



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

26 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **16 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. Cumulatively, 215 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

26 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **235 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **2,031 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia.

Based on preliminary investigations, of these 235 additional confirmed cases, 60 cases are related to the gathering in Seri Petaling mosque. The remaining 175 cases are still being investigated and likely to be related to other clusters.

Currently, **45 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 32 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **four (4) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Of these, two deaths were already reported last night and this morning through postings on the Director General of

Health's Facebook. Cumulatively, there are now **23 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia:

1. **Death #20:** Case 780 is a 76 year-old Malaysian man. He participated in the gathering at Seri Petaling mosque. He was admitted into Sultan Ismail Petra Hospital, Kelantan on 18 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 25 March 2020 at 4.35 pm.
2. **Death #21:** Case 1,588 is a 63 year-old Malaysian man. He also participated in the gathering at Seri Petaling mosque. He was admitted into Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Kedah on 23 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 26 March 2020 at 4.00 am.
3. **Death #22:** Case 1,797 is a 48 year-old Malaysian man. He has a history of chronic diseases. He also participated in the gathering at Seri Petaling mosque and has a history of close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case who also attended the same gathering. He was admitted into Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Hospital, Johor. He was pronounced dead on 23 March 2020 at 8.15 pm.
4. **Death #23:** Case 1,840 is a 62 year-old Malaysian man from Kajang, Selangor. He has a history of chronic diseases. He was admitted into Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Perak on 23 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 25 March 2020 at 12.37 pm. Investigation is still on-going to determine the relationship with existing clusters.

MOH conveys condolences to all family members.

Healthcare Workers and Risk of COVID-19 Infection

As of 26 March 2020, 12 pm, a total of **80 MOH health care workers (HCWs) have been reported to be positive for COVID-19.**

Currently, **NONE** of these cases were from managing confirmed COVID-19 cases in MOH healthcare facilities. Of these 80 cases, 39 HCWs are from the Teluk Intan Hospital, Perak cluster. Based on this current

situation, MOH has ordered that all HCWs and support staff of Teluk Intan Hospital to be tested for COVID-19.

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.

Medical practitioners at private hospitals and clinics are also frontliners in delivery of healthcare to the public. MOH advises that all private medical practitioners to also constantly practice preventive and precautionary measures as recommended above, **in particular on the use of face masks** during consultations and to use appropriate PPE for any clinical procedures.

Maternal and Child Health Services in Health Clinics, Maternal and Child Health Clinics and *Klinik Desa* (Rural Health Clinics)

Even in the current COVID-19 situation, MOH emphasises that Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services are **functioning as usual**. HCWs will still conduct post-natal home visits to ensure that mothers and infants are in good health. For pregnant women or parents currently away from home, they can obtain MCH services from the nearest health clinic (government or private clinic).

MOH urges that pregnant women to comply to their appointment dates for antenatal check-ups. Immunisation services for infants and children will also continue as usual. Parents are requested to adhere to the immunisation schedule and appointment dates. MOH emphasises the importance of adhering to the immunisation schedule for children to prevent the occurrence of vaccine-preventable diseases.

For any queries, please contact the nearest health clinic.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

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 sessions 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>

MOH wishes to express appreciation to all COVID-19 frontliners at all levels currently working hard in managing the infection in Malaysia.

Thank you.

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26 March 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 26 March 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	10
Kedah	3	72
Pulau Pinang	4	74
Perak	23	151
Selangor	75	510
Negeri Sembilan	9	132
Melaka	0	33
Johor	43	239
Pahang	2	66
Terengganu	1	39
Kelantan	10	94
Sabah	2	172
Sarawak	10	95
WP Kuala Lumpur	51	321
WP Putrajaya	2	18
WP Labuan	0	5
Total	235	2,031