



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

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

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

13 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **39 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) Ministry of Health (MOH) today. These cases have all been identified and placed in isolation for further management.

With these additional 39 cases, cumulatively there are now **197 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Of these additional confirmed cases:

- 38 cases are amongst Patients Under Investigation (PUI); and
- One (1) case amongst close contacts.

Currently, four (4) cases are reported to be in the intensive care units requiring ventilation support. They have all received anti-viral medications.

The first wave of COVID-19 infection in Malaysia involved 22 confirmed COVID-19 cases (Cases 1 to 22). Of these, 12 cases were amongst PUI, 8 cases amongst close contacts and 2 cases amongst the Humanitarian Assistance mission evacuees from Hubei, China. All cases from the first wave have fully recovered and discharged well.

For the second wave of COVID-19 infection (Cases 23 to 197); of these, 52 cases were amongst PUI, and the remaining cases were from two (2) large clusters that have been identified.

MOH is also 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 13 March 2020,

a total of 756 samples have been tested, and three (3) samples were found to be positive for COVID-19. Investigations revealed that these cases were related to the *Tabligh* gathering cluster. Investigations are still currently ongoing and the public will be updated continuously.

Health Advisory

Based on the current situation, MOH strongly urges that:

1. The public are encouraged not to attend any gathering or go to crowded public places, including places of worship, particularly if unwell with symptoms of respiratory tract infection;
2. To postpone from organising any public events and activities to prevent and reduce the risk of further spread of the COVID-19 infection. MOH will continue to provide further updates based on the latest development;
3. Constantly maintain a high level of personal hygiene, wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitisers; and
4. Seek early medical treatment if unwell with symptoms of respiratory tract infection e.g. fever, cough and/or difficulty breathing.

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

Thank you.

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Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Selected Categories
(197 cases, as of 13 March 2020, 12 pm)

	Category	Numbers
1.	Sex	
	Male	74
	Female	123
2.	Nationality	
	Malaysia	177
	People's Republic of China	15
	Indonesia	1
	Italy	1
	Japan	2
	United States of America	1
3.	Age Group	
	9 years or less	7
	10-19 years	7
	20-29 years	23
	30-39 years	39
	40-49 years	28
	50-50 years	53
	60-69 years	31
	70 years or more	9

	Category	Numbers
4.	State (where screening was done)	
	Johor	16
	Kedah	5
	Kelantan	3
	Melaka	1
	N.Sembilan	11
	P.Pinang	7
	Pahang	2
	Perak	2
	Perlis	1
	Sabah	15
	Selangor	105
	W.P. Kuala Lumpur	26
	W.P. Labuan	2
	W.P. Putrajaya	1