



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF COVID-19 IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

05 Rabiulawal 1442 / 22 October 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Thursday, 05 Rabiulawal 1442 / 22 October 2020, **there is 1 new case** of COVID-19 infection in the country. Therefore, as of now the total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam is **148 cases**.
  - Case 148 is a man aged 40 years old who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI874 flight (seated at 27A) on 16 October 2020 from Kuala Lumpur. He reportedly had signs of infection (coughs) today. He is currently being treated and monitored at the National Isolation Centre. The Ministry of Health has identified a total of eighteen (18) contacts of which ten (10) contacts have undergone the COVID-19 swab test and were confirmed negative and the rest are still awaiting test results.

2. With the detection of this latest case, a total of 7 import cases have been confirmed since the last local infection case was reported on 06 May 2020. At present, Brunei Darussalam has recorded 169 days without COVID-19 local infection case.
3. Today, a total of **295 individuals** are undergoing mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centers provided by the Government, which are individuals that have just arrived in this country after traveling from abroad. At present, a total of **7,248 individuals** have completed their mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centers.
4. In the past 24 hours, a total of **284 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **65,947 tests**.
5. The Ministry of Health would like to remind the public to practice their social responsibilities by maintaining personal hygiene, practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette, recommended to wear a face mask in crowded public places and if feeling unwell, not to go to public places and attend social gatherings. Public cooperation is also requested to

assist the Government control the spread of COVID-19 by using the BruHealth application and scanning QR codes every time they enter and exit the premises.

6. 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 situation becomes alarming yet again, the Ministry of Health will not hesitate to tighten the social distancing measures that need to be taken to control the outbreak. The Ministry of Health will notify the public of any changes to this situation, if necessary from time to time.
  
7. 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](http://www.moh.gov.bn)** or by contacting the **Health Advice Line 148** or through the **BruHealth App**.

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