



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

8 April 2020

1. Alhamdulillah, by the grace of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala jua, the Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Wednesday, 14 Syaaban 1441 / 08 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, **6 more cases** treated at the National Isolation Centre have recovered and allowed to return home, bringing the total number of people recovered so far to **91 people**.
3. At present, there are 43 cases that are still being treated at the National Isolation Centre, where 2 are still in critical condition and both requires heart / lung machine (ECMO) and respiratory assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in a stable condition.
4. At this time, a total of **2,281 individuals** have completed their quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and only **94 individuals** are undergoing quarantine. Meanwhile, in the past 24 hours, a

total of 203 samples has been tested for the virus SARS-CoV-2 that brings the total amount of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 8,648 tests.

5. Although today is the fourth day in which Brunei Darussalam has not reported any new cases of COVID-19, the Ministry of Health wants to remind the public to continue to carry out their social responsibilities and cultivate preventive measures, especially by practicing personal hygiene and clean environment at all times. The public is once again reminded to practice social / physical distancing and to comply with the current mass gathering restrictions which have been issued under the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204).

6. All of these measures are being implemented solely to ensure that the COVID-19 outbreak can continue to be controlled while ensuring the safety and well-being of the people living in the country. We all want to the situation to recover as quickly as possible but it will be difficult to achieve without the cooperation of all parties, from all walks of life, regardless of background or age. Our country is still under threat from the virus entering into our country from abroad.

7. On this occasion, in conjunction with the recent World Health Day celebration with the theme 'Support Nurses and Midwives', I would like to express my upmost appreciation to all the nurses and midwives in the country who have served greatly in providing healthcare services and protection to all walks of life. In particular, at this time when our country is plagued with the COVID-19 outbreak, nurses and midwives were among the frontliners who sacrificed

their time and energy and were willing to face risks and danger in order to care for and treat patients. However, the nurses have always given such a high commitment in providing treatment and high-quality patient care. There is no denying that the profession of nursing and midwifery is a commendable profession. Therefore, it is hoped that more youth will be able to emulate and choose to embark on this noble and important field of nursing and midwifery. Let us all give our support to all the nurses and midwives, and continue to pray that Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala will reciprocate their kindness and bless all nurses and midwives in Brunei Darussalam. Aamiin Aamiin Ya rabbal Aalamiin.

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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