



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

**UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
SITUATION IN MALAYSIA
26 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 **691 COVID-19 recovery cases**. Therefore, **cumulatively, 17,825 confirmed COVID-19 cases** have been discharged (64.1% of total cumulative cases). The breakdown of cases that have recovered by state is as follows:

- Sabah (517 cases)
- Selangor (107 cases)
- WP Labuan (30 cases)
- Pulau Pinang (20 cases)
- Negeri Sembilan (4 cases)
- Sarawak (4 cases)
- Melaka (3 cases)
- Perak (3 cases)
- Johor (3 cases)

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

Today, Sabah continues to report the highest number of cases at 927 cases (74.8%). This number increased again contributed by confirmed cases in Kepyayan Prison i.e. 439 cases. This is due to intensive active case detection conducted in Sabah. In addition, the mobilisation of healthcare workers has also strengthened screening in the field as well as

medical treatment. Logistics and sample delivery have also improved to enable RTK-Ag and RT-PCR test results to be obtained more quickly.

Meanwhile, the **states in the Klang Valley reported 194 cases** (15.6% of the total cases). Of these 194 additional cases, 120 cases (61.9%) are from existing and new clusters. These states as well as Sabah have already been placed under the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO).

A total of **508 cases (41%)** today are from the Penjara Kepayan Cluster (439 cases), Seberang Perai Cluster (57 cases), Benteng LD Cluster (7 cases), Penjara Tapah Cluster (4 cases) and Tembok Cluster (1 case). These cases are **isolated** within the areas of the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO).

As of 26 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of **1,240 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. This is the highest number of daily cases reported since the start of the pandemic; cumulatively, there are **27,805 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are currently **9,744 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the 1,240 additional cases reported today, two (2) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving non-Malaysians who were travellers from:

- Russia (1 case in Selangor)
- Ukraine (1 case in WP Labuan)

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

- **Sabah: 927 cases**
 - 511 cases from existing active clusters, including 30 cases from a new cluster i.e. **Kapor Cluster**.
 - 280 cases from screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 136 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Selangor: 176 cases**
 - 109 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 34 cases from screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 33 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Pulau Pinang: 61 cases**
 - 60 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 1 case from screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

- **Negeri Sembilan: 25 cases**
 - 12 cases from existing active clusters, including 4 cases from a new cluster i.e. **Hampar Cluster**.
 - 6 cases from screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 7 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Kuala Lumpur: 17 cases**
 - 11 cases from existing active clusters.
 - 2 cases from screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 4 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Perak: 8 cases**
 - 6 cases from existing active clusters, including 4 cases from a new cluster i.e. **Penjara Tapah Cluster**.
 - 2 cases from screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

- **WP Labuan: 5 cases**
 - 1 case from existing active clusters.
 - 2 cases from screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 2 cases from other COVID-19 screenings.

- **Johor: 4 cases**
 - 2 cases from screening of close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
 - 1 case from existing active clusters.
 - 1 case from other COVID-19 screenings.
- **Kedah: 3 cases** from existing active clusters.
- **Terengganu: 3 cases** from existing active clusters.
- **Melaka: 2 cases** from existing active clusters.

Currently, **94 confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in the **intensive care units (ICUs)**, with **31 patients on ventilation support**.

Regretfully, seven (7) additional COVID-19 deaths were reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **236 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 (Nationality)	Age (years)	Hospital	Medical History
230	14,925	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	67	Duchess of Kent	Sinusitis
231	15,854	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	71	Queen Elizabeth	Diabetes, hypertension & heart disease
232	16,508	Sabah	Female (M'sian)	51	Queen Elizabeth	Diabetes, hypertension & dyslipidaemia
233	26,212	Sabah	Male (M'sian)	61	Tuaran	Blindness
234	25,353	Sabah	Male (Non-M'sian)	50	Queen Elizabeth	Hypertension, chronic kidney disease & heart disease
235	27,491	Sabah	Female (Non-M'sian)	90	Duchess of Kent	-

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236	27,492	Sabah	Male (Non-M'sian)	27	Tawau	-

MOH extends its condolences to all their family members.

Three (3) New Clusters Reported Today

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

1. The Kapor Cluster

This new cluster involves the Kudat district, Sabah. The confirmed COVID-19 cases in this cluster were detected from screening of seafaring communities residing in Kampung Tanjung Kapor, with a total of 46 confirmed COVID-19 cases detected on 22 October 2020. All cases have been admitted into the COVID-19 Quarantine and Low Risk Treatment Centre (PKRC) in Kota Belud, Sabah.

As of 26 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 127 individuals have been screened, of which:

- 46 confirmed COVID-19 cases (**30 additional cases**)
- 81 individuals awaiting results

2. The Hampar Cluster

This new cluster involves the Rembau district, Negeri Sembilan. The index case for this cluster (Case 23,736) was detected positive for COVID-19 from symptomatic screening on 21 October 2020 and admitted into Rembau Hospital. Screening of close contacts has identified four (4) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 26 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 578 individuals have been screened, of which:

- Five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases (**4 additional cases**)
- 96 individuals tested negative
- 477 individuals awaiting results

3. The Penjara Tapah Cluster

This new cluster involves the Batang Padang district, Perak. A total of 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected from screening conducted at Tapah Prison starting from 12 October 2020. All cases have been admitted to the Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Ipoh and Teluk Intan Hospital. Screening of close contacts has identified four (4) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases.

As of 26 October 2020, 12 pm, a total of 2,268 individuals have been screened, of which:

- 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases (**4 additional cases**)
- 1,820 individuals tested negative
- 437 individuals awaiting results

Concept Used in Naming of New Clusters

MOH takes note of the public's views on the concept used by MOH in naming new COVID-19 clusters. The selection of names for the new clusters is based on the background of the index case for the cluster. The name of the cluster is chosen based on the name of the building, housing area, street name or workplace of the index case. This is to ensure effective communication between the agencies involved in the control and management of the cluster.

In addition, the name of a cluster can also be chosen to describe the disease transmission between index case(s) and close contacts e.g. the Auto Cluster describes a cluster in a workplace involving employees in an automotive company, and the Inai Cluster that describes a cluster that started from a pre-wedding (*majlis berinai*) ceremony.

MOH is very cautious in choosing cluster names to avoid any anxiety and stigma to patients, local residents or organisations involved. MOH also regularly conducts active case detection in the field to ensure that all individuals involved are screened and isolated from the community if they are found to be positive for COVID-19 infection.

For the community, it is important for them to understand that the **main action** that can protect them from being infected with COVID-19 is by **practising all of the advisories** continuously stated by MOH and also by **complying with all of the Standard Practice Procedures (SOPs)** set. The main challenge for all of us is to implement these actions as best as possible, and be continuously complied with by all members of the public.

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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26 October 2020 @ 5.30 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 26 October 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Sabah	927	12,745
Selangor	177 (1)	4,145
WP Kuala Lumpur	17	2,966
Kedah	3	2,048
Negeri Sembilan	25	1,337
Johor	4	871
Sarawak	7	803
Pulau Pinang	61	912
Perak	8	473
Pahang	0	392
Melaka	2	310
WP Labuan	6 (1)	270
Kelantan	0	179
Terengganu	3	176
WP Putrajaya	0	140
Perlis	0	38
Total	1,240 (2)	27,805

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases

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

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Total deaths
1. Penjara Keptayan	Sabah	Kota Kinabalu, Papar, Penampang	439	1,662	3,405	1,658 (0)	4	0
2. Penjara Seberang Perai	Pulau Pinang	Seberang Perai Selatan	57	255	2,895	208 (2)	47	0
3. Jaya	Negeri Sembilan, Selangor	Seremban, Sepang, Kuala Langat	46	55	96	55 (0)	0	0
4. Kaya	Negeri Sembilan, WP Putrajaya, Melaka, Selangor	Seremban, Putrajaya, Melaka Tengah, Sepang, Klang, Kuala Langat, Kuala Selangor, Petaling	45	122	618	122 (0)	0	0
5. Hentian	Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur	Hulu Langat, Cheras, Titiwangsa	13	78	1,494	74 (0)	4	0
6. Utama	Selangor, Melaka,	Gombak, Hulu Langat, Petaling,	9	226	888	53 (0)	173	0

