



PRESS RELEASE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE COVID-19 INFECTION IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

28 Zulhijjah 1441 / 19 August 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Wednesday, 28 Zulhijjah 1441 / 19 August 2020, **there is 1 new case** of COVID-19 infection in the country. Therefore, as of now the total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam is **143 cases**.
 - **Case 143** is a 31 year old woman who arrived in Brunei Darussalam on Royal Brunei BI874 flight on 12 August 2020 via Kuala Lumpur from the Middle East. This case has been detected through the COVID-19 swab test screening program for individuals who has just arrived in the country from abroad. She has no signs of infection and is currently being treated at the National Isolation Center. The Ministry of Health has identified a total of 42 contacts of which 34 have undergone the COVID-19 swab test and were confirmed negative, while the rest are still awaiting test

results. All contacts are undergoing quarantine under the Infectious Diseases Act (Section 204).

2. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health would also like to inform that Alhamdulillah on 17 August 2020, Case 142 has recovered and is no longer at the National Isolation Center after he was confirmed negative through the COVID-19 swab test.
3. Meanwhile, **639 individuals** are undergoing mandatory isolation at the monitoring centers provided by the Government. Since March 2020, a total of 4,366 individuals have completed their mandatory self-isolation at the monitoring centres.
4. In the past 24 hours, a total of **555 samples** have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **49,399 tests**.
5. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health would like to explain about the news regarding three Indonesian citizens who were found positive for COVID-19 upon arrival in Surabaya, Indonesia from Bandar Seri Begawan on 9 August 2020. In this regard,

upon receiving the information on 13 August 2020, the Ministry of Health has immediately made contact tracing investigation for the three cases where 42 contacts have been identified. All of them underwent a COVID-19 swab test immediately and on 15 August 2020, all contacts were confirmed negative. They are currently undergoing quarantine under the Infectious Diseases Act (Section 204).

6. According to the latest information received from the Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia, Alhamdulillah all the three Indonesian citizens have been confirmed negative for COVID-19 and are allowed to return home.
7. Furthermore, The Ministry of Health the Ministry of Health would also like to emphasize and remind the public to continue to comply with all directives issued by the Government, as well as practicing their social responsibilities by maintaining personal hygiene, practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette, encouraged to wear a face mask when going to crowded places and if feeling unwell not to go to public areas and attending social gatherings.

8. At the same time, the public are encouraged to use the BruHealth application and scan the QR Code before entering and leaving premises, especially at public areas such as shopping malls, retail shops, restaurants, beauty establishments, barber shops and others. Therefore, the premise owners are advised to print and display the QR code at their respective entrances. The public are urged to take the usage of the BruHealth application seriously, especially in scanning the QR Code as it is used by the Ministry of Health for contact tracing purposes in the event of an outbreak of infection.

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 **BruHealth App** or the app **healthinfo.gov.bn**

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