

# PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

# UPDATES ON THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION IN MALAYSIA

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

28 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **86** cases have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 6,169 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (80.9% of total cumulative cases).

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

28 May 2020, 12 pm — A total of **10 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **7,629 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,345 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Currently, eight (8) confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU), and of these, four (4) cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are **115 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.51% of total cumulative cases).

All 10 additional cases reported today are local transmission, of which five (5) are non-Malaysians. No imported cases are reported today.

## The Cooperation and Compliance of the Public and Industries to the Standard Operating Procedures

The Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) enforced from 4 May 2020 is a Government initiative to cautiously re-open the country's economy in a controlled manner, while ensuring that all prevention and control measures for COVID-19 are prioritised.

This decision was made after discussions and consideration of various aspects, especially health, safety and the quality of life of the public. Subsequently, MOH with the National Security Council (NSC) have developed various Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the implementation of measures that support the new norms and normal.

To date, various SOPs have been approved by the Government for implementation by various industries and the public in daily life. These include religious ceremonies and festive celebrations. The Government has worked hard to ensure the public's compliance with the SOPs, so that the number of COVID-19 cases can be controlled, while at the same time the industries and activities permitted by the Government can be regulated.

Since almost a month of the enforcement of the CMCO in our country, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported from 4 May 2020 to 27 May 2020 are 1,189 cases. Of these, 270 cases (22.7%) were amongst Malaysians, while 77.3% involved non-Malaysians i.e. 919 cases, including 383 non-Malaysians in three Immigration Detention Centres.

Since the start of CMCO, it can be observed that the trend of local transmission of COVID-19 has been steadily declining from the previous weeks. This would not have been possible without the cooperation and compliance of the public to the Government's recommendations, advisories and SOPs, as well as enforcement activities by various Government agencies.

In this regard, MOH would like to thank the various industries and the public for their willingness to bear the burden together with the Government for the benefit of the community and the Nation. If these efforts and actions are carried out by all with the sense and spirit of social responsibility, we would be able to jointly break the transmission chain of COVID-19 infection in Malaysia.

#### The Usage of 'Hotspot Tracker' Function of the MySejahtera App

To help Malaysians adapt to their daily life activities, including planning for daily trips and identifying at-risk areas where COVID-19 cases are reported, the public can use the 'Hotspot Tracker' function through the MySejahtera app. This function can help the public to identify if there are cases reported within a radius of one (1) kilometre of the searched location within the last 28 days.

The public is advised to avoid non-essential travel to COVID-19 infection at-risk areas.

Therefore, this function can be used as a guide by every user in making the decision to travel from one location to another. This is in line with the self-empowerment of individuals and Malaysians in adjusting to the new norms and normal of everyday life. The public needs to take care of themselves, their families and the community around them to keep it free from COVID-19.

For individuals who have not yet downloaded the MySejahtera app, please do so to enable the use of important functionalities, including self-assessment of health status and the latest update health from the National CPRC, MOH.

### **Health Advisory on COVID-19**

MOH advises the public to continue to adhere to the advice and recommendations emphasised regularly by the Government. The public must continue to practice the new norms and normal in everyday life, including:

- Avoid the 3Cs: Crowded places; Confined spaces; and Close conversations
- Practice the 3Ws: Wash hands frequently with water and soap;
   Wearing facemasks are strongly encouraged in public areas or if symptomatic;
   Warn self and others for the following, in line with MOH's advisories:
  - Avoid shaking hands or touching others
  - 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, the public is advised to continue to adhere to **ThIS**:

- T: Terms and SOPs set under the CMCO
- 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 social 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 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 28 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	2	1,845
Negeri Sembilan	0	793
Melaka	0	216
Johor	0	671
Pahang	1	345
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	0	344
Sarawak	0	552
WP Kuala Lumpur	7	1,997
WP Putrajaya	0	93
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	10	7,629

<sup>\*( )</sup> refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases