



**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 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **70 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 5,351 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (78.5% of total cumulative cases).

**Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia**

14 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **40 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today, of which **31 cases are amongst non-Malaysians**. There are no imported cases reported today.

Cumulatively there are now **6,819 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,356 active and infective COVID-19 cases**.

Currently, **16 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, four (4) cases are on ventilation support.

Regretfully, **one (1) additional COVID-19 death** was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are now **112 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.64% of total cumulative cases):

1. **Death #112:** Case 6,780 is a 39 year-old Malaysian man who has a history of valvular heart disease and suffered a recent accident earlier this year that caused fractures of major bones of both lower limbs resulting in limited mobility. He was pronounced dead on 12 May 2020, 9.52 pm at the emergency department of Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital, Pahang.

MOH conveys condolences to the family members.

### **Current Status of Clusters Related to the *Madrasah Tahfiz* (Religious Schools)**

Following the transmission of COVID-19 infection amongst participants of the Seri Petaling gathering, MOH has conducted active case detection and used a targeted approach for *madrasah tahfiz*, namely screening and sampling of students, teachers and staff from *madrasah tahfiz*, *sekolah pondok* and their close contacts who were related to the gathering.

As of 14 May 2020, there are six (6) COVID-19 clusters involving *madrasah tahfiz*. Four (4) of these clusters are sub-clusters to the Sri Petaling gathering, while two (2) clusters are still under investigation.

The *madrasah* cluster in Solok Duku has been identified as the latest *madrasah tahfiz* cluster. To date, a total of 107 students, teachers and family members have been screened, of which:

- Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst the 35 students
- No positive cases amongst the 10 teachers and staff of the *madrasah*
- Two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases amongst the 62 family members of teachers, staff and students.

The current status of the other *madrasah* clusters is shown in **Table 1**:

**Table 1** Current Status of *Madrasah Tahfiz* COVID-19 clusters

	COVID-19 Cluster	State	New cases	Total cases	Deaths
1.	<i>Madrasah</i> in Sungai Salan	Pahang	3	84	0
2.	<i>Madrasah</i> in Sungai Lui	Selangor	0	172	0
3.	<i>Madrasah</i> in Ayer Merbau	Melaka	0	41	0
4.	<i>Madrasah</i> in Lanchang	Pahang	0	6	0
5.	<i>Madrasah</i> in Penanti	Pulau Pinang	0	6	0

To date, a total of 19,209 students, teachers and staff have been identified from 370 *madrasah* and *tahfiz* centers across Malaysia. Out these, 12,384 samples have been tested (i.e. 64.5%) and the results are as follows:

- 635 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- 10,755 individuals with negative results
- 994 individuals with results pending

Based on these screening results, the positive rate of this at-risk group is 5.1%. Compared to the situation one week ago (7 May 2020), the positive rate of this at-risk group was 4.4%. This increasing trend of positive rates is of concern as it shows that the probability of infecting others in this group is increasing.

Based on MOH's investigation, it was found that 539 out of 635 people diagnosed with COVID-19 had no respiratory symptoms (84.5%). This in turn could lead to greater transmission of COVID-19 infection among their family members and the local community if preventive and precautionary measures are not taken.

In this regard, MOH has developed the following recommendations as a plan of action i.e.:

1. *Madrasah* and *tahfiz* centres' students who have returned home to their parents or guardians are requested to contact the nearest District Health Office, MOH screening health clinic or MOH screening hospital to undergo COVID-19 testing.
2. Students who have not returned home are requested to remain in the *madrasah* or *tahfiz* centre and to contact the nearest District Health Office or MOH screening health clinic to undergo COVID-19 testing.
3. Cooperation from the owners or management of the *madrasah* is also required to contact the nearest District Health Office to provide the necessary information regarding their students or staff at their centres to enable MOH to carry out the targeted approach actions.

### **Health Advisory on COVID-19**

MOH advises the public to comply the 3Cs and 3Ws that are often recommended by MOH:

- Avoid the 3Cs: **C**rowded places; **C**onfined spaces; **C**lose conversations
- Practice the 3Ws: **W**ash hands frequently with water and soap; **W**earing facemasks is advisable in public areas or if symptomatic; **W**arn self and others for the following
  - Avoid shaking hands or touching others
  - Practice good coughing and sneezing etiquette
  - Disinfect frequently touched surfaces
  - Stay at home
  - 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 World Health Organization (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 14 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	255
Selangor	1	1,613
Negeri Sembilan	11	775
Melaka	1	214
Johor	1	668
Pahang	8	323
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	330
Sarawak	0	544
WP Kuala Lumpur	18	1,493
WP Putrajaya	0	89
WP Labuan	0	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6,819</b>

\*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases