



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

9 April 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **121 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 1,608 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well** (38.0% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

9 April 2020, 12 pm – A total of **109 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **4,228 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia.

Currently, **72 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 43 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **two (2) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Cumulatively, there are now **67 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.58% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #66:** Case 2,798 is a 59 year-old Malaysian man with a history of autoimmune disease and several other chronic diseases. He also participated in the Seri Petaling gathering. He was admitted into Melaka on 31 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 9 April 2020 at 5.00 am.

2. **Death #67:** Case 2,864 is a 23 year-old Malaysian woman with a history of hypothyroid disease. She was a close contact to two confirmed COVID-19 cases (Cases 2,469 and 2,470) and the 5th generation of infection from the church gathering cluster in Kuching (she did not participate in the gathering). She was admitted into Sarawak General Hospital on 30 March 2020 and was pronounced dead on 9 April 2020 at 9.42 am. The source of infection for these three cases is still under investigation.

MOH conveys condolences to all the family members.

The Welfare of Non-Malaysians During COVID-19

As of 9 April 2020, 12 pm, MOH has detected 416 COVID-19 cases among non-Malaysians, including two (2) death: Case 1,906 (Pakistan national, reported on 8 April 2020) and Case 1,275 (Indonesian, reported on 31 March 2020).

Of these, the main nationalities are:

- 51 cases were Indonesian nationals
- 37 cases were Indian nationals
- 31 cases were Myanmar nationals
- 29 cases were Pakistan nationals
- 27 cases were Philippine nationals

MOH is working closely with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to ensure that refugees and asylum seekers are also included in the prevention and control activities undertaken by the Government. In addition, MOH has received assistance from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and volunteers in conducting field surveillance activities by healthcare workers from the respective District Health Offices. In WP Kuala Lumpur alone, a total of 137 volunteers from various sectors have worked together for this activity. MOH would like to thank all parties involved.

Current Status of Laboratory Capacities for Detection of COVID-19

Initially, the Institute for Medical Research (IMR) was the only laboratory involved in conducting the COVID-19 testing in Malaysia. The laboratory capacity has now expanded and strengthened to include 43 laboratories from the public, universities and the private sector.

The maximum capacity of the laboratories is currently at **11,546 COVID-19 tests daily**.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH strongly emphasises the importance of all Malaysians in complying with the Movement Control Order. Failure to comply to all directives issued under this Order, if convicted of an offense, may be punishable under Section 24 of Act 342.

While staying at home, MOH advises the public to always practice a high level of personal hygiene, such as washing hands frequently with water and soap, and practice social distancing at least 1 meter away 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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9 April 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 9 April 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	17
Kedah	2	93
Pulau Pinang	0	108
Perak	4	241
Selangor	40	1,118
Negeri Sembilan	11	281
Melaka	3	119
Johor	7	503
Pahang	14	183
Terengganu	5	98
Kelantan	1	148
Sabah	0	248
Sarawak	6	312
WP Kuala Lumpur	14	699
WP Putrajaya	2	47
WP Labuan	0	13
Total	109	4,228