



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA 18 October 2020

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is pleased to inform that today Malaysia reported the highest number of COVID-19 recovery cases of **701 cases**. **Cumulatively, 13,262 confirmed COVID-19 cases** have been discharged (64.7% of total cumulative cases). The breakdown of cases that have recovered COVID-19 by state is as follows:

- Kedah (411 cases)
- Sabah (221 cases)
- Selangor (64 cases)
- Negeri Sembilan (2 cases)
- Johor (2 cases)
- Sarawak (1 case)

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

18 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of **871 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are **20,498 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are currently **7,049 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Overall, 97 cases (11.1%) reported today are from the Tembok Cluster, Penjara Reman Cluster, Penjara Seberang Perai Cluster and Penjara Kepayan Cluster. These cases are isolated in prisons and not infective to

the local communities. Meanwhile, the states in the Klang Valley accounted for 9.6% of the total number of cases today. Looking at the main breakdown of the number of cases, Sabah continues to report the highest number of cases at 702 cases (80.6%). This is because more individuals have been screened in the field. Since the start of the pandemic, a total of **251,030 individuals** have been screened in Sabah.

Of the 871 additional cases reported today, **five (5)** are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving three (3) Malaysians and two (2) non-Malaysians who were travellers from:

- India – 2 cases in Selangor
- Nepal – 2 cases in Selangor
- Singapore – 1 case in Selangor

Of the 866 **local transmission** cases, two (2) cases are returnees from Sabah, making the total number of cases with a history of travel to Sabah since 20 September 2020 is 443 cases.

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

- **Sabah: 702 cases**
 - 49 cases from the **Penjara Kepayan Cluster**, a new cluster.
 - 81 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 572 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.
- **Selangor: 72 cases**
 - 5 cases from the **Auto Cluster**, a new cluster.
 - 32 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 35 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.
- **Pulau Pinang: 45 cases**
 - 3 cases from the **Alma Cluster**, a new cluster.
 - 40 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 2 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.
- **Perak: 10 cases** from existing active clusters.
- **WP Labuan: 9 cases**

- 1 case from the **Bah Layangan Cluster**, a new cluster.
- 6 cases from existing active clusters.
- 2 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Kedah: 9 cases**
 - 8 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 1 case from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Kuala Lumpur: 7 cases**
 - 4 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 3 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Sarawak: 5 cases**
 - 4 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 1 case from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Negeri Sembilan: 3 cases**
 - 1 case from an existing active cluster.
 - 2 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Terengganu: 2 cases** from existing active clusters.

- **Johor: 1 case** from an existing active cluster.

- **Melaka: 1 case** from an existing active cluster.

Currently, **86 confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the intensive care units (ICUs), with **28 patients on ventilation support**.

Regretfully, seven (7) additional COVID-19 deaths were reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **187 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (0.9% of total cumulative cases).

Summary of the deaths reported today is shown in the following table:

Death #	Case	State	Sex	Age (years)	Hospital	Medical History
181	13,525	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	61	Queen Elizabeth	-
182	12,984	Sabah	Female (M'sian)	70	Tawau	Hypertension
183	13,706	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	57	Queen Elizabeth	Hypertension
184	20,328	Sabah	Female (Non-M'sian)	55	Duchess of Kent	Hypertension
185	20,329	Sabah	Male (Non-M'sian)	41	Tawau	-
186	17,779	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	44	Duchess of Kent	Heart disease, hypertension, diabetes & dyslipidaemia
187	20,401	Selangor	Female (M'sian)	46	University Malaya Medical centre	-

MOH extends its condolences to all their family members.

Four New Clusters Reported Today

MOH would like to inform that **four (4) new clusters** have been identified today.

1. The Bah Layangan Cluster

This new cluster involves WP Labuan and the Rembau district, Negeri Sembilan. The index case for this cluster (Case 15,654) was detected positive for COVID-19 through symptomatic screening on 10 October

2020 and was admitted into Labuan Hospital. The case also has a history of travel to a high-risk district. Screening of close contacts has identified 12 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 18 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 142 individuals have been screened, of which:

- 13 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 67 individuals tested negative
- 62 individuals awaiting results

2. The Alma Cluster

This new cluster involves the Seberang Perai Selatan and Seberang Perai Tengah districts in Pulau Pinang. The index case for this cluster (Case 18,066) was detected positive for COVID-19 through symptomatic screening on 14 October 2020 and was admitted into Pulau Pinang Hospital. Screening of close contacts has identified six (6) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 18 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 183 individuals have been screened, of which:

- Seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 43 individuals tested negative
- 133 individuals awaiting results

3. The Auto Cluster

This new cluster involves the Petaling, Kuala Langat and Klang districts in Selangor and the Seremban district in Negeri Sembilan. The index case for this cluster (Case 19,354) was detected positive for COVID-19 through symptomatic screening on 15 October 2020 and was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital. Screening of close contacts has identified eight (8) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 18 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of nine (9) individuals have been found positive for COVID-19. The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

4. The Penjara Kepayan Cluster

This new cluster has been identified in the Kota Kinabalu district, Sabah. The index case for this cluster (Case 19,628) was detected positive for COVID-19 from pre-admission screening into Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kota Kinabalu on 14 October 2020. Screening of close contacts has identified 48 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 18 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 170 individuals have been screened, of which:

- 49 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 121 individuals tested negative

Current COVID-19 Situation in Sabah

As at 18 October 2020, the cumulative COVID-19 cases in Sabah are 7,439 cases (i.e. 36.3% of the cumulative cases in Malaysia). Today, Sabah reported the highest number of cases at 702 cases (80.6% of the total cases reported). The increase in the number of cases is due to the reporting of the large number of samples from Sabah sent to the Institute for Medical Research (IMR).

