



**PRESS RELEASE ON THE CURRENT
SITUATION OF THE COVID-19 INFECTION
IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
18 Jamadilakhir 1442 / 01 February 2021**

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public on the current situation of the COVID-19 infection in Brunei Darussalam for Monday, 18 Jamadilakhir 1442 / 01 February 2021, as of 12 noon.

Summary of Cases

New Case Today	Total Number of Cases		
0	180		
Recovered Case Today	Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
0	6	3	171

Last local COVID-19 case	Total number of imported cases since the last local case was reported
Reported on 6 May 2020 (271 days ago)	39 Cases

Summary of individuals undergoing Self Isolation

Total number of individuals undergoing Mandatory Self Isolation	Total number of individuals who have completed Mandatory Self Isolation (since March 2020)
504	12,288

Summary of number of Virus SARS-CoV-2 tests

Total number of tests conducted within 24 hours	Total number of tests conducted (since January 2020)
232 samples	92,111 tests

2. Following the Press Conference held on 14 Jamadilakhir 1442 / 28 January 2021 on the directive for precautionary measures during the Chinese New Year Celebrations, the following are the guidelines for the Chinese New Year Celebrations:
 - i. Chinese New Year Celebrations can be celebrated with family members only by holding private events.
 - ii. Those with large families are permitted to hold private events at banquet halls in hotels or restaurants provided that Mass Gathering guidelines are adhered to, including provision of hand sanitizers and conducting temperature checks at the premises. If the number of family members is huge, limit attendance to a maximum of 350 people.
 - iii. Lion dance is allowed, however, the venue for the event is required to obtain a BruHealth QR code in advance. Lion dance troupe members and guests present must scan the BruHealth QR code before entering and on exiting the premises.
 - iv. Individuals who have signs of infection or are unwell are not allowed to visit or be visited by immediate family members.
 - v. The practice of shaking hands and hugging should be avoided; it is sufficient to signal a greeting by placing the hand on the chest, giving a smile or nodding the head as a sign of respect and greeting. Avoid making physical contact or touching others.
 - vi. Ensure that the surrounding environment is hygienic and that personal hygiene is maintained at all times, especially hand hygiene.
 - vii. Practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette at all times.
 - viii. Avoid sharing cutleries such as spoons, forks, plates and cups.

Although the upcoming Chinese New Year Celebrations will be different from previous years, it is hoped that this year's celebrations can still be conducted with joy, with loved ones and family members safely. What is important is to always practice our social responsibility to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic.

3. 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**.

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Reference : KK/PR/1

Date : 18 Jamadilakhir 1442 / 01 February 2021