



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

**20 April 2020**

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Monday, 26 Syaaban 1441 / 20 April 2020, *Alhamdulillah*, by the grace of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, there is **no new case** of COVID-19 infection in the country. Therefore, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam **remains at 138 cases**.
2. Meanwhile, **1 case has recovered** from COVID-19 today, bringing the **total number of cases recovered to 116 individuals**. This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to **21 cases**, where 2 are still in critical condition and both require heart / lung machine (ECMO) and respiratory assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in a stable condition.
3. At this time, **138 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,408 individuals** have completed their quarantine.
4. In the past 24 hours, a total of 161 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **11,633 tests**.

5. With regard to the cases that have recovered but found to be positive again during follow-up examination, the Ministry of Health would like to inform that no such case has been detected today, bringing the total number of such cases as of today to remain at 18 individuals, of which 13 individuals are still undergoing further examination and testing.
  
6. As of 7 April 2020, a total of 1,001 random COVID-19 tests for the purpose of surveillance have been conducted on foreign workers, in which all tests results are negative. In addition, as a precautionary measure, beginning 16 April 2020 the Ministry of Health has also conducted COVID-19 tests to inmates in all prison institutions and residents of Al-Islah Rehabilitation Centre, including those who are new to the facilities for surveillance purposes. So far, *Alhamdulillah* all test results are negative. The Ministry of Health will continue to conduct such surveillance tests from time to time.
  
7. In addition, following yesterday's statement on the prohibition of performing activities that involve mass gathering in public places, especially in parks and recreational forests sites, beaches and lakes, the Ministry of Health would like to clarify that the Ministry has no restriction for the public to visit these recreational sites, however the public must comply to all the directives and advices issued by the Government. This includes practicing physical distancing of at least one meter away from others in the surrounding and to not engage in group activities. The public needs to carry out their social responsibilities and cultivate preventive measures such as to not visit recreational sites if you are unwell; refrain from gathering or hanging out before, during and after performing physical activity

and leave the site immediately once finished; practice personal and environmental hygiene; as well as to practice proper 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** or through the web application [healthinfo.gov.bn](http://healthinfo.gov.bn)

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