



## MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE COVID-19 IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

21 March 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to update the public on the COVID-19 situation in the country.
2. As of today, 19 March 2020, **5** new cases have been confirmed **bringing the total number of cases in Brunei Darussalam to 83 people.**
  - Case 79, aged 28 is a contact of Case 13. In the initial contact tracing investigation of Case 13, this case tested negative for COVID-19 but was under quarantine from 12 March 2020. However, this individual began experiencing body aches on 16 March 2020, and re-testing was arranged. After this development, family members living with the individual were re-tested, and placed under quarantine.
  - Case 80, 6 months old is a contact of Case 73. This infant does not have a travel history and displayed no symptoms.
  - Case 81 and Case 82 are colleagues of Case 69. Neither case has a travel history. Case 81, aged 43 developed symptoms (fever, body aches and a cough) on 14 March 2020, while Case 82, aged 27 developed symptoms (headache) on 17 March 2020.

- Case 83, aged 45 is the wife of Case 71. She does not have a travel history and began developing symptoms (fever, nausea, vomiting and headache) on 8 March 2020.
3. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that, Alhamdulillah, another case that was being treated at the National Isolation Centre has recovered and been permitted to return home, but has been advised to self-isolate for 7 days at home. This means that to date, there have been two recoveries in total.
  4. The Ministry of Health would also like to inform the public that all the confirmed cases are currently being treated at the National Isolation Centre, of which two are in critical condition, requiring respiratory assistance but are stable. Six cases are being monitored closely and the remaining are well.
  5. The Ministry of Health at this point in time is still actively performing contact tracing for every confirmed case. As of today, as many as 1,633 individuals are undergoing quarantine according to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204). To date, 101 individuals have completed their quarantine at the Sports Village Complex or in their respective homes, and all are well. Since the emergence of COVID-19 in early January 2020, a total of 2,699 laboratory tests for COVID-19 have been conducted.

6. For further information and latest updates, members of the public can visit the official website of the Ministry of Health at **www.moh.gov.bn** or by contacting the **Health Advice Line 148 (HAL 148)** (operating 24-hours).

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