

DIRECTIVE 19/2020

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 13 June 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 Ministry of Health wishes to inform the public of additional easing of social distancing restrictions that will commence on **Monday, 23 Syawal 1441H/15 June 2020** as follows:
 - a) The start of new activities at level 1 i.e. for,
 - Activity centres for the elderly
 - Museums, galleries and libraries
 - Internet cafés
 - b) Allow activities increased from Level 1 to Level 2 as follows,
 - Mosques, *surau* and *balai ibadat*
 - Driving schools
 - Gyms and fitness centres
 - Indoor and outdoor sports facilities

- Golf courses
 - Restaurants, cafés and food courts
 - Stalls and markets
- c) Requirements for relaxation of social distancing restrictions for activity centres for the elderly; museums, galleries and libraries; gyms and fitness centres; indoor and outdoor sports facilities; and golf courses are as announced by the Honourable Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.
- d) While requirements for relaxation of social distancing restrictions for other activities are as follows,
- i) For activities increased from Level 1 to Level 2,
 - Mosques, *surau* and *balai ibadat* will be opened for Jumaat prayers and the five daily *fardhu* prayers i.e. only opened for prayers only. This include *surau* or prayer halls in shopping complexes and others which will be opened from *Suboh*, Monday, 23 Syawal 1441 Hijrah/15 June 2020.

The procedure for Friday prayers is as before. However, for the five daily *fardhu* prayers, each person must scan the **QR code** each time they enter the mosque.

Jumaat and the five daily *fardhu* prayers will be conducted as follows:

- Social and physical distancing, the use of BruHealth application and QR code scanning.
- Temperature checking prior to entering the mosque and the congregation is advised to wear face masks as well as their own prayer mat and to use hand sanitizer before entering the mosque.
- Women and children under the age of 15 years are still prohibited from attending Jumaat prayers but will be allowed to perform the five daily *fardhu* prayers.

- For the five daily *fardhu* prayers at the mosques, *surau* and *balai ibadat* nationwide, individuals with **yellow code** are allowed to enter.
 - For driving schools, small classes are allowed at 60% of the usual capacity at any one time. Other requirements are retained as directed by the Ministry of Transportation and Info-Communication.
 - For restaurants, cafés and food courts, will be allowed to operate at 60% of the usual capacity at any one time while stalls and markets with dine-in capacity are allowed to operate with 75% of the usual dine-in capacity at any one time. Other requirements are retained as directed by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ii) Newly permitted activity i.e. internet cafés, are allowed to operate at 30% of usual capacity and must comply with the directives and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Transportation and Info-Communication.

- e) Visitors to the above-mentioned premises are required to comply with the directives and guidelines issued by relevant Ministries and anyone with symptoms of the infection are expected to be socially responsible by refraining from being present at the premises.
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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