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Total deaths
	WP Kuala Lumpur	Alor Gajah, Lembah Pantai, Titiwangsa, Kepong						
7. Benteng LD	Sabah	Lahad Datu, Tawau, Sandakan, Kinabatangan, Tuaran	7	1,096	16,533	227 (0)	868	1
8. Cahaya	Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, WP Kuala Lumpur	Petaling, Tampin, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai, Kepong	6	37	309	35 (0)	2	0
9. Mesra	Sabah	Sandakan	6	33	116	25 (0)	7	1
10. Titir	Sabah	Keningau	5	28	316	28 (0)	0	0
11. Baki	Sarawak	Kuching	5	13	110	13 (0)	0	0
12. Ramai-Ramai	Sabah	Sandakan	4	245	771	118 (0)	127	0
13. Megah	Sabah	Sandakan, Kota Kinabalu	4	24	64	14 (0)	9	1

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14. Teduh	Sabah	Lahad Datu	4	17	622	5 (0)	12	0
15. Simera	Terengganu, Pahang, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Perak, Johor, WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya, Kelantan	Besut, Kuantan, Petaling, Klang, Hulu Langat, Gombak, Port Dickson, Manjung, Hilir Perak, Johor Bahru, Lembah Pantai, Putrajaya, Tanah Merah	3	82	1,152	54 (0)	28	0
16. Tanamera	Sabah	Tawau	3	62	160	40 (0)	22	0
17. Melati	WP Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Pahang, Perak	Titiwangsa, Kepong, Klang, Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuantan, Bagan Datuk, Hilir Perak	3	26	276	24 (0)	2	0

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Total deaths
18. Makekar	Terengganu, Selangor	Kemaman, Dungun, Kuala Terengganu, Marang, Klang	3	13	155	13 (0)	0	0
19. Bayan	Pulau Pinang	Timur Laut, Barat Daya, Seberang Perai Utara	3	9	383	9 (0)	0	0
20. Auto	Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya	Petaling, Klang, Kuala Langat, Sepang, Gombak, Hulu Langat, Seremban, Titiwangsa, Putrajaya	2	109	880	99 (0)	10	0
21. Tinusa	Sabah	Sandakan	2	36	589	35 (0)	1	0
22. Alma	Pulau Pinang, Perak, Kedah	Seberang Perai Tengah, Seberang Perai Selatan, Seberang Perai Utara, Kerian, Bandar Baharu	2	31	555	29 (1)	2	0
23. Jambul	Sabah	Sandakan	2	10	49	5 (0)	5	0

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Total deaths	
24.	Tembok	Kedah, Perak	Kota Setar, Baling, Kuala Muda, Sungai Petani, Kubang Pasu, Padang Terap, Larut Matang & Selama	1	1,664	7,683	535 (4)	1126	3
25.	Saguking	WP Labuan	Labuan	1	107	2,145	106 (0)	0	1
26.	Menara	Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya, Perak, Terengganu, Melaka	Hulu Langat, Petaling, Gombak, Klang, Sepang, Kuala Langat, Cheras, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai, Putrajaya, Larut Matang & Selama, Kuala Nerus, Melaka Tengah	1	77	526	59 (0)	18	0
27.	Bah Manggis	Sabah, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan	Tawau, Kuala Langat, Seremban, Port Dickson	1	71	1,975	33 (0)	38	0
28.	Inai	Sabah	Kudat	1	49	106	49 (0)	0	0

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Total deaths	
29.	Surat	Sabah	Sandakan	1	45	175	18 (0)	27	0
30.	Basung	Sabah	Kudat	1	30	644	30 (0)	0	0
31.	Kertang	Sabah	Kota Belud	1	24	724	24 (0)	0	0
32.	Kempas	Johor	Johor Bahru, Kulai, Pontian	1	23	406	23 (0)	0	0
33.	Mentari	Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, WP Kuala Lumpur	Petaling, Klang, Gombak, Seremban, Kepong	1	18	94	17 (0)	1	0
34.	Palma	Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur	Gombak, Hulu Selangor, Kepong	1	14	107	12 (0)	2	0
35.	Kolong	Sabah	Keningau	1	13	284	4 (0)	9	0

Cluster	States	Districts	Additional cases	Total cases	Total screened	Active cases (ICU)	Total recovered	Total deaths	
36.	Sentral	WP Kuala Lumpur, Selangor	Kepong, Cheras, Titiwangsa, Lembah Pantai, Petaling	1	9	348	6 (0)	2	1
