



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

27 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **44 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. Cumulatively, 259 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well.

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

27 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **130 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **2,161 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia.

Currently, **54 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 34 cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **three (3) additional COVID-19 deaths** were reported to the National CPRC MOH. Of these, one death was already reported earlier this morning through a posting on the Director General of Health's Facebook. Cumulatively, there are now **26 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia:

1. **Death #24:** Case 1,056 is a 35 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of travelling to Indonesia. He was admitted into Kuala Lumpur

Hospital on 18 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 26 March 2020 at 9.30 pm.

2. **Death #25:** Case 2,032 is a 83 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of chronic diseases. He was admitted into Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Perak on 25 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 26 March 2020 at 6.55 pm.
3. **Death #26:** Case 1,321 is a 53 year-old Malaysian man who was a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case (Case 1,309). He was admitted into Sungai Buloh Hospital on 22 March 2020. He was pronounced dead on 27 March 2020 at 10.30 am.

MOH conveys condolences to all their family members.

Enhanced Movement Control Order

The Malaysian Government has taken a drastic approach to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by implementing the Movement Control Order from 18 March 2020, that has now been extended until 14 April 2020. MOH is closely monitoring the number of new COVID-19 cases reported throughout Malaysia. Based on recent developments, the Government has decided to implement the Enhanced Movement Control Order (Enhanced MCO) in high-risk localities.

As announced by the Senior Minister (for Security Cluster) yesterday, the Government has decided to implement the Enhanced MCO in **Kampung Dato' Ibrahim Majid** and **Bandar Baharu Dato' Ibrahim Majid** in Simpang Renggam, Kluang, Johor beginning **27 March 2020 to 9 April 2020**.

As of noon today, Kluang District, Johor reported **88 cases of COVID-19**, and of these, **74 cases are from Kampung Dato' Ibrahim Majid and Bandar Baharu Dato' Ibrahim Majid** in Simpang Renggam, Kluang, Johor.

The main objective of the Enhanced MCO is to prevent further spread of COVID-19 out of affected localities and to break the chain of COVID-19 transmission. This measure will allow more effective active case detection from house to house, as well as disinfection activities in these affected localities.

MOH aims to collect 300 samples daily starting today. Sampling will be prioritised amongst close contacts of confirmed cases, individuals with symptoms and individuals with known risk factors for more severe COVID-19 infection.

Cleaning and disinfection activities of public areas will be carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, and the Simpang Renggam District Council. These activities will focus on common public areas. Information on proper home disinfection procedures will also be given to all residents.

The health services provided at Klinik Desa Dato' Ibrahim Majid will continue as normal, while emergency services will be coordinated by the Medical Emergency Coordination Centre (MECC).

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advised the public to constantly practice the various health advisories issued by MOH. Each and every Malaysian can play an important role in reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the country. All Malaysians must:

1. Remain at home
2. Practise social distancing
3. Wash hands frequently with water and soap

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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27 March 2020 @ 5.00 pm

Appendix 1

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 27 March 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases	Cumulative
Perlis	0	10
Kedah	1	73
Pulau Pinang	6	80
Perak	8	159
Selangor	36	546
Negeri Sembilan	6	138
Melaka	0	33
Johor	20	259
Pahang	4	70
Terengganu	2	41
Kelantan	4	98
Sabah	10	182
Sarawak	15	110
WP Kuala Lumpur	16	323
WP Putrajaya	2	34
WP Labuan	0	5
Total	130	2,161