



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

26 March 2020

1. As of today, 01 Syaban 1441 / 26 March 2020, the Ministry of Health would like to inform the public of **5 new cases** of COVID-19 infection in the country, bringing the **total number of cases in Brunei Darussalam to 114 people.**

- Case 110, a local woman aged 21 years old returned to Brunei Darussalam on 23 March 2020 from United Kingdom on-board flight Royal Brunei BI004 (seated at 35E). She started developing symptoms (cough and sore throat) on 20 March 2020.
- Case 111, aged 42 years old is related to the group cluster with Case 73, 80, 88, 101, 108, 109, 112 and 114. He returned to Brunei from United Kingdom on 15 March 2020, where his initial laboratory COVID-19 test result was negative. However, he was subsequently exposed to several cases that have been confirmed infected with COVID-19. He has no signs of infection.

- Case 112, aged 51 years old is also related to the group cluster with Case 73, 80, 88, 101, 108, 109, 111 and 114. She does not have any travel history. Her initial laboratory COVID-19 test result was negative and has been undergoing quarantine ever since. However, she underwent another laboratory COVID-19 test on 24 March 2020 following the confirmation of a positive result for Case 101 within the group cluster.
- Case 113, aged 20 is the daughter of Case 103. She does not have any travel history and started developing symptoms (fever and headache) on 22 March 2020. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that the investigation of Case 103 is still ongoing.
- Case 114, aged 50 years old is related to the group cluster with Case 73, 80, 88, 101, 108, 109, 111 and 112. She does not have any travel history. Her initial laboratory COVID-19 test on 20 March 2020 was negative and has been undergoing quarantine ever since. However, she underwent another laboratory COVID-19 test on 24 March 2020 following the confirmation of a positive result for Case 101 within the group cluster. She started developing symptoms (fever and flu) on 24 March 2020.

2. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that *Alhamdulillah*, today, three cases treated at the National Isolation Center have recovered and are allowed to return home. Therefore, a total of 5 people have recovered so far and are allowed to return home. This also means that out of the 109 cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center, one is still in critical condition, needing respiratory and heart / lung machine (ECMO) assistance. Meanwhile, three others are under close monitoring and the rest are in stable condition.

3. The Ministry of Health would also like to inform that as of today, there are currently 1,221 individuals who are undergoing quarantine, in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204). Meanwhile, 794 individuals have completed their quarantine and are in stable condition. Since early January 2020, a total of 4,519 laboratory tests for COVID-19 have been conducted.

4. The Ministry of Health highly appreciates the cooperation and assistance provided by volunteers in the Government's effort to control the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. The dedication and commitment given in terms of time, energy and even personal finances is a great sacrifice to the country's security and well-being. In this instance, the Ministry of Health would like to reassure volunteers and

parents or guardians that every task given by the Ministry of Health through the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports for volunteers are of low risk tasks. These tasks includes checking body temperature; assisting in secretarial work in monitoring or isolation facilities; and so on, according to the guidelines provided by the agencies involved. Therefore, the Ministry of Health is very much looking forward to the continued cooperation and assistance of the volunteers. They are encouraged to continue contributing to the country and together commit to helping the Government for the sake of the country's security and well-being.

5. 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 (operating 24-hours)** or through the web application **healthinfo.gov.bn**

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