



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Who Have Recovered

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **one (1) case** has recovered and discharged today. **Cumulatively, 8,601 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been discharged** (96.6% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

27 July 2020, 12 pm – A total of **seven (7) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **8,904 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 179 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have all been isolated and given treatment.

Of the seven (7) additional cases reported today, four (4) are imported cases who were **infected overseas**, involving three (3) Malaysians and one (1) non-Malaysian (spouse to a Malaysian). The four (4) imported cases were travellers from:

- Pakistan – 1 case in Sabah
- Russia – 1 case in Selangor
- Australia – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur
- Indonesia – 1 case in Kuala Lumpur

No local transmission among non-Malaysians is reported today. All three (3) **local transmission** cases are among **Malaysians**, details as follows:

- Sabah – 3 cases: From pre-surgical screening:
 - 2 cases: At Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kota Kinabalu.
 - 1 case: At the Sabah Women and Children’s Hospital, Likas.

Currently, **no confirmed COVID-19 cases** are receiving treatment in **intensive care units**.

No additional COVID-19 death was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **124 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.39% of total cumulative cases).

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia in the 30th Epidemiology Week

During the 30th epidemiology week of 2020 (i.e. from 19 to 25 July 2020), a total of 120 additional confirmed cases have been reported to the National CPRC. A total of three (3) states recorded the highest number of cases i.e. Sarawak (48 cases), Johor (29 cases) and Selangor (19 cases).

On 23 and 24 July 2020, the MOH had sent a team led by the Deputy Director General of Health (Research and Technical Support) to Sarawak to review and help provide input on the current situation of transmission and management of COVID-19 infection. The team consisted of Public Health Specialists, Pathologists and other related specialists. They had worked closely with a multi-disciplinary team in Sarawak.

New High-Risk Group has been Identified for the Targeted Approach

MOH has earlier reported that a new cluster involving a religious centre has been detected on 25 July 2020, i.e. the Bukit Tiram Cluster. This cluster involved a Roman Catholic Church and religious activities in several other states. This cluster was associated with imported cases from the Philippines, however investigation is still ongoing to identify the index case as well as the source of the infection for this cluster.

As a proactive action by the Government to prevent and control the transmission of the COVID-19 infection, the Bukit Tiram Cluster has now been identified as one of the high-risk groups for the targeted approach, whereby investigation and tracking of all close contacts are being done immediately for all individuals identified to have attended the religious centre and its related religious activities.

In addition to screening and active case detection, high-risk individuals or those closely associated with this group are also strongly encouraged to seek COVID-19 screening on their own. If having symptoms, **immediately contact** the nearest Health Clinic or District Health Office for further management.

MOH urges that this group of individuals should not be excluded and **not stigmatised** by the community. In fact, we need to help and encourage them to come forward for screening. This will help in controlling the transmission of COVID-19 in our country.

Compliance to the Standard Operating Procedures is Key to Controlling and Preventing the Transmission of COVID-19

As of 26 July 2020, COVID-19 cases worldwide have reached 16,000,000 cases. The daily cases reported on 26 July 2020 were 259,037 cases. The deteriorating COVID-19 situation around the world is alarming. If the daily cases of COVID-19 in Malaysia increase dramatically, our country's health facilities will not be able to cope with the high burden, subsequently paralysing the healthcare system in Malaysia. Therefore, to prevent such a situation from occurring, every individual from all levels of society and walks of life must comply to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and advisories from the MOH.

The public is also urged to continue to adhere to the SOPs and practice the new norms in our effort to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 infection. Safe social distancing, maintaining hand hygiene by regular hand washing with water and soap, as well as the use of facemasks in public and crowded places should be practiced at all times.

As announced by the Senior Minister (Security Cluster), the use of facemasks in public transport and crowded public places from 1 August 2020 is mandatory.

Every individual must take this seriously and comply with every Government recommendation to prevent the COVID-19 infection.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to continue to remain vigilant and to always comply to the recommendations and health advisories repeatedly emphasised by the MOH. These advisories must be incorporated into everyday life as the new normal.

- 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 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
 - 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**:

- **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 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 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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27 July 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 27 July 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	100
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	262
Selangor	1 (1)	2,119
Negeri Sembilan	0	1,028
Melaka	0	258
Johor	0	737
Pahang	0	370
Terengganu	0	114
Kelantan	0	160
Sabah	4 (1)	389
Sarawak	0	650
WP Kuala Lumpur	2 (2)	2,462
WP Putrajaya	0	98
WP Labuan	0	18
Total	7 (4)	8,904

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 case