



**MEDIA STATEMENT OF
THE REDUCTION OF SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES
BASED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION
OF THE COVID-19 INFECTION
IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

20 Ramadhan 1441 / 14 May 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Thursday, 20 Ramadhan 1441 / 14 May 2020, **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 141 cases.**
2. Meanwhile, **no case** has recovered from COVID-19 today, therefore **the total number of cases recovered remains at 134 individuals.** This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to **6 cases**, where 2 are still in critical condition. However, only one of them still require heart / lung machine (ECMO) as well as respiratory assistance, and one case only requires respiratory assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in a stable condition.

3. At this time, **108 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,575 individuals** have completed their quarantine.

4. In the past 24 hours, a total of 173 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 16,523 tests.

5. Furthermore, taking into account the situation of COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam which is currently under control, with the consent of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Ministry of Health would like to inform public on the reduction of the social distancing measures implemented following the COVID-19 outbreak in the country since March 2020, as follows:
 - The reduction of social distancing measures will be implemented in phases/levels by imposing certain conditions beginning on **Saturday, 22 Ramadhan 1441H / 16 May 2020**.

- For this first level, the reduction of social distancing measures will include:
 - Driving school
 - Gyms and fitness centres
 - Sports facilities (indoor and outdoor)
 - Golf course
 - Restaurants, cafes and food courts
 - Stalls and markets

Further details on the reduction of social distancing measures at each of these premises will be explained by the relevant Ministry.

6. Therefore, the Ministry of Health would like to inform that the public is required to comply with all regulations and directives related to the reduction of social distancing measures. Any individual found to be in violation of or disobey any order issued shall be an offense under the Infectious Diseases Act (Section 204) which carries a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment up to 6 months or both. The Ministry will not hesitate to take legal action against anyone who does not comply with the directives issued.

7. The Ministry of Health will continue to monitor the situation of the outbreak at the national as well as regional and global level and carry

out ongoing risk assessments to consider further mitigation measures. If the outbreak is again alarming, the Ministry of Health will not hesitate to tighten the social distancing measures that needs to be taken to control the outbreak. The public will be informed about this from time to time.

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**

Ramadhan Mubarak. May we all be blessed during this glorious month of Ramadhan and all our deeds are accepted and for all the patients treated in the National Isolation Centre will be granted full recovery by Allah Subhanahu WaTa'Ala. Aamiin Ya Rabbal Alamiin

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