



PRESS RELEASE

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

06 Muharram 1442 / 25 August 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Tuesday, 06 Muharram 1442 / 25 August 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 **144 cases**.

- **Case 144** is a 36 year old man who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI874 flight on 19 August 2020 via Kuala Lumpur from India. This case has been detected through the COVID-19 swab test screening program for individuals who has just arrived in the country from abroad. He reportedly had a fever on arrival in the country but no longer showed any signs of infection at present. He is currently being treated at the National Isolation Centre. The Ministry of Health has identified a total of 19 contacts of which 14 have undergone the COVID-19 swab test and were confirmed negative, while the rest are

still awaiting test results. All contacts are undergoing quarantine under the Infectious Diseases Act (Section 204).

2. With the latest case, the total number of active cases currently treated at the National Isolation Center are 2 cases where both are in a stable condition. **The total number of cases that has recovered remains 139 individuals.**
3. Meanwhile, a total of **615 individuals** are undergoing mandatory isolation at the monitoring centers provided by the Government. Since March 2020, a total of **4,618 individuals** have completed their mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centres.
4. In the past 24 hours, a total of **480 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **50,336 tests.**
5. Furthermore, the Ministry of Health would also like to emphasize and remind the public to continue to comply with all directives issued by the Government, as well as practicing

their social responsibilities by maintaining personal hygiene, practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette, encouraged to wear a face mask when going to crowded places and if feeling unwell not to go to public areas and attending social gatherings.

6. At the same time, the public especially those attending Friday prayers are reminded to that wearing a face mask are required when they are within the compounds of the mosques, as well as bringing their own prayer mat and to scan the QR Code when entering the mosque and surau. Anyone who fails to comply with this directive is an offense under the Infectious Disease Act (Section 204) which they can be fined up to \$5,000 or if convicted in court, can be fined up to \$10,000 or jailed for up to 6 months or both. The Ministry will not hesitate to take legal action against anyone who does not comply with the directives that have been issued.
7. Meanwhile, the public are encouraged to use the BruHealth application and scan the QR Code before entering and leaving premises, especially at public areas such as shopping malls, retail shops, restaurants, beauty establishments, barber shops and others. Therefore, the premise owners are advised

to print and display the QR code at their respective entrances. The public are urged to take the usage of the BruHealth application seriously, especially in scanning the QR Code as it is used by the Ministry of Health for contact tracing purposes in the event of an outbreak of infection.

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 **BruHealth App** or the app **healthinfo.gov.bn**

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