



**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**

18 March 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **eleven (11) cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. Cumulatively, 60 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered and discharged well.

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

18 March 2020, 12 pm – A total of **117 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **790 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Based on preliminary investigation, of these 117 additional confirmed cases, 80 cases are related to the *Tabligh* gathering in Seri Petaling mosque.

Currently, **15 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)** requiring ventilation support.

Following the announcement of the Movement Control Order by the Prime Minister of Malaysia on 16 March 2020, a Federal Government Gazette was issued [P.U.(A) 87, dated 17 March 2020] declaring that all States and Federal Territories in Malaysia are infected local areas. This is in line with the provisions under Section 11 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 [Act 342].

Subsequently, the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases (Measures Within The Infected Local Areas) Regulation 2020 was also gazetted [P.U.(A) 91, dated 18 March 2020]. This Regulation contains provisions that require attention and action by the public with regards to the Movement Control Order to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 infection.

Any individuals who do not comply to any provisions of this Regulation is considered to **commit an offence, and on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding RM1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both**. This provision is stated in Section 7(1) under the same Regulation.

This Regulation is available on the MOH's website. Any related queries can be directed to the National CPRC MOH, via hotlines 03-88810200, 03-88810600, 03-88810700 or email [cprc.moh.gov.my](mailto:cprc.moh.gov.my).

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

MOH wishes to inform that for the duration of the Movement Control Order, **no visitors** will be allowed in the hospital wards, except for emergency cases or exceptional circumstances. During this same time period, **only one individual** will be allowed to accompany a patient for clinic appointments, except for children, those requiring additional assistance or emergency cases.

While at home, MOH advises everyone to maintain a high level of personal hygiene at all times, wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitisers;

Everyone must also practice good cough etiquette while at home or outside – cover mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing, dispose tissue appropriately after use and wash hands immediately.

If unwell, please contact the Virtual Health Advisory or the National CPRC MOH hotline (8 am to 5 pm). The public can also obtain updated

information on the COVID-19 situation in Malaysia through the CPRC MOH Telegram channel <https://t.me/cprckkm>.

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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Minister of Health Malaysia

18 March 2020 @ 5 pm

## Appendix 1

### Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States (Cumulative, as of 18 March 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of Cases
Perlis	8
Kedah	36
Pulau Pinang	30
Perak	28
Selangor	192
Negeri Sembilan	45
Melaka	18
Johor	88
Pahang	29
Terengganu	10
Kelantan	30
Sabah	103
Sarawak	49
WP Kuala Lumpur & Putrajaya	119
WP Labuan	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>790</b>