



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

07 Syawal 1441 / 30 May 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Saturday, 07 Syawal 1441 / 30 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**, whereas the total number of cases that have recovered is **138 individuals**.
2. At this time, there is only **one case** still being treated at the National Isolation Centre, where the case is still in critical condition and require heart / lung machine (ECMO) as well as respiratory assistance.
3. In the past 24 hours, a total of **168 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **19,130 tests**.

4. Furthermore, following the announcement on the ***Bruhealth App***, Alhamdulillah at this time a total of **249,869 individuals** have registered as users to the application. In addition to that, a total of **4,355 businesses and premises** have registered for the application. In this regard, members of the public who have not registered are encouraged to download and register to the Bruhealth App. Public's cooperation in the use of the Bruhealth app and the scanning of the QR Code at the entry and exit point in premises will help ensure the safety of the public including merchants and customers, as well as to facilitate the Ministry of Health to conduct contact tracing in case there is an outbreak of the infection. Let us keep reminding each other on this matter.

5. Alhamdulillah, Friday prayers began on Friday, 06 Syawal 1441H / 29 May 2020 in all mosques and surau throughout the country since the closure of mosques was announced on 16 March 2020. A total of **41,381** individuals had made reservations through the BruHealth app to attend the Friday prayers. For upcoming Friday prayers, reservations can be made every Monday from 12 noon until the following Friday before 12 noon.

6. Meanwhile, following the recent dissemination of information from WhatsApp stating that a former positive patient of COVID-19 was attending an open house event and was subsequently confirmed positive and that the whole family attending the event was called in to perform a test, the Ministry would like to clarify that the dissemination of such information is false and has been distributed by irresponsible parties. Therefore, the public is advised not to be anxious about the transmission of such information. At present, no new case of COVID-19 infections has been detected in Brunei Darussalam.

7. The Ministry of Health would like to advise the public not to believe information and news that is spread over the Internet or through social media such as WhatsApp, Twitter and Facebook without ascertaining its authenticity. Furthermore, the public is reminded to be more responsible and not to disseminate anything that is not officially released by the Ministry.

8. The act of distributing unauthorized information, let alone falsely created by those who intend to mislead is an offense and may be reported under the Public Order Act, Section 148 of Section 34, whether spoken or written or used in any way, disseminates reports

or makes false statements, resulting in disruptive public order is punishable by three years and a fine of up to BND3,000.

9. 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**

**Let us together pray to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala for the recovery of all patients especially to those treated in the National Isolation Centre. May they 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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