



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

23 Ramadhan 1441 / 17 May 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Sunday, 23 Ramadhan 1441 / 17 May 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, **there are no case that** has recovered from COVID-19 today, therefore **the total number of cases recovered remains at 136 individuals.** This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to **4 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, **101 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,578 individuals** have completed their quarantine.
4. In the past 24 hours, a total of 329 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 17,221 tests.
5. Furthermore, following the announcement on the ***Bruhealth App*** at the recent press conference, Alhamdulillah at this time a total of **119,477 individuals** have registered as users to the application. In addition to that, a total of **1,492 businesses and premises** have registered for the application.
6. In this regard, the Ministry of Health would like to remind all restaurants and premises that have seating for dine-in to comply with the requirements and do not accept customers more than 30% of their capacity and to ensure that customers have the correct color code which is green or yellow before entering their respective premises. At the same time, the Ministry of Health also encourages business premises to obtain a QR code and display it at their premises or payment counter to enable people visiting the premises to scan the code before entering and exiting. With such a

procedure, it will make it easier for the Ministry of Health to do the necessary contact tracing in case of a spread of infection.

7. Although we have begun to reduce the restrictions, the Ministry of Health would like to remind the public to continue to carry out their social responsibilities of not organizing mass gatherings or meeting in large groups, practicing physical distancing and leaving the house only when needed especially for high risk individuals such as the elderly and children, and to practice proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. This is to avoid the possibility of spreading the infection and also to enable us to reduce the mitigation measures in the next phases in the future.
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** or **[healthinfo.gov.bn](http://healthinfo.gov.bn)**

**Ramadhan Mubarak. May we all be blessed during this glorious month of Ramadhan and all our deeds are accepted. Let us pray that all the patients treated in the National Isolation Centre will be granted full recovery by Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala and Brunei Darussalam to be free from the COVID-19 outbreak.  
Aamiin Ya Rabbal Alamiin**

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