



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

19 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **31 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 5,646 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (80.9% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

19 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **37 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **6,978 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,218 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. Of the 37 additional cases reported today, two (2) are imported cases who were infected overseas, while 35 cases are local transmission involving 22 non-Malaysians.

Currently, **11 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, six (6) cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **114 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.63% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #114:** Case 6,942 is a 77 year-old Malaysian woman who has a history of diabetes, hypertension and liver cancer. She was admitted into a medical centre in Pahang and was pronounced dead on 18 May 2020, 3.09 am.

MOH conveys condolences to the family members.

Complying to the Standard Operating Procedure When Out Shopping

During this festive season, it appears that many have started shopping for food items, clothes, home decorations and other related items for the Hari Raya celebration. This includes those who shop for everyday items.

Although many shoppers and traders are complying with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), there are still members of the public who are indifferent and openly violate the SOP set up for shopping malls, grocery stores and other shopping centres. Many netizens have shared images and videos of individuals violating the SOP, and this situation is very alarming.

The National Security Council (NSC) has developed a Retail SOP that acts as a guide for all business owners and traders who are authorised to operate. The SOP is as follows:

1. Ensure that social distancing is practiced at all times
2. Restrict access to the premises and limit the number of customers present in the premises at any one time depending on the size of the premises to avoid congestion
3. Ensure that all staff, suppliers and customers undergo body temperature screening before entering the premises
4. Provide hand sanitisers at the entrance
5. Require the use of face masks by employees when working
6. Carry out disinfection and cleaning process throughout the opening hours

This SOP is applicable in all shopping complexes, shopping malls, departmental stores, boutiques, clothing stores, general stores, mini-marts and other retail outlets. The employers will also need to coordinate and monitor that all published guidelines and requirements are complied with by all employees and customers.

MOH also urges the public to avoid shopping in crowded and cramped areas, where social distancing is difficult. Parents and guardians are also urged to avoid bringing children and infants to shopping malls and crowded public places to protect them from the risk of COVID-19 infection.

It should be noted that although the number of reported confirmed COVID-19 cases is declining, there is still a danger of COVID-19 infection in the community. Therefore, we must protect ourselves, our families and our communities from the COVID-19 infection.

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH advises the public to take social responsibility in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia, by continuing to adhere to **THiS**:

- **T: Terms** and SOPs set under the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO)
- **Hi: High-risk** groups such as children, infants, older adults and the disabled must be protected, and if unwell with symptoms, to seek early treatment
- **S: Safe** social distancing is practiced at all times, of at least 1 metre away from others

The public is also advised to adhere to the 3Cs and 3Ws as recommended by MOH:

- Avoid the **3Cs**: **C**rowded places; **C**onfined spaces; and **C**lose conversations

- Practice the **3Ws**: **W**ash hands frequently with water and soap; **W**earing facemasks are strongly encouraged in public areas or if symptomatic; **W**arn self and others for the following, in line with MOH's advisories:
 - Avoid shaking hands or touching others
 - Practice good coughing and sneezing etiquette
 - Disinfect frequently touched surfaces
 - Stay at home and go out only for important matters
 - Seek treatment if symptomatic

MOH will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation, both in the country as well as internationally, based on available information from the WHO. The public will be continuously updated on the latest information. In addition, MOH will ensure that appropriate preventive and control measures are continuously implemented.

Thank you.

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Appendix 1

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

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	6 (1)	1,650
Negeri Sembilan	0	776
Melaka	0	215
Johor	1 (1)	669
Pahang	2	338
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	6	337
Sarawak	0	544
WP Kuala Lumpur	22	1,588
WP Putrajaya	0	91
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	37 (2)	6,978

*() refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases