



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

09 Zulkaedah 1441 / 01 July 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Wednesday, 09 Zulkaedah 1441 / 01 July 2020, Alhamdulillah with 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 141 cases.**
2. Meanwhile, currently there are **413 individuals** who are undergoing mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centers provided by the Government, who have just arrived in the country after traveling abroad. At present, a total of **2,718** individuals have completed their mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centres.
3. In the past 24 hours, a total of **294 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **29,841 tests.**

4. 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 the public on **additional** reduction of the social distancing measures implemented following the COVID-19 outbreak in the country, as follows:

- a. Commencing new activities to Level 1 on 06 July 2020 for:
 - i. Swimming pools
 - ii. Cinemas
 - iii. Mass gathering

- b. Escalating the following activities from Level 1 to Level 2 commencing on 06 July 2020:
 - i. Special needs classes
 - ii. Childcare centre
 - iii. Museums, Galleries and Libraries
 - iv. Internet cafe

- c. Increasing the following activities to be escalated from Level 2 to Level 3 commencing on 04 July 2020:
 - i. Schools
 - ii. Vocational, technical and higher education institutions

iii. Tuition schools and music schools

d. Meanwhile, the following activities will be escalated from Level 2 to Level 3 commencing on 06 July 2020:

i. Mosques, surau and musallas (*balai ibadat*)

ii. Other places of worship besides mosques and surau

iii. Tuition schools and music schools

iv. Driving school

v. Gym, fitness center

vi. Sports Facilities (indoor & outdoor)

vii. Golf course

viii. Restaurants, Cafes and Food Courts

ix. Stalls and Markets

e. Meanwhile, Arcade and Indoor Playground is not allowed to open until a later date.

Information regarding the guidelines on the reduction of the social distancing measures for each premises will be explained by the respective ministries.

5. 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.

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.

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Reference : KK/PR/2

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