



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

14 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **two (2) cases** (Case 35 and Case 61) have fully recovered and discharged well from Sungai Buloh Hospital. Cumulatively, **35 confirmed COVID-19 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

14 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **41 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Of these, 37 cases are amongst Patients Under Investigation (PUI) and 4 cases amongst close contacts. With these additional 41 cases, cumulatively there are now **238 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia.

Currently, 203 confirmed cases are admitted into hospitals, with five (5) receiving treatment in intensive care units requiring ventilation support. They have all received anti-viral medications.

As of 14 March 2020, a total of 1,321 samples from patients with influenza-like-illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARI) have been tested at the Institute for Medical Research (IMR), all public health laboratories and hospitals throughout the country. Currently, three (3) samples were found to be positive for COVID-19 and all these positive cases were related to the *Tabligh* gathering cluster.

Health Advisory

The public are advised to remain calm and to completely refrain from sharing or disseminating unverified news or information relating to the *Tabligh* gathering to ensure public harmony. Please obtain the latest official information on COVID-19 from the press statements and announcements issued by the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Health Malaysia.

MOH re-emphasises the decision of the Malaysian Government as announced by the Prime Minister on 13 March 2020, requesting that all public events, including international meetings, sports, social and religious events, are either postponed or cancelled depending on suitability until 30 April 2020. This decision will be reviewed once the COVID-19 situation shows improvement.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection to vulnerable and susceptible populations, particularly those living in the interiors e.g. Orang Asli communities, MOH advises that all organisations or groups implementing activities with these communities to postpone any face-to-face engagement. However, MOH will continue to deliver medical and health services to the population living in the interiors, including the Orang Asli communities through outreach activities. This is to ensure continuity of MOH's services and protecting the health of these communities.

MOH also welcomes all forms of medical or health support, contribution of medications and medical collaboration from any organisation, including Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). MOH requests that any offers or proposals be submitted to the MOH via email cprc@moh.gov.my for further discussion.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection in hospitals:

1. Visitors to hospitals will be limited to **two (2) individuals** per patient at any one time;
2. Children under the age of **12 years are not allowed** as visitors to the wards;
3. Individuals with **influenza-like symptoms** e.g. sore throat, cough, runny nose, fever, vomiting and diarrhoea are not allowed as visitors to the wards; and
4. Individuals with high risk of infection, particularly those with chronic diseases or with low immunity (e.g. cancer patients on treatment) are not

allowed as visitors to the wards, **except** under extenuating circumstances.

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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