



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

24 Ramadhan 1441 / 18 May 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Monday, 24 Ramadhan 1441 / 18 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 193 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 17,414 tests.
  
5. Furthermore, the Ministry of Health would like to remind the public to not be comfortable and complacent with the reduction of restriction measures already in place. Although the COVID-19 infection in our country is under control, we are still under threat from the infection. Therefore, the Ministry of Health would like to remind the public to continue efforts to increase vigilance by following the advice of the Government such as not visiting public places that have large crowds, practicing physical distancing when going out, and not to bring the elderly and children out from the house if it not necessary. People at high risk are recommended to use face masks, and for those who are unwell to not leave the house except for certain reasons only. This is in addition to maintaining personal hygiene to prevent possible transmission of the infection. We do not want the scenario of transmission of new infections to occur or where we need to reinforce the restrictions that have been

put in place. Here, the Ministry of Health will not hesitate to close down and take legal action on any premises and restaurants especially outlets that do not comply with regulations. Legal action will also be taken against the public who disregards or violates the rules and directives.

6. 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 **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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