

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

## 15 Ramadhan 1441 / 09 May 2020

- 1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Saturday, 15 Ramadhan 1441 / 09 May 2020, 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, no case has recovered from COVID-19 today, therefore the total number of cases recovered remains at 132 individuals. This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to 8 cases, where 2 are still in critical condition. However, only one of them still requires 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, **132 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,575 individuals** have completed their quarantine.
- 4. In the past 24 hours, a total of 182 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 15,482 tests.
- 5. Furthermore, in relation to the COVID-19 survey conducted beginning on 4 May 2020 and ending on 6 May 2020, which aims to provide an overview of the estimated rates of infection among the community in the country, the Ministry of Health would like to inform that 527 people out of 5 selected health facilities nationwide were invited to participate in the survey. Preliminary analysis revealed that 6 participants in the study had antibodies for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, however further investigation via swab testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus have tested negative. This gives the impression that they may have been infected with the virus but they do not have an active infection at this time. The results of this kind of research can help the Ministry estimate the population's immunity for a certain infection. The Ministry of Health is planning to conduct a follow-up investigation in the coming months.

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 web application healthinfo.gov.bn

Ramadhan Mubarak. May we all be blessed during this glorious month of Ramadhan and all our deeds are accepted and for all the patients treated in the National Isolation Centre will be granted full recovery by Allah Subhanahu WaTa'Ala. Aamiin Ya Rabbal Alamiin

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