

# CHRONOLOGY

## MOVEMENT CONTROLS IN MALAYSIA

**MARCH 16, 2020** • Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin announces a Movement Control Order (MCO) nationwide for 14 days from March 18 to 31 to curb the spread of Covid-19. MCO bans interstate and overseas travel with the closure of Malaysia's borders. It also bans gatherings and activities except those listed as essential services.

**MARCH 17** • Malaysia reports its first two deaths from Covid-19, a 60-year-old pastor from Kuching and a 34-year-old man in Johor involved in a tabligh gathering, which was initially Malaysia's biggest cluster.

**MARCH 18** • MCO begins.

**MARCH 25** • Government announces a 14-day extension of the MCO.

**MARCH 27** Kampung Datuk Ibrahim Majid and Bandar Baharu Datuk Ibrahim Majid in Simpang Renggam, Johor become the first areas in Malaysia to be placed under an Enhanced MCO (EMCO). Under an EMCO, residents are banned from going out of an area, while outsiders are banned from entering it while Covid-19 screening tests are conducted from house-to-house during a 14-day period. Businesses cease operations, and foodstuff is delivered through the Welfare Department.



**MARCH 29** • Government announces an EMCO for Hulu Langat, Selangor from March 30 to April 13. A day later, Menara City One, Kuala Lumpur begins an EMCO. The EMCO was also imposed on the Selangor Mansion and Malayan Mansion flats in Jalan Masjid India eight days later.

**APRIL 10** • Government announces third extension of the MCO from April 15 to 28.

**APRIL 23** • Fourth phase of the MCO to be imposed from April 29 to May 12.

**MAY 1** • Muhyiddin announces a Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) from May 4 to 12, replacing the fourth phase of MCO. The CMCO saw the reopening of many economic sectors. However, movement restrictions continued as an interstate travel ban and border closures were upheld.

**MAY 11** • Muhyiddin announces a second extension to the CMCO from May 13 to June 9.

**JUNE 7** • Muhyiddin announces the implementation of the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO), replacing the CMCO, from June 10 to Aug 31.

• Under the RMCO, the interstate travel ban is lifted and domestic tourism is encouraged to revive the economy.

**JUNE 10** • RMCO begins.

**AUG 3** • Three subdistricts in Kubang Pasu and another in Padang Terap, Kedah begin a Targeted EMCO or (TEMCO) until Aug 30 as more cases are detected from the Sivagangga cluster.

**AUG 8** • TEMCO is imposed in Kampung Kuala Sarilang and Kampung Tanah Timbul, Perlis for 28 days.

**AUG 27** • An administrative EMCO (AEMCO) is imposed in three zones in Amanjaya, Kedah starting Aug 28 following spike in cases in the Tawar cluster. The AEMCO allowed for essential services such as hospitals and clinics to operate. Restaurants and foodstalls were only allowed to do takeaways, while grocery shops, pharmacies, petrol stations and morning markets operate within specific hours.

**AUG 28** • The government announces the extension of the RMCO until Dec 31.

**SEPT 26** • Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah says people returning from Sabah between

Sept 27 and Oct 10, following the state election on Sept 26, will need to undergo Covid-19 screening and home surveillance order (HSO).

**SEPT 28** • TEMCO is imposed in Tawau, Kuriak, Semporna and Lahad Datu in Sabah from Sept 29 to Oct 12 after more than 1,000 Covid-19 cases were traced in the four districts.

**OCT 1** • The government announces an interdistrict travel ban in Sabah from Oct 3 to Oct 16.

**OCT 5** • Authorities announce CMCO in Kota Kinabalu, Penampang and Putatan in Sabah beginning Oct 7.

**OCT 6** • Sabah closes its borders to non-Sabahans except for those providing essential services, students and civil servants from Oct 12 to 25.

**OCT 7** • CMCO is extended to Klang, Selangor, as well as Papar, Sandakan and Tuaran in Sabah from Oct 9.

**OCT 12** • CMCO in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Putrajaya begin from Oct 12 to 27; CMCO in Sabah is extended to Oct 26.

**NOV 7** • CMCO imposed in Kedah, Penang, Perak, Negri Sembilan, Melaka, Johor and Terengganu from Nov 9 to Dec 6. The CMCO in Klang Valley and Sabah is extended until Dec 6.

**NOV 16** • EMCO is imposed on Top Glove's dormitories in Meru, Selangor and its surrounding areas.

**NOV 21** • CMCO in Johor, Terengganu, Kedah (except Kulim) and Melaka is lifted. However, a CMCO begins in Kelantan on the same day.

**DEC 4** • Sabah reopens borders to allow social visits.

**DEC 5** • CMCO is lifted in most places except Sabah, Kuala Lumpur, most of Selangor and parts of Johor and Negri Sembilan. However, interstate and interdistrict travel allowed beginning Dec 7, except for areas under EMCO.

**DEC 11** • CMCO ends at Tanah Merah, Pasir Mas and Machang, Kelantan.

**DEC 18** • CMCO in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Sabah and several localities in other states is extended until Dec 31.

**DEC 31** • RMCO ends

**JAN 1, 2021** • Ismail Sabri says the RMCO nationwide is extended till March 31 following the Health Ministry's risk assessment.

**JAN 6** • Ipoh subdistrict placed under the CMCO for two weeks, starting Jan 7.

\*\* JAN 11 Malaysia announces MCO