



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

13 April 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Monday, 19 Syaaban 1441 / 13 April 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 136 cases**.
2. Meanwhile, **1 more case** treated at the National Isolation Centre has recovered and allowed to return home, bringing the total number of people recovered so far to **107 people**.
3. As announced yesterday, the Ministry of Health is implementing a policy to conduct follow-up examinations to cases that have recovered in which they are required to undergo 14 days of self-isolation at their homes after being released from the National Isolation Center. Based on the surveillance conducted, another 7 recovered cases have tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which brings the total to 8 cases. All of them have been referred to

the National Isolation Center for further investigation. In addition, their immediate family contacts are also required to undergo laboratory testing and quarantine for 14 days. This action is taken as a precautionary measure while further investigation is conducted and more information on the infection is obtained.

4. As we already know, the SARS-CoV-2 virus is a new virus that was only discovered in early January of this year where much remains to be known about the infection. The Ministry of Health is in cooperation with several countries in the region to better understand the profile and features of the infection, including the method of infection, how long the virus can last in the human body and whether a person who has been cured can be infected again or can infect others if the virus is still detectable. Scenarios in which patients who have recovered and tested positive has also been reported in several countries such as the People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Malaysia.
5. Eight patients re-admitted to the National Isolation Center are **not included** in the number of cases still active at the National Isolation Center where at present, there are 28 active cases still being treated at the Center. Of these, 2 are still in critical condition and both require heart / lung machine (ECMO) and respiratory assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in a stable condition.

6. At this time, a total of **112 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine according to the Infectious Diseases Act, Chapter 204, while the total number of those who have completed their quarantine is **2,369 individuals**. Meanwhile, as of today, a total of **1,451 individuals** have ended their mandatory self-isolation period in the monitoring centers provided by the government upon returning to the country after traveling internationally.

7. Meanwhile, in the past 24 hours, a total of **283 samples have been tested** for the virus SARS-CoV-2 that brings the total amount of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **10,167 tests**.

8. 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 (operating 24-hours)** or through the web application **healthinfo.gov.bn**

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