



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

07 April 2020

1. Alhamdulillah, by the grace of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, the Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Tuesday, 13 Syaaban 1441 / 07 April 2020, **there is no new case** of COVID-19 infection in the country. Therefore, as of now, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam remains at **135 cases**.
2. Meanwhile, there are **3 more cases** treated at the National Isolation Center that have recovered and allowed to return home, bringing the **total number of people recovered so far are 85 people**. From the total number of recoveries, 74 are adults and 11 are children below the age of 12 years old, including the youngest case reported in the county at the age of 6 months. With that, cases involving children below the age of 12 years old have all recovered and allowed to return to their respective homes.
3. At this time, there are 49 cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center. Of these, 2 patients are still in critical condition where one of them still requires heart / lung machine (ECMO) assistance. Meanwhile, one patient is in close monitoring and the rest are in a stable condition.

4. At this time as well, a total **2,237 individuals** have completed their quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Disease Act (Chapter 204) and only **138 individuals** who are still undergoing quarantine. Meanwhile, in the past 24 hours, a total of 184 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is the virus that causes the COVID-19, bringing the total number of laboratory tests conducted as of today to 8,445 tests since January 2020.
5. The Ministry of Health would like to inform that all foreigners coming to Brunei Darussalam are required to comply to all regulations stipulated, that is to fully conduct the mandatory self-isolation for 14 days at the dedicated facilities that has been identified by the Government, and by fully bearing the cost of payment of the self-isolation.
6. Even though today is the third consecutive day in which Brunei Darussalam has not reported any new case of COVID-19 and the status of the outbreak in the country is under control, however, the spread of the COVID-19 infection has not ended. The public is required to continue to abide to all the precautionary measures in order to further reduce the risk of spreading the infection and to practice all the advices and recommendations released by the Ministry of Health. This includes measures such as practising social or physical distancing especially while going to shopping centres, the markets and *tamu*, and retail stores; do not spend too much time making purchases and avoid going into crowded areas or places. I would like to

re-emphasise here on the importance of avoiding mass gathering. This includes avoiding gatherings at any premises that may be an offence under the Infectious Disease Act (Chapter 204), where failure to comply with the directive and if convicted, could result in fines of not exceeding BND10,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both.

7. For people who are unwell, it is advisable not to leave the house and to always use a facemask especially when needing to leave the house and to immediately seek medical treatment. The public is also advised to continue to practice personal hygiene, regularly wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitisers, as well as to practice correct cough and sneeze etiquette.

8. 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) or through the web application **healthinfo.gov.bn**

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