



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

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

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

12 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **nine (9) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) Ministry of Health (MOH) today.

With these additional nine (9) cases, cumulatively there are now **158 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Of these:

- 26 cases amongst Patients Under Investigation (PUI);
- 127 cases amongst close contacts;
- Two (2) cases from the severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) surveillance for COVID-19;
- One (1) case from the influenza-like-illness (ILI) surveillance for COVID-19; and
- Two (2) cases amongst the Humanitarian Assistance mission evacuees.

Today, **six (6) confirmed cases have fully recovered** and discharged well. They were negative for two consecutive COVID-19 tests prior to being discharged. Cumulatively, 32 cases have fully recovered and discharged well. Currently, there are three (3) cases in the intensive care units (ICU) requiring ventilation support, however they are all in stable conditions.

Current Situation of COVID-19 Globally

MOH takes note of the statement by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 11 March 2020 on the current COVID-19 situation globally involving 114 countries. WHO has declared the COVID-19 infection as a pandemic, taking into account the rapid increase of cases in countries outside of the People's Republic of China. The number of cases in countries outside of the People's Republic of China is expected to continue to increase. WHO has also informed that all current prevention and control measures are still relevant and should be further strengthened.

Based on this WHO's announcement, MOH will ensure that current COVID-19 prevention and control measures are continuously evaluated based on the latest situation in the country and further strengthened.

Health Advisory

MOH refers to the Press Statement by the Director General of Health Malaysia dated 11 March 2020 regarding the *Tabligh* gathering in Seri Petaling mosque in Selangor from 27 February 2020 until 3 March 2020. MOH urges all individuals who attended or were involved with the gathering to immediately contact the nearest District Health Office (DHO) to undergo a risk assessment for COVID-19 infection and for further management:

1. Clinical samples will be taken if determined to be of high-risk for COVID-19 infection, or unwell with respiratory tract infection symptoms;
2. Served with the Home Surveillance Order – for surveillance and health monitoring at home; and
3. Explanation on the need for self-health monitoring using the Home Assessment Tool by the authorised officers from the DHO under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988.

Individuals involved with this gathering are requested to give their full cooperation and to comply at all advisories issued by MOH to reduce the risk of further spread of COVID-19 infection in the community. MOH has also notified the International Health Regulations (IHR) Focal Points of countries whose citizens participated in this gathering.

The public are requested not to share and disseminate unverified information on COVID-19 involving this *Tabligh* gathering in order to maintain public harmony. MOH will continuously provide updates to the public on the latest information on COVID-19.

Thank you.

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