



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

19 Jamadilawal 1442 / 03 January 2021

1. The Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Sunday, 19 Jamadilawal 1442H / 03 January 2021, **there are fifteen (15) new cases** of COVID-19 infection in the country, bringing the **total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam to 172 cases.**
  - All these new cases are part of a group of 81 people who arrived in the country on 21 December 2020 from London, United Kingdom on Royal Brunei B1004 flight.
  - Case 165 started developing symptoms (sore throat) on 31 December 2020, while the other cases did not have any signs of infection. All of the new cases are currently at the National Isolation Center for monitoring and treatment. Meanwhile, the contact tracing for the new cases are still being conducted.

2. With the detection of the new cases, a total of 20 active cases are being treated at the National Isolation Centre. From these active cases, one case was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit for intensive monitoring and treatment while the rest were in stable condition.
3. Meanwhile, with the detection of the new cases, a total of **31 import cases** have been confirmed since the last local infection case was reported on 6 May 2020, where, Brunei Darussalam has recorded **242 days** without COVID-19 local infection case.
4. Today, a total of **572 individuals** are undergoing mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centers provided by the Government, which are individuals that have just arrived in this country after traveling from abroad. At present, a total of **10,519 individuals** have completed their mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centers.

5. In the past 24 hours, a total of **233 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **83,775 tests**.
  
6. With the latest developments and the current global situation, the Ministry of Health would like to remind the public not to be complacent in practising their social responsibilities.
  - The public are reminded to maintain personal hygiene, practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette.
  - The public, especially individuals at risk such as the elderly, pregnant women and individuals with chronic diseases such as diabetes, kidney patients, respiratory problems and others, are recommended to wear a face mask in public places, including when visiting crowded places such as shopping malls, sales expos and sightseeing venues.
  - The public are also advised not to leave the house if they feel unwell and avoid visiting crowded places.

As per the provisions under the Infectious Diseases Act (Section 204), the public is required to comply with all regulations and

instructions that have been issued and are still in force during this COVID-19 pandemic.

7. The Ministry of Health will continue to monitor the situation of the outbreak at the national as well as regional and global level and will notify the public of any changes to the COVID-19 infection, if necessary from time to time.
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**.

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