



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

17 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **201 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 2,967 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (56.5% of total cumulative cases). The number of cases discharged is almost triple the number of additional confirmed cases reported.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

17 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **69 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **5,251 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 2,198 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Currently, **51 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 26 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **two (2) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **86 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.64% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #85:** Case 5,064 is an 85 year-old Malaysian man. He was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 4,657) related to the Bali PUI cluster. He was receiving treatment for cancer at a private hospital and was subsequently transferred to Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital, Pahang on 15 April 2020. He was pronounced dead on 16 April 2020 at 3.30 pm.
2. **Death #86:** Case 5,183 is an 85 year-old Malaysian man with a history of hypertension and stroke. He was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 2,321). He was admitted into the University of Malaya Medical Centre on 1 April 2020 and was pronounced dead on 16 April 2020 at 8.56 pm.

MOH conveys condolences to all family members.

COVID-19 Infection Amongst Foreign Nationals in Malaysia

As of 16 April 2020, 12 noon, MOH has detected a total of **601 confirmed COVID-19 cases** amongst foreign nationals, of which, 356 cases are receiving treatment, 242 cases have recovered and discharged well, and 3 deaths. These were amongst tourists, foreign workers, refugees and asylum seekers.

Of the total cases, amongst the main nationalities were:

- 108 cases, Indonesian nationals
- 104 cases, Philippines nationals
- 63 cases, Bangladesh nationals
- 60 cases, Indian nationals
- 51 cases, Pakistan nationals

As reported by the mass media, there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases in Singapore associated with the spread of the infection in the workers' dormitories. This has contributed to over 50% of all COVID-19 positive cases in the country. Cognisant of this situation and given that Malaysia also have a large population of foreign workers, measures

must be taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among this group of people.

For industries employing large numbers of workers, including foreign workers, employers are responsible for ensuring the following measures are implemented in the workplace:

- Screening for body temperature and symptoms before entering the premises or workplaces
- Provision of hand washing facilities and hand sanitisers
- Regularly carry out cleaning and disinfection, particularly in shared spaces
- Practice social distancing of at least 1 metre, in workspaces as well as in dining areas:
 - Prevent employees from congregating in confined spaces
 - Prevent the congregation of large numbers of workers
 - Keep a distance of at least 1 metre during face-to-face conversations

When dormitories or living quarters are provided, preventive measures such as safe social distancing as well as personal and hand hygiene must be emphasised. Employees with their own accommodations must also comply and practise all of these preventive measures, as well as take their own initiatives to regularly clean and disinfect their own accommodations.

MOH is also working with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to ensure that refugees and asylum seekers are also included in the prevention and control measures undertaken by the Government.

MOH is also working closely with the embassies of relevant countries in Malaysia as well as relevant non-governmental organisations to assist MOH to share and disseminate information and health education messages to foreign nationals in Malaysia in their respective national languages. The National IHR Focal Points from related countries were

also notified of confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst foreign nationals in Malaysia.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH urges the public to continue to comply to all advisories and measures under the Movement Control Order (MCO).

While staying at home, MOH advises the public to maintain a high level of personal hygiene at all times, such as regular hand washing with water and soap, and practising social distancing of at least 1 metre from others.

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation based on all available information, and the public will be continuously updated on the latest information.

Thank you.

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Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 17 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	94
Pulau Pinang	0	119
Perak	1	252
Selangor	9	1,338
Negeri Sembilan	13	402
Melaka	1	148
Johor	9	623
Pahang	1	262
Terengganu	0	108
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	5	293
Sarawak	10	397
WP Kuala Lumpur	19	971
WP Putrajaya	0	55
WP Labuan	1	16
Total	69	5,251