - 5 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah).
 - 1 case from the Selasih Cluster.
- **Perak: 4 cases**
 - 2 cases from the **Bah Puchong Cluster**, a new cluster.
 - 1 case from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah).
 - 1 case from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- **Terengganu: 4 cases**
 - 2 cases from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
 - 1 case from symptomatic screening.
 - 1 case from the Bah Tanjung Cluster.
- **Kuala Lumpur: 3 cases**
 - 1 case from the Sarawak pre-entry screening.
 - 1 case from pre-surgery screening.
 - 1 case from pre-marriage screening.
- **Sarawak: 3 cases**
 - 2 cases from screening of individuals returning from high-risk areas (Sabah), a Malaysian.
 - 1 case from screening at the Domestic Port of Entry.

- **Pahang: 2 cases**
 - 1 case from international travel pre-departure screening.
 - 1 case from pre-surgery screening.

- **Putrajaya: 2 cases**
 - 1 case from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
 - 1 case from hospital pre-admission screening (a caregiver).

- **Negeri Sembilan: 1 case** from pre-surgery screening.

- **Kelantan: 1 case** from screening of close contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case.

Currently, **40 confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), with **13 patients on ventilation support**.

No additional COVID-19 deaths were reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there remains **141 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.01% of total cumulative cases).

Two New Clusters Reported Today

MOH would like to inform that **two (2) new clusters** have been identified today.

1. The Bah Puchong Clulster

This new cluster has been identified in the Petaling District, Selangor, and the Larut, Matang and Selama District and Kinta District, Perak. The index cases for this cluster (Cases 13,061, 13,065 and 13,069) were detected positive for COVID-19 on 5 October 2020 as a result of screening of returnees from high risk areas (Sabah). All three cases were admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital. Subsequently, screening of close contacts was done and two (2) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected in

the Larut, Matang and Selama District and Kinta District. They were admitted into Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Perak.

As of 7 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 39 individuals have been screened. The screening results are as follows:

- Selangor (12 individuals screened):
 - Three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 9 individuals awaiting results

- Perak (27 individuals screened):
 - Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 25 individuals awaiting results

The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

2. The Penjara Reman Cluster

This new cluster has been identified in the Timur Laut District, Pulau Pinang. The index case of this cluster (Case 13,499) was Death #141 reported yesterday. He was an 85-year-old Malaysian man who was found unconscious in the early morning of 5 October 2020 in prison and was pronounced dead at Pulau Pinang Hospital. COVID-19 screening test done on the same day was positive. Subsequently, screening of close contacts was conducted and six (6) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected on 6 October 2020. All these confirmed cases are Malaysians. They were admitted into Pulau Pinang Hospital for treatment.

As of 7 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 286 individuals have been screened. The screening results are as follows:

- Seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 78 individuals tested negative
- 201 individuals awaiting results

The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

The Current Status of Other Active Clusters Reporting Additional Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Today

Apart from the two clusters above, there are eight (8) other active clusters that have reported additional confirmed COVID-19 cases today:

- (1) Tembok Cluster – 139 additional cases
- (2) Bah Sintok Cluster – 14 additional cases
- (3) Jalan Meru Cluster – 4 additional cases
- (4) Laut Cluster – 2 additional cases
- (5) Benteng PK Cluster – 2 additional cases
- (6) Selasih Cluster – 2 additional cases
- (7) Bah Tanjung – 1 additional case
- (8) Embun Cluster – 1 additional case

Further information on these clusters is shown in **Appendix 2**.

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.

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 7 October 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Sabah	282	3,020
WP Kuala Lumpur	4 (1)	2,711
Selangor	20 (1)	2,471
Kedah	153	1,600
Negeri Sembilan	1	1,063
Johor	6	799
Sarawak	3	724
Pahang	2	384
Perak	4	290
Melaka	0	268
Kelantan	1	171
Pulau Pinang	7	159
Terengganu	4	144
WP Putrajaya	2	112
Perlis	0	39
WP Labuan	0	38
Total	489 (2)	13,993

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases

Current Status of Active Clusters with Additional Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Reported Today
(7 October 2020)

	Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Non-M'sians	Total deaths
1.	Tembok	Kedah Perak	Kota Setar Kamunting Kubang Pasu Pendang	139	1,186	5,113	1,185 (5)	0	71	1
2.	Bah Sintok	Kedah	Kubang Pasu	14	29	428	29 (0)	0	0	0
3.	Jalan Meru	Selangor Johor Kelantan WPKL & Putrajaya	Hulu Langat Klang Gombak Petaling Hulu Selangor Kuala Selangor Johor Bharu Kota Bharu Titiwangsa Lembah Pantai Kepong	4	67	502	67 (0)	0	0	0

	Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Non-M'sians	Total deaths
4.	Laut	Sabah	Kunak	2	104	586	104 (0)	0	104	0
5.	Benteng PK	Selangor	Klang Kuala Langat	2	15	153	15 (0)	0	8	0
6.	Selasih	WPKL & Putrajaya Selangor	WP Putrajaya Sepang	2	12	184	12 (0)	0	0	0
7.	Bah Tanjung	Terengganu	Kuala Nerus	1	8	252	8 (0)	0	0	0
8.	Embun	Selangor	Hulu Langat Gombak	1	7	154	7 (0)	0	0	0