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

2 May 2020 – The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform that **116 cases** have fully recovered and discharged well today. **Cumulatively, 4,326 confirmed COVID-19 cases have fully recovered** (70% of total cumulative cases).

Current Situation of COVID-19 in Malaysia

2 May 2020, 12 pm – A total of **105 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases** were reported to the National Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre (CPRC) MOH today. Cumulatively there are now **6,176 confirmed COVID-19 cases** in Malaysia. Therefore, there are **currently 1,747 active and infective COVID-19 cases**. They have been isolated and provided treatment.

Of these 105 additional cases reported today, **11 are imported cases**. The remaining 94 cases are due to local transmission, of which **60 cases were detected in Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) localities**.

Currently, **31 confirmed COVID-19 cases are receiving treatment in intensive care units (ICU)**, and of these, 12 cases are on ventilation support.

Fortunately, no additional COVID-19 death was reported to the National CPRC MOH today. Cumulatively, there are still **103 COVID-19 deaths** in Malaysia (1.67% of total cumulative cases):

Analysis of the Targeted Approach

Implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) has assisted the Government in flattening the curve of the infection, that is also the result of the cooperation of various agencies and the public.

The MCO has enabled the implementation of the targeted approach to detect, screen, test, isolate and treat COVID-19 cases in the community. The effectiveness of this approach is evident when we look at statistics of the implementation i.e.:

1. The Enhanced MCO (EMCO) in 11 high-risk localities, whereby 607 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected from 29,067 individuals tested (2.1%)
2. Detection of cases related to the Seri Petaling gathering cluster, whereby 2,220 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected from 34,503 individuals tested (6.4%)
3. Detection of cases amongst students and staff of the madrasah (religious schools) associated with the Seri Petaling gathering, whereby 378 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected from 8,030 individuals tested (4.7%)
4. Screening and placement in quarantine centres for all Malaysians returning from overseas since 3 April 2020, whereby 274 confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected from 26,169 quarantined individuals (1.05%).

The recent trend of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported daily has shown an increase in imported cases and cases detected from EMCO localities. However, the public does not have to worry of increasing cases amongst imported or EMCO localities because these cases are isolated early for screening.

Local transmission of COVID-19 can be detected through the long-standing COVID-19 infection clinical surveillance. This is done through sampling of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) patients from sentinel locations nationwide and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) patients in all MOH hospitals.

As of 1 May 2020, a total of 7,880 COVID-19 tests have been done under the clinical surveillance, whereby only 12 positive cases were detected from ILI (0.81%) and 54 cases from SARI (0.84%).

In addition, COVID-19 tests were also done on all patients before emergency and semi-emergency surgery at MOH hospitals as a precautionary measure to prevent COVID-19 transmission among healthcare workers. As of 1 May 2020, there were only five (5) confirmed COVID-19 cases from 5,435 patients tested (only 0.09%).

Therefore, it is evident that the targeted approach implemented thus far has been effective in detecting and preventing the transmission of the COVID-19 infection in the country. However, this still requires the public to comply to all instructions and advisories issued by the Government.

The Capacity of COVID-19 Hospitals Resulting from the Flattening of the Curve

Following the flattening of the curve of the infection, MOH hospitals now have excess capacity to treat more COVID-19 patients if required.

For example, the overall bed occupation rate in the 40 COVID-19 hospitals and 26 low-risk COVID-19 centres (hospital extension centres) is 17%.

In addition, the occupation rate for ICU beds for patients with suspected and confirmed COVID-19 is 7% (31 out of 422 beds). The use of ventilators is currently at 1% (12 out of 1,059 ventilators).

Health Advisory on COVID-19

MOH would like to remind all Malaysians that the COVID-19 pandemic is far from over. Globally, 187 countries are affected with 3,343,777 COVID-19 cases and 238,650 deaths. The risk of sudden increase in cases and transmission in our country is still very real if we become complacent and disregard the new norms of daily living, such as:

- Practice preventive measures such as safe social distancing of at least 1 metre away from others
- The use of facemasks is encouraged, especially in public and crowded areas
- Maintain a high-level of personal hygiene, such as regular hand washing with water and soap, or use hand sanitisers
- Practise infection prevention measures
- Avoid any forms of public gatherings

Therefore, the cooperation and commitment of all levels of the community in playing their part is crucial to ensuring that we can successfully defeat the COVID-19 infection.

Thank you.

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Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Malaysia, by States
(Cumulative, as of 2 May 2020, 12 pm)

State	No. of New Cases *	Cumulative
Perlis	0	18
Kedah	0	95
Pulau Pinang	0	121
Perak	0	253
Selangor	63 (2)	1,518
Negeri Sembilan	8	521
Melaka	2	201
Johor	1 (1)	667
Pahang	8	305
Terengganu	0	110
Kelantan	0	155
Sabah	0	315
Sarawak	9	518
WP Kuala Lumpur	14 (8)	1,278
WP Putrajaya	0	85
WP Labuan	0	16
Total	**105 (11)**	**6,176**

*( ) refers to imported confirmed COVID-19 cases