



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

29 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **68 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 388 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well.**

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

29 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **150 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **2,470 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia.

Currently, 73 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU), and of these, 52 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **seven (7) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **34 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia:

1. **Death #28:** Case 2,321 is a 91 year-old Malaysian woman who has a history of diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. She was admitted into University of Malaya Medical Centre on 26 March 2020. She was pronounced dead on 28 March 2020 at 8.48 am.

2. **Death #29:** Case 2,123 is a 64 year-old Malaysian woman who has a history of diabetes and hypertension. She was admitted into Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital, Negeri Sembilan on 25 March 2020. She was pronounced dead on 28 March 2020 at 10.15 pm.
3. **Death #30:** Case 2,322 is a 76 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. He was admitted into University of Malaya Medical Centre. He was pronounced dead on 28 March 2020 at 11.33 pm.
4. **Death #31:** Case 2,323 is a 27 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. He was admitted into Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Perak on 27 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 28 March 2020 at 7.44 pm.
5. **Death #32:** Case 1,239 is a 50 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of hypertension. He was a participant at the gathering in Seri Petaling mosque. He was admitted into Enche' Besar Hajjah Kalsom Hospital, Johor on 22 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 28 March 2020 at 7.44 pm.
6. **Death #33:** Case 1,249 is a 37 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of travelling to India. He was admitted into Permai Hospital, Johor on 21 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 28 March 2020 at 11.25 pm.
7. **Death #34:** Case 787 is a 77 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of hypertension. He was admitted into Kuala Lumpur Hospital on 18 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 29 March 2020 at 10.40 am.

MOH conveys condolences to all of the family members.

Laboratory Capacity for COVID-19 Testing

Initially, the Institute for Medical Research (IMR) was the only laboratory directly involved in COVID-19 testing in Malaysia. The laboratory capacity in the country has now expanded and strengthened to include 25 laboratories nationwide. The laboratory network consists of:

- Eighteen MOH laboratories, i.e. IMR, National Public Health Laboratory (MKAK) in Sungai Buloh, twelve MOH hospital laboratories and four state Public Health Laboratories (in Johor, Kelantan, Perak and Sabah); and
- Seven private laboratories, i.e. Lablink (M) Sdn. Bhd., Pantai Premier Pathology Sdn. Bhd., Neogenix Laboratories Sdn. Bhd., Clinipath (M) Sdn. Bhd., BP Clinical Lab Sdn. Bhd. (Glenmarie branch), Sunway Medical Centre and Gribbles Pathology Sdn. Bhd.

Most recently, to assist MOH increase COVID-19 testing capacity, the Ministry of Higher Education and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) have set up ten additional diagnostic laboratories at institutions of higher learning and university teaching hospitals, including one mobile laboratory that can be deployed to hotspot areas. All ten additional diagnostic laboratories will be able to conduct 42,420 tests per month or 1,414 tests daily.

Volunteers for the COVID-19 Health and Medical Support Teams

MOH welcomes volunteers to join the health and medical support teams in managing the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia. To date, 157 volunteers have joined and been assigned in stages to the COVID-19 health and medical support teams. A further 1,008 individuals, consisting of various medical professions, will be joining the medical support team at hospitals.

Based on the current situation, MOH calls for more volunteers to join the COVID-19 health and medical support teams, by filling out the **Registration Form for Volunteers of the COVID-19 Health and Medical Support Team** (Borang Pendaftaran Anggota Sukarelawan

Pasukan Bantuan Kesihatan Dan Perubatan COVID-19) on the MOH's Facebook page.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

Of the 34 COVID-19-related deaths to date, 55.6% were aged 60 years and above, while 67.6% had a history of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease and heart disease.

These individuals are at greater risk of serious COVID-19 infection, with more severe symptoms and complications. Therefore, it is important for them and their family members to take extra precautions to prevent COVID-19 infection. Please ensure that there are adequate and undisrupted supply of medicines for the patients. Healthcare services are running as normal at all MOH healthcare facilities, especially for follow-up appointments and supply of medicines.

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.

Thank you.

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29 March 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 29 March 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	10
Kedah	1	75
Pulau Pinang	1	87
Perak	11	176
Selangor	33	612
Negeri Sembilan	9	162
Melaka	1	43
Johor	24	309
Pahang	12	96
Terengganu	2	47
Kelantan	15	123
Sabah	0	197
Sarawak	11	129
WP Kuala Lumpur	28	372
WP Putrajaya	2	22
WP Labuan	0	10
Total	150	2,470