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia, the Government has conducted COVID-19 tests on 251,030 individuals in Sabah. This follows the active case detection conducted by the public health teams as one of the measures to control the transmission of the COVID-19 infection in Sabah. To date, the COVID-19 positivity rate for Sabah is 2.96%.

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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18 October 2020 @ 5.30 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 18 October 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Sabah	702	7,439
Selangor	77 (5)	3,250
WP Kuala Lumpur	7	2,846
Kedah	9	1,937
Negeri Sembilan	3	1,100
Johor	1	837
Sarawak	5	768
Pulau Pinang	45	636
Perak	10	397
Pahang	0	387
Melaka	1	283
Kelantan	0	173
Terengganu	2	162
WP Putrajaya	0	125
WP Labuan	9	120
Perlis	0	38
Total	871 (5)	20,498

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases

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

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Non-M'sians	Total deaths
1. Penjara Kepyayan	Sabah	Kota Kinabalu	49	49	170	49 (0)	0	14	0
2. Tujuh Serangkai	Sabah	Tuaran	25	149	2,655	123 (0)	25	5	1
3. Penjara Reman	Pulau Pinang	Timur Laut	22	399	3,902	398 (0)	0	26	1
4. Penjara Seberang Perai	Pulau Pinang	Seberang Perai Selatan	18	72	744	72 (2)	0	10	0
5. Ramai-Ramai	Sabah	Sandakan	17	182	702	156 (1)	26	17	0
6. Tanamera	Sabah	Tawau	13	44	84	35 (0)	9	8	0
7. Tembok	Kedah, Perak	Kota Setar, Baling, Kuala Muda, Sungai Petani, Kubang Pasu, Larut Matang & Selama	8	1,571	7,093	1,084 (6)	486	97	1

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Non-M'sians	Total deaths
8. Jalan Bomba	Sabah	Sandakan	8	14	298	10 (0)	2	3	2
9. Kasih	Sabah	Lahad Datu	7	53	1,863	22 (0)	31	3	0
10. Utama	Selangor, Melaka	Gombak, Hulu Langat, Petaling, Alor Gajah	6	183	846	182 (0)	1	150	0
11. Jalan Meru	Selangor, Johor, Kelantan, WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya, Pahang	Hulu Langat, Klang, Gombak, Petaling, Hulu Selangor, Kuala Selangor, Johor Bahru, Kota Bharu, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai, Kepong, Cheras, Temerloh	6	124	1,066	64 (0)	60	1	0

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12. Menara	Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya, Perak, Terengganu, Melaka	Hulu Langat, Petaling, Gombak, Klang, Sepang, Cheras, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai, Putrajaya, Larut, Matang & Selama, Kuala Nerus, Melaka Tengah	6	39	278	39 (0)	0	0	0
13. Buntar	Kedah, Perak, WP Putrajaya, Johor	Kuala Muda, Kerian, Putrajaya, Batu Pahat	6	16	212	16 (0)	0	0	0
14. Simera	Terengganu, Pahang, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Perak,	Besut, Kuantan, Petaling, Klang, Hulu Langat, Gombak, Port Dickson,	5	46	672	44 (0)	2	2	0

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Non-M'sians	Total deaths
	Johor	Manjung, Hilir Perak, Johor Bahru							
15. Bah Tropicana	Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya	Petaling, Gombak, Klang, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai	5	42	715	35 (0)	7	0	0
16. Auto	Selangor, Negeri Sembilan	Petaling, Klang, Kuala Langat, Seremban	5	9	9	9 (0)	0	0	0
17. Benteng LD	Sabah	Lahad Datu, Tawau, Sandakan, Kinabatangan, Tuaran	4	1,050	16,488	239 (0)	810	409	1
18. Bah Manggis	Sabah, Selangor	Tawau, Kuala Langat	4	40	580	38 (0)	2	1	0
19. Bah Arnab	Sarawak	Kuching	4	12	40	11 (0)	1	0	0
20. Lekir	Perak	Manjung	4	11	174	11 (0)	0	0	0

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21. Saguking	WP Labuan	Labuan	4	9	316	9 (0)	0	3	0
22. Bestari	Sabah	Sandakan	3	26	58	16 (0)	10	0	0
23. Alma	Pulau Pinang	Seberang Perai Tengah, Seberang Perai Selatan	3	7	183	7 (0)	0	0	0
24. Benteng PK	Selangor	Klang, Kuala Langat	2	60	429	47 (0)	13	43	0
25. Sungei Way	Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur	Petaling, Klang, Gombak, Hulu Langat, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai, Cheras	2	38	308	35 (0)	3	0	0
26. Bah Bundle	WP Labuan, Johor	Labuan, Johor Bahru	2	19	495	17 (0)	2	2	0
27. Teduh	Sabah	Lahad Datu	2	13	535	12 (0)	1	2	0

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28. Merbok	Selangor	Kuala Langat, Klang, Hulu Langat, Petaling, Kuala Selangor	2	12	613	12 (0)	0	0	0
29. Keladi	Selangor	Klang	1	27	191	27 (0)	0	22	0
30. Bina	Sabah	Beaufort, Sipitang	1	24	80	24 (0)	0	9	0
31. Khazanah	Sabah	Lahad Datu	1	19	1,439	19 (0)	0	1	0
32. Buang Sayang	Sabah, WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya, Negeri Sembilan	Sipitang, Pitas, Putatan, Titiwangsa, Seremban, Rembau	1	13	412	4 (0)	9	0	0
33. Bah Layangan	WP Labuan, Negeri Sembilan	Labuan, Rembau	1	13	142	13 (1)	0	0	0

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34. Sentral	WP Kuala Lumpur	Kepong, Cheras, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai	1	6	216	5 (0)	0	1	1
