



**MEDIA STATEMENT OF
THE REDUCTION OF SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES
BASED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION
OF THE COVID-19 INFECTION
IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

12 Syawal 1441 / 04 June 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Thursday, 12 Syawal 1441 / 04 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**, whereas the total number of cases that have recovered is **138 individuals**.
2. At this time, there is only **one case** still being treated at the National Isolation Centre, where the case is still in critical condition and require heart / lung machine (ECMO) as well as respiratory assistance. Let us together pray for the patient to be granted full recovery by Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala. Aamiin Ya Rabbal Alamiin

3. In the past 24 hours, a total of **320 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **20,205 tests**.
4. Furthermore, in reference to the press conference announcements dated May 4th, May 14th and May 21st 2020 on the reduction on social distancing measures; opening of mosques, *surau* and musalla for Friday Prayers commencing May 29th 2020; and second school term session commencing June 2nd 2020; as well as 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, as follows:
- The additional reduction of social distancing measures this time will involve tuition schools and music schools, whereby only one-on-one classes are allowed at this time.
 - The additional reduction of this social distancing measures will commence on **Friday, 13 Syawal 1441H / 5 June 2020**.

- Managers of the aforementioned premises are required to:
 - i) Obtain a specific BruHealth QR Code for their premises, subsequently print the QR Code and attach it at the entrance area of the premise for customers to scan prior to entry and upon leaving the premise;
 - ii) Conduct body temperature checks on all customers at the entrance and ensure the customers obey the guidelines on social distancing; and
 - iii) Advise anyone who have signs of infection and those of high risk to not come to the premises.

5. Therefore, 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.

6. 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. As part of the measures to strengthen the monitoring of the COVID-19 infection in this country, the Ministry of Health will also expand the SARS-CoV-2 laboratory test screening especially among frontliners and staff working at child care centres, preschools and elderly care centres. The Ministry of Health will notify the public of any changes to this situation, if necessary from time to time.

7. Furthermore, following the announcement on the ***Bruhealth App***, Alhamdulillah at this time a total of **272,190 individuals** have registered as users to the application. In addition to that, a total of **5,330 businesses and premises** have registered for the application.

8. The Ministry of Health would also like to inform the public that the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society will work together with the Ministry of Health to provide a help desk to assist the public on the use of the BruHealth App. This help desk will be located at the Rimba Point Shopping Complex Mall which will be open from June 12th 2020, that is every Friday until Sunday from 9:00 am until 9:00

pm, as well as at the Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Complex every Sunday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.

9. 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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