



**MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF  
THE COVID-19 INFECTION IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

**23 March 2020**

1. As of today, 28 Rejab 1441 / 23 March 2020, the Ministry of Health would like to inform the public of **3 new cases** of COVID-19 infection in the country, **bringing the total number of cases in Brunei Darussalam to 91 people.**
  - Case 89, aged 51, is a work contact of Case 69. The Case started developing symptoms (fever and cough) on 16 March 2020.
  - Case 90, aged 40, is also a work contact of Case 69. The Case started developing symptoms (fever and cough) on 14 March 2020.
  - Case 91, aged 36, returned to the country on 20 March 2020 on-board Royal Brunei BI796 (seat 32A) from Surabaya, Indonesia with family and friends. The Case started developing symptoms (fever, headache, cough and flu) on 21 March 2020.

2. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that from the 89 Cases that are currently treated in the National Isolation Centre, one is still in critical condition and in need of respiratory assistance, three are in intensive care, while the remaining cases are in stable condition.
3. The Ministry of Health would also like to inform that as of today, there are currently 1,634 individuals who are undergoing quarantine, in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204). Meanwhile, 282 individuals have completed their quarantine and are in stable condition. Since early January 2020, a total of 3,191 laboratory tests for COVID-19 have been conducted.
4. With the aim of improving the detection of COVID-19 cases in the country, the Ministry of Health will conduct laboratory tests of COVID-19 for those who are currently undergoing isolation in the facilities provided by the Government and those who are undergoing self-isolation in their own homes. Priority will be given to specific groups, for example, to those who are on a room-sharing basis while on isolation.
5. In this regard, in order to assist the Government in controlling the spread of COVID-19 and promptly detecting infections, owners of buildings, hotels, apartments and hostels with spaces that can be used by the Government as isolation facilities are welcome to come forth and register

their respective buildings or facilities to be used by those who have made international travels and arriving in the country. Owners of these buildings, hotels, apartments or hostels can contact the **National Disaster Management Centre** at **7190521** at any time.

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** (operating 24-hours).

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