



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

21 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **90 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 5,796 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (82.1% of total cumulative cases). The number of cases recovered is almost twice the number of additional cases reported today.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

21 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **50 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **7,059 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,149 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. Of the 50 additional cases reported today, three (3) are imported cases who were infected overseas, while 47 cases are local transmission involving 41 non-Malaysians, of which 34 cases were detected at the Bukit Jalil Immigration Detention Centre. They have been in detention prior to the Movement Control Order (MCO) enforcement on 18 March 2020.

Currently, **10 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, seven (7) cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, **no additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **114 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.61% of total cumulative cases).

Bukit Jalil Immigration Detention Centre Cluster

MOH would like to inform that a new cluster has been detected at the Bukit Jalil Immigration Detention Centre. As of 21 May 2020, 12 pm, a total of 645 individuals have been sampled, of which:

- 35 confirmed COVID-19 cases detected
- 400 negative cases
- 210 still awaiting results

All 35 confirmed COVID-19 cases were amongst non-Malaysians, of which:

- 17 Myanmar nationals
- 15 Indian nationals
- 1 Sri Lankan national
- 1 Bangladeshi national
- 1 Egyptian national

Various prevention and control activities have been carried out, for example, disinfection, health education such as on personal hygiene, frequent hand washing with water and soap, as well as advice on social distancing. The cause of the infection is still under investigation.

MOH has provided healthcare services to all detention centres on a regular basis. The service is provided by a health team from the nearest Health Clinic. The health team consists of Medical Officers, Assistant Medical Officers, Nurses and Community Nurses (*Jururawat Masyarakat*).

The healthcare services provided include:

- Treatment of mild diseases or conditions
- Emergency first aid
- Pregnancy, infant and child health checks including immunisation services based on national immunisation schedule

Cases that require hospitalisation and emergency care, such as deliveries, will be referred to the nearest MOH hospital. All of these services are provided free of charge.

To ensure that COVID-19 cases in this cluster can be fully detected, MOH through the District Health Office, will proceed with the next steps, using a targeted approach, that include:

- Investigation, close contact tracing, and risk assessment by relevant parties
- Active case detection – screening for symptoms and sampling to detect positive cases
- Positive cases will be isolated and hospitalised, while close contacts will be placed under the COVID-19 Contact Monitoring and Observation Order under Section 15(1) of Act 342.

MOH will continue to work with the Malaysian Immigration Department, the Royal Malaysian Police and other related Government agencies for the management of COVID-19 cases related to the Immigration Detention Depot.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to take social responsibility in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia, by continuing to adhere to **THiS**:

- **T:** Terms and SOPs set under the Conditional MCO (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

The public is also advised to adhere to the 3Cs and 3Ws as recommended by MOH:

- Avoid the **3Cs**: **C**rowded places; **C**onfined spaces; and **C**lose conversations
- Practice the **3Ws**: **W**ash hands frequently with water and soap; **W**earing facemasks are strongly encouraged in public areas or if symptomatic; **W**arn self and others for the following, in line with MOH's advisories:
 - Avoid shaking hands or touching others
 - Practice good coughing and sneezing etiquette
 - Disinfect frequently touched surfaces
 - Stay at home and go out only for important matters
 - Seek treatment if symptomatic

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 21 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	96
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	8	1,673
Negeri Sembilan	2 (1)	778
Melaka	0	215
Johor	0	669
Pahang	1	339
Terengganu	0	111
Kelantan	0	156
Sabah	0	338
Sarawak	0	544
WP Kuala Lumpur	39 (2)	1,637
WP Putrajaya	0	93
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	50 (3)	7,059

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases