



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

19 April 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Sunday, 25 Syaaban 1441 / 19 April 2020, there is **1 new case** of COVID-19 infection in the country. This brings the **total number of COVID-19 cases in the country to 138 cases**.
 - **Case 138**, aged 50 years old is a family contact of Case 33. She underwent a laboratory test on 13 March 2020, when Case 33 was first detected, in which her test result was negative. She was later found to be positive after a follow-up examination for Case 33 on 18 April 2020. She does not have any travel history and does not have any signs of infection. This case is still under further investigation.
2. Meanwhile, **2 cases have recovered** from COVID-19 today, bringing the **total number of cases recovered to 115 individuals**. This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to **22 cases**, where 2 are still in critical condition and both require heart / lung machine (ECMO) and respiratory assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in a stable condition.

3. At this time, **125 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,408 individuals** have completed their quarantine.
4. In the past 24 hours, a total of 218 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **11,472 tests**.
5. With regard to the cases that have recovered but found to be positive again during follow-up examination, the Ministry of Health would like to inform that 2 more of such cases have been detected, while one of the them who is at the National Isolation Center is allowed to return home. This brings the total number of re-admitted cases to 18 individuals of which 12 individuals are still undergoing further examination and testing.
6. Today, the Ministry of Health has been informed that some members of the public have held mass gatherings in public places such as parks and recreational forest sites. The Ministry of Health would like to again remind the public that any activity involving mass gatherings at public places, especially in parks and recreational forests sites, beaches and lakes, is strickly prohibited. The public needs to carry out their social responsibilities and cultivate preventive measures as the new case today has proven that our country is still under the threat of the COVID-19 outbreak. We need to continue to remain vigilant and not be complacent, as well as to always abide by the directives and advices issued by the Government.

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 web application healthinfo.gov.bn

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