



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

07 Ramadhan 1441 / 01 Mei 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Friday, 07 Ramadhan 1441 / 01 Mei 2020, Alhamdulillah, by 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 138 cases.**
2. Meanwhile, **no case** have recovered from COVID-19 today, therefore **the total number of cases recovered is 124 individuals.** This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to **13 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, **58 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,517 individuals** have completed their quarantine.
4. In the past 24 hours, a total of 137 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 13,717 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 there is **no case that have re-tested positive**. This brings the total number of such cases as of today to 22 individuals, of which **6 individuals** are still undergoing further examination and testing.
6. As a number of studies in various countries regarding patients of COVID-19 that tested positive again after they have recovered, the Ministry of Health wants to inform the public that so far there is no evidence that they are capable of infecting others. For such patients in the country, the Ministry of Health has a clear and comprehensive procedure for providing follow-up care. Any patients who are found to be positive again after they have recovered will be referred to the

National Isolation Center for further investigation and treatment and will be directed to undergo a further 14 days of isolation upon being allowed to return home a second time from the Center. Therefore, the public does not have to worry about the risk of infection from these former patients; they can return to their former lives and be able to return to their normal lives once the self-isolation is completed. Therefore, employers do not need to take actions such as forcing them to take unpaid leave or isolating them from others. It is sufficient by ensuring that general precautions are taken at work by all employees and staff such as maintaining personal hygiene, regularly washing hands with water and soap or hand sanitiser and practicing physical distancing. Avoid discriminating these former patients.

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**

Ramadhan Mubarak. May we all be blessed during this glorious month of Ramadhan and all our deeds are accepted by Allah Subhanahu WaTa'Ala. Aamiin Ya Rabbal Alamiin

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