

DIRECTIVE 24/2020

UNDER SECTION 62A INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT CHAPTER 204

1. Under the Infectious Diseases Act (Amendments) Order 2020 which took effect from 30 January 2020 and Ministry of Health media statement on 13 August 2020,
 - 1.1. Taking into consideration that the situation of COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam is currently under control, by consent of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Ministry of Health wishes to inform the public of additional easing of social distancing restrictions from 17 August 2020 as follows:
 - a) Increasing arcades and children playground (indoor and outdoor) from Level 1 to Level 2.
 - b) Increasing the following activities from Level 2 to Level 3 for:
 - Swimming pools
 - Cinemas
 - Activity centres for the elderly
 - Mass gathering
 - c) Maintaining internet cafés at Level 3.

- d) Increasing the following activities from Level 3 to Level 4 for:
- Special needs classes
 - Childcare centres
 - Museums, galleries and libraries
- e) Maintaining the following activities at Level 4 for:
- Mosques, surau and balai ibadat
 - Other places of worship apart from mosques and surau
 - Schools
 - Technical, vocational and higher educational
 - Tuition schools and music schools
 - Driving schools
 - Gyms, fitness centres
 - Sports facilities (indoor & outdoor)
 - Golf courses
 - Restaurants, café and food courts
 - Food stalls and markets

Further information on the easing of social distancing restrictions at each premise is in accordance to the guidelines issued by the relevant ministries.

- 1.2. The following are the requirements for relaxation of social distancing restrictions for certain activities:
 - a) From 17 August 2020, mass gatherings are permitted with no more than 200 people. The public may refer to requirements in detail in the Guidelines for Mass Gathering Level 3 which will be uploaded to the Ministry of Health's website.
 - b) Arcades and children playground (indoor and outdoor) will be permitted to operate at 60% of normal capacity at any one time. Guidelines for Arcades and Children Playground Level 2 will be uploaded to the Ministry of Health's website.
2. Failure to comply with this directive is an offence under the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and if found guilty, will be liable to a fine for up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for a period of up to 6 months or both.
3. Meanwhile, by consent of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Ministry of Health wishes to inform the public of a reduction in the charges for RT-PCR COVID-19 swab test payable by foreign nationals who have been given special permission to enter the country i.e. from BND\$1,000 to BND\$350 starting from Friday, 14 August 2020.

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