



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

13 Ramadhan 1441 / 07 Mei 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Thursday, 13 Ramadhan 1441 / 07 Mei 2020, **there are two new cases** of COVID-19 infection in the country. Therefore, **the total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam is 141 cases.**

- **Case 140** is a male aged 46 years old, whereas **Case 141** is a male aged 31 years old. Both cases are friends of Case 139 that was reported yesterday, where both these new cases have been detected following surveillance conducted among citizens and residents of the country, including foreign workers. Preliminary investigations have shown that all three of the cases, that is Case 139, 140 and 141 were most likely to be infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus in March 2020 and have stayed together in the same place. At this time, all three of them do not show any symptoms of the infection. Further investigation is still ongoing to identify

the cause of the infection and to trace contacts of the aforementioned Cases. So far, a total of 59 contacts of the case have undergone COVID-19 tests where 20 of them have been tested negative and the rest are still waiting for their results.

2. Meanwhile, **no case** has recovered from COVID-19 today, therefore **the total number of cases recovered remains at 131 individuals**. This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to **9 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, **157 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,551 individuals** have completed their quarantine.
4. Meanwhile, since the mandatory self-isolation order of 14 days was released on 20 March 2020 for individuals arriving in the country, a total of **1,892 individuals** have completed their self-isolation period. At this time, a total of 273 individuals are currently undergoing

mandatory self-isolation in monitoring facilities identified by the Government.

5. In the past 24 hours, a total of 184 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 14,938 tests.

6. With regards to the confirmation of the new cases today, the Ministry of Health would like to advice the public to not be alarmed or panic. The Ministry of Health would also like to emphasise on the importance for the public to continue to be vigilant and take precautions by adopting and cultivating preventive measures as it is especially recommended to continue physical distancing, not to go around in large crowds at any one place and to only leave the house when necessary. This is in addition to practicing personal hygiene such as regular hand washing and proper coughing and sneezing etiquette.

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** 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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