



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

24 Syawal 1441 / 16 June 2020

1. Today, 24 Syawal 1441 / 16 June 2020, by the will of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala and with a heavy heart, the Ministry of Health would like to inform the public on a third case that has returned to the grace and mercy of Allah due to COVID-19 in this country.
2. The late patient (*Allahyarham*) was Case 122 of COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam, who was a 67 year old local male. *Allahyarham* has returned to the grace and mercy of Allah on Monday, 15 June 2020 at 7:35 pm at the National Isolation Centre. *Allahyarham* had been undergoing treatment at the Centre since being diagnosed positive with COVID-19 on 28 March 2020. *Allahyarham* started to develop signs of infection on 23 March 2020, and was admitted at the Intensive Care Unit at the National Isolation Centre on 30 March 2020. *Allahyarham* has continuously tested negative for the SARS-CoV-2 virus since 10 May 2020 and has been undergoing Intensive Care treatment at the Centre.

3. In light of this, in order to protect and respect the privacy as well as confidentiality of *Allahyarham's* family, the Ministry of Health will not share the personal details of the deceased. Members of the public are also requested to respect and not disseminate information relating to *Allahyarham* and his family.
 4. In this opportunity, myself representing the Ministry of Health as well as the people of Brunei Darussalam, would like to express our deepest condolences to *Allahyarham's* family and pray that his soul will receive blessings from Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'Ala and that he is placed among the pious. **Al-Fatihah.**
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5. Following that, the Ministry of Health would like to also inform the public that today, 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.**
6. At this time, **31 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,792 individuals** have completed their quarantine and are in good condition.

7. In the past 24 hours, a total of **245 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **25,323 tests**.

8. Following the announcement on the ***Bruhealth App***, Alhamdulillah at this time a total of **384,572 individuals** have registered to the application. In addition to that, a total of **9,051 companies and premises** have registered for the BruHealth application. Meanwhile, a total of **4,820 business premises** have downloaded the **PremiseScan application**. In relation to the PremiseScan application, all premises are advised to download the application to facilitate the QR code scanning especially for those who do not have access to mobile phone devices to enter premises.

9. Furthermore, taking into account the situation of COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam which is currently under control, with the consent of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Ministry of Health would like to inform the public on **additional** reduction of the social distancing measures implemented following the COVID-19 outbreak in the country which will **commence on Thursday, 26 Syawal 1441H / 18 June 2020**, as follows:

- a. The following activities will be escalated from Level 1 to Level 2 as follows,
 - Schools
 - Vocational, technical and higher education institutions
 - Tuition schools and music schools

 - b. Information regarding the terms of the reduction of the social distancing measures for schools and educational institutions will explained by Yang Berhormat Minister of Education.

 - c. Meanwhile, for tuition schools and music schools are allowed to operate in a small class of fewer than five students at a time.

 - d. All visitors attending to the aforementioned premises are required to comply with the directives and guidelines of social distancing issued by the Government and those with signs of infection should carry out the social responsibilities by not attending to these premises.
10. The Ministry of Health would like to inform that the public is required to comply with all regulations and directives related to the

reduction of social distancing measures. Any individual found to be in violation of or disobey any order issued shall be an offense under the Infectious Diseases Act (Section 204) which carries a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment up to 6 months or both. The Ministry will not hesitate to take legal action against anyone who does not comply with the directives issued.

11. The Ministry of Health will continue to monitor the situation of the outbreak at the national as well as regional and global level and carry out ongoing risk assessments to consider further mitigation measures. If the outbreak situation becomes alarming yet again, the Ministry of Health will not hesitate to tighten the social distancing measures that need to be taken to control the outbreak. The Ministry of Health will notify the public of any changes to this situation, if necessary from time to time.
12. 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**

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