



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

25 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **16 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. Cumulatively, 199 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

25 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **172 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **1,796 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Based on preliminary investigations, of these 172 additional confirmed cases, 71 cases are related to the *Tabligh* gathering in Seri Petaling mosque. The remaining 101 cases are related to other clusters.

Currently, **45 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 34 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, four (4) additional COVID-19 deaths were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Of these, one death was already reported last night through a posting on the Director General of Health's Facebook. Cumulatively, there are now 19 COVID-19 deaths in Malaysia:

1. **Death #16:** Case 1,334 is a 75 year-old Malaysian man. He has a history of chronic diseases. He was admitted into Tuanku Mizan Army

Hospital on 16 March 2020 before being transferred to Kuala Lumpur Hospital on 18 March 2020. His condition deteriorated and was given ventilation support in ICU. He was pronounced dead on 24 March 2020 at 7.40 pm.

2. **Death #17:** Case 1,251 is a 66 year-old Malaysian man. He has a history of chronic diseases and suspected to have close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case. He was admitted into Sultanah Fatimah Hospital, Muar on 20 March 2020, His condition deteriorated and was given ventilation support in ICU. He was confirmed positive with COVID-19 on 21 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 25 March 2020 at 4.10 am.
3. **Death #18:** Case 1,625 is a 56 year-old Malaysian man. He has a history of chronic diseases. He was admitted into Sultan Ismail Hospital, Johor on 20 March 2020, He was pronounced dead on 23 March 2020 at 2.00 am.
4. **Death #19:** Case 1,246 is a 68 year-old Malaysian woman. She was admitted into Sultanah Nora Ismail Hospital, Johor on 19 March 2020. Her condition deteriorated and was given ventilation support in ICU. She was pronounced dead on 25 March 2020 at 12.53 am.

MOH conveys condolences to all family members.

Healthcare Workers and Risk of COVID-19 Infection

MOH acknowledges that frontline healthcare workers (HCWs) are fully committed to providing the best medical and health services to all Malaysians in the face of this COVID-19 pandemic.

However, as of 25 March 2020, 12 pm, a total of 73 MOH HCWs have been reported to be positive for COVID-19. Based on investigations, the sources of infection for all these HCWs were NOT due from managing confirmed COVID-19 cases in MOH healthcare facilities. Of these 73 cases, 47 cases (64.4%) were related to a wedding function that was also attended by individuals who attended the *Tabligh* gathering. Other

sources of infection include history of travelling overseas and confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst family members.

A total of 1,895 MOH HCWs managing confirmed COVID-19 cases in MOH healthcare facilities have been tested for COVID-19. Of these, 1,187 HCWs were found to be negative, with the remaining 708 with results pending and none has been found to be positive.

MOH advises all HCWs and frontliners to constantly practice preventive and precautionary measures as recommended, in particular always maintain hand cleanliness, practice social distancing and use personal protective equipment (PPE) as required.

MOH also requests that all HCWs and frontliners to inform their respective Heads of Department if they were directly involved or have any contact with individuals who attended:

- *Tabligh* gathering at Seri Petaling mosque from 27 February 2020 to 3 March 2020; or
- Wedding receptions on 6 March 2020 in Bangi or on 7 March 2020 in Putrajaya that were attended by HCWs.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

The Movement Control Order that is currently enforced from 18 March 2020 has just been extended to 14 April 2020. Therefore, MOH advises the public to continue to maintain social distancing of more than one metre from other individuals. The public is also encouraged to do indoor activities with family members such as indoor exercises.

For medical or health advice, the public can contact the Virtual Health Advisory from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm daily, and also join the MOH Facebook Live session from 10.00 am to 10.30 am and DoctorOnCall Facebook Live sessions from 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

The public can also contact the National CPRC MOH hotline. Further information on the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia is also available through the National CPRC MOH Telegram channel:

<https://t.me/cprckkm>.

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 through MOH's website:

<http://www.moh.gov.my/index.php>

Thank you.

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25 March 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 25 March 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	1	10
Kedah	5	69
Pulau Pinang	2	70
Perak	30	128
Selangor	54	435
Negeri Sembilan	14	123
Melaka	2	33
Johor	34	196
Pahang	8	64
Terengganu	0	38
Kelantan	6	84
Sabah	0	170
Sarawak	2	85
WP Kuala Lumpur	13	270
WP Putrajaya	1	16
WP Labuan	0	5
Total	172	1,796