

DIRECTIVE 3/2020

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 5 Mac 2020, risk assessment for countries affected has been reviewed as follows,

1.1. Visitors who have been in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Italy within 14 days before arriving in Brunei Darussalam are **not permitted to enter the country including for transit purposes**. This prohibition is equivalent to the prohibition currently in place for visitors arriving from Hubei, Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces in People's Republic of China and does not include citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam.

2. As of 4 March 2020, all countries affected by COVID-19 outbreak have been divided into four categories:

Category A - Countries showing sustained widespread transmission of infection
Includes: Mainland China, Italy, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Korea.

Category B - Countries showing limited spread of infection but large clusters have been reported.
Includes: France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Singapore.

Category C - Countries showing localized transmission.
Includes: Macau SAR, Malaysia (except Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan), Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vietnam.

Category D - Countries reporting isolated cases or imported cases.
Includes: Other affected countries

3. The public are **advised to avoid from making non-essential travel to countries listed in Categories A, B and C.** The public are also advised to **avoid leaving the country during the upcoming school holiday.** However, those who are traveling outside the country are advised to take precautions and ensure cleanliness to avoid any infection risks. This is especially for those who are at a higher risk such as those with chronic diseases (diabetes, cardiovascular disease, renal disease, respiratory illness and cancer), the elderly and smoker.
4. Citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam returning from countries listed in Category A are required to undergo self-isolation for 14 days upon arrival to this country. **Self-isolation** means segregating oneself from participating in activities involving the public and prohibited from leaving the house or receiving guests throughout the isolation period, except for seeking medical attention. Anyone requiring self-isolation verification may contact Disease Control Division, Ministry of Health on 2380316 or 2380318 during office hours.

5. Meanwhile those arriving from countries listed in Category B and Category C are required to undergo self-monitoring without having to segregate oneself from others. **Self-monitoring** means monitoring one's health without self-isolation for 14 days and if there are symptoms of fever or respiratory infection such as dry cough or difficulty breathing, to immediately seek urgent medical attention at the health centres.
6. The Ministry of Health will update the list of countries in each category according to current situation. The latest information regarding countries in each category maybe obtained by contacting Health Advice Line on 2381380 and 2381383 during office hours or going to Ministry of Health website www.moh.gov.bn/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx
7. 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.

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