

DIRECTIVE 15/2020

UNDER SECTION 62A INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT CHAPTER 204

1. Under the Infectious Diseases Act (Amendments) Order 2020 which took effect from 30 January 2020 and Ministry of Health media statement on 21 May 2020,
 - 1.1. Taking into consideration that the situation of COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam is currently under control, by consent of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the public are required to comply with the Ministry of Health's guidelines on Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration for this year as follows:
 - i) Hari Raya to be celebrated with close family members only i.e. children visiting parents or siblings only.
 - ii) Large families must ensure mass gathering guidelines is followed i.e. limiting 20-30 attendees at any one time, depending on the size of the residence.
 - iii) Visits to parents' or siblings' residences must be scheduled such as not present at the same time, taking turns and contact parents or siblings before visiting.
 - iv) The public are not allowed to host "Open Houses" or other similar events. This include "open office" at the workplace.

- v) Anyone with symptoms or who feels unwell are prohibited from visiting or being visited by close family members.
- vi) The practice of shaking hands and hugging must be avoided; placing a hand on the chest, smiling or nodding as a sign of respect and greeting will suffice. Avoid as much as possible from touching or making physical contact with others.
- vii) Ensure personal and environmental cleanliness is kept, especially hand hygiene.
- viii) Observe the correct cough and sneeze etiquette at all times.
- ix) Avoid from sharing eating utensils such as spoons, forks, plates and glasses.
- x) Ensure that hari raya dishes that are prepared for close family members are healthy. Reduce the intake of sweet, salty and fatty food. Boost body's immune system by taking nutritious food and plain water as the main choices.

2. Failure to comply with this directive is an offence under the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and if found guilty, will be liable to a fine for up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for a period of up to 6 months or both.

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