



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

15 Jamadilawal 1442 / 30 December 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Wednesday, 15 Jamadilawal 1442H / 30 December 2020, **there are 5 new cases** of COVID-19 infection in the country, bringing the total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam to **157 cases**.
  - Case 153 is a man aged 29 years old who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI874 flight on 18 December 2020 via Kuala Lumpur from India. He has diarrhea on 21 December for two days and at present, he has no other signs of infection.
  - Case 154 is a woman aged 27 years old who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI4112 flight from India on 18 December 2020. She showed no signs of infection.

- Case 155 is a woman aged 61 years old who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI4112 flight from India on 18 December 2020. She started having a fever on 29 December 2020.
- Case 156 is a man aged 63 years old and is the husband to Case 155. He also arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI4112 flight on 18 December 2020 from India. He started having a fever and cough on 28 December 2020.
- Case 157 is a woman aged 33 years old who also arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI4112 flight from India on 18 December 2020. She showed no signs of infection.
- All the new cases are currently being treated and monitored at the National Isolation Centre.

2. The contact tracing for the new cases has identified a total of **nineteen (19) contacts** of which they have undergone the COVID-19 swab test and were confirmed negative for COVID-19.
3. With the detection of the new cases, a total of 16 import cases have been confirmed since the last local infection case was reported on 6 May 2020, where, Brunei Darussalam has recorded 238 days without COVID-19 local infection case.
4. Today, a total of **580 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 **10,304 individuals** have completed their mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centers.
5. In the past 24 hours, a total of **199 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **83,108 tests**.

6. With the latest developments and the current global situation, the Ministry of Health would like to remind the public not to be complacent in practising their social responsibilities.
- The public are reminded to maintain personal hygiene, practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette.
  - The public, especially individuals at risk such as the elderly, pregnant women and individuals with chronic diseases such as diabetes, kidney patients, respiratory problems and others, are recommended to wear a face mask in public places, including when visiting crowded places such as shopping malls, sales expos and sightseeing venues.
  - The public are also advised not to leave the house if they feel unwell and avoid visiting crowded places.

As per the provisions under the Infectious Diseases Act (Section 204), the public is required to comply with all regulations and instructions that have been issued and are still in force during this COVID-19 pandemic.

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 will notify the public of any changes to the COVID-19 infection, if necessary 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](http://www.moh.gov.bn) or by contacting the **Health Advice Line 148** or through the **BruHealth App**.

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