



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

**26 Syawal 1441 / 18 June 2020**

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Thursday, 26 Syawal 1441 / 18 June 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.**
2. At this time, **17 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,806 individuals** have completed their quarantine and are in good condition. However, there are **313 individuals** that are undergoing mandatory self-isolation at monitoring centres provided by the Government for those who have just arrived in the country after traveling abroad. At present, a total of **2,419** individuals have completed their mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centres.

3. In the past 24 hours, a total of **331 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **25,931 tests**.
  
4. During the press conference on 15 June, the Ministry of Health announced that a serology survey is being conducted this week at selected mosques. In this regard, news of a viral message regarding a participant who tested positive in the survey has reached the Ministry. The serology survey is conducted to estimate the proportion the population in this country who may have been infected in the last few months. This is to help the Ministry of Health establish the baseline for population immunity for this infection. Participants who tested positive in this survey are likely to have been infected with the virus and most were likely unaware that they had been infected. To ascertain that they do not have an active infection at this time, they and their household family members will undergo a swab test for the SAR-CoV-2 virus.
  
5. For the public's information, at present there are 5 individuals who has tested positive for the serology survey and this number is likely to increase. However, *Alhamdulillah*, so far, participants who were found to be positive in the survey as well as their family members have been found to be negative on the swab tests and confirmed to be free from

active infection. The public are advised not to worry when receiving news about anyone who has been found to be positive in the serology survey.

6. Following the announcement on the ***Bruhealth App***, Alhamdulillah at this time a total of **389,056 individuals** have registered to the application. In addition to that, a total of **9,647 companies and premises** have registered for the BruHealth application. Meanwhile, a total of **5,020 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.
  
7. 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 the app **healthinfo.gov.bn**

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