



**PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA**

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

Current Status in Malaysia

7 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **ten (10) additional confirmed COVID-19 cases (Cases 84 to 93)** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH. They are all currently receiving treatment. Investigation and identification of close contacts for testing are currently ongoing.

All the additional cases reported today are close contacts to Case 33. Of these, four (4) cases (**Cases, 85, 86, 87 and 93**) are the first-generation close contacts to Case 33, while six (6) cases (**Cases 84, 88, 89, 90, 91 and 92**) are the second-generation close contacts to Case 33. **They were all identified during contact tracing activities and have been admitted to the isolation wards in hospitals for further management.**

MOH wishes to inform that based on investigations of close contacts of Case 26, another COVID-19 cluster was identified relating to Case 33. A total of 132 close contacts have been identified relating to Case 33. Of these, 18 cases were confirmed COVID-19 cases, all admitted to hospitals and are in stable conditions. Meanwhile, 38 individuals tested negative and placed under the 14-day home surveillance (under the Observation and Surveillance Order). The remaining 76 individuals are still awaiting test results, however they are all reported to be healthy and placed under the 14-day home surveillance as well. **MOH is still conducting the investigation and contact tracing activities for close contacts to identify the source of infection and to prevent further spread of the infection.**

MOH also wishes to inform that Case 78 that was reported on 6 March 2020, were detected amongst Patient Under Investigation (PUI). She has a history of travelling to Indonesia for seven days from 13 February 2020, and developed symptoms on 19 February 2020. A total of 67 close contacts have been identified

and samples taken. All close contacts have been placed under the 14-day home surveillance.

With these additional ten (10) cases, cumulatively there are now **93 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. They are amongst Patients Under Investigation (PUI), close contacts and evacuees of the Humanitarian Assistance missions. Of these, 75 are Malaysians, 15 Chinese nationals and three (3) of other nationalities (US, Japan and Italy).

MOH is conducting COVID-19 surveillance to detect sporadic and local cases in Malaysia through patients with influenza-like-illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARI) with no history of travelling to affected countries or contacts with confirmed COVID-19 cases. As of 7 March 2020, a total of 432 samples have been tested and none were found to be positive for COVID-19. **Currently there is no sporadic COVID-19 cases that have been detected by this surveillance.**

Health Advisory

1. MOH advises all Malaysians to postpone travel to provinces or cities declared with COVID-19 outbreaks in the People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran (as announced previously).
2. The public is also advised to constantly maintain a high level of personal hygiene, wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitisers. Please seek early medical treatment for symptoms of respiratory tract infection e.g. fever, cough and/or difficulty breathing.
3. The public is also reminded not to share or disseminate unverified news or information on COVID-19. The latest official information on the latest development on COVID-19 can be obtained from the MOH's website.

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation and the public will be updated on the latest information.

Thank you.

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