

## Brunei Darussalam

### Situation summary

- In the past week, one new case was reported in Brunei Darussalam, bringing the total number of COVID-19 cases to 181 cases, including three deaths.
  - Case #181 was reported on 5 February 2021. The patient is a 36-year-old male who had travelled from Europe via Kuala Lumpur on board a Royal Brunei Airlines BI874 flight and arrived in Brunei Darussalam on 22 January 2021. He had been in quarantine since arrival and did not have any close contacts.
- As of 7 February, two new cases had recovered, and three active cases remain. The total number of recovered cases is now 175 cases.
- No COVID-19-associated deaths were reported in the past week.

### Upcoming events and priorities

- Starting 1 February, the Ministry of Health (MOH) in a press release stated that the public could use the BruHealth app to book appointments at health clinics online except for specific services such as the mother and child clinic, eye clinic, dental services, flu clinic and for blood sample collection.
- The government announced guidelines for Chinese New Year celebrations amid COVID-19. Please refer to the following [link](#).
- For more information regarding COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam:
  - Visit the [Ministry of Health Brunei Darussalam](#) website
  - Contact the [Health Advice Line 148](#)
  - Visit the [BruHealth App](#) website for more information.

### National transmission assessment

#### **National transmission stage assessment: Stage 1 – Imported cases (high confidence) Week 5 (1–7 February 2021)**

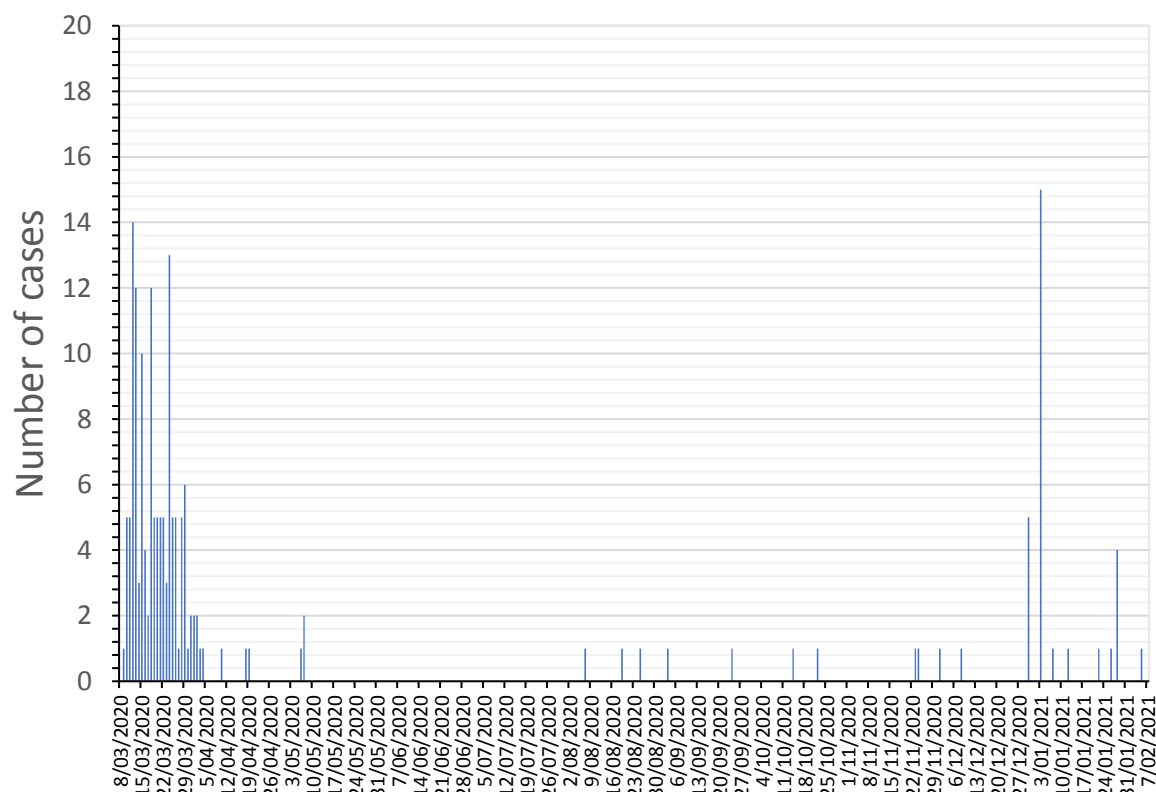
Brunei Darussalam reported only one new COVID-19 case this past week. The imported case was a 36-year-old male who had travelled from Europe and arrived in Brunei Darussalam on 22 January 2021. All travellers entering the country are placed in government-maintained quarantine and isolation facilities upon arrival. As such, the risk of broader community transmission from the importation of cases is low. As of 7 February 2021, Brunei Darussalam has recorded a total of 181 COVID-19 cases and a total of three deaths. Currently, Brunei Darussalam has five active cases being treated at the National Isolation Centre. Since May, there have been a total of 40 imported confirmed cases in Brunei Darussalam. It has been 277 days since the last reported locally transmitted case.



<b>Epi Update COVID-19</b> Data reported for epi week ending 7 February 2021 (% difference compared to the previous 7 days)	<b>Tests</b> <b>1842</b> Tests in the past 7 days (- 16.6%)	<b>Cases</b> <b>1</b> New cases in the past 7 days (- 80.0%)	<b>Deaths</b> <b>0</b> Deaths in the past 7 days (-)	<b>ICU</b> <b>0</b> ICU utilization rate in the past 7 days (-)
	<b>93 721</b> Cumulative tests <b>0.19%</b> Positivity rate	<b>181</b> Cumulative cases	<b>3</b> Cumulative deaths <b>1.66%</b> Case fatality rate	<b>85<sup>1</sup></b> ICU beds for COVID-19 patients
<b>Imported cases and clusters</b>	<b>1 (100%)</b> Imported cases in the past 7 days	<b>1 (100%)</b> Cases in the past 7 days with no link	<b>0</b> Active clusters	<b>0</b> Active clusters with more than three generations

## Epidemiology

Fig. 1. New daily reported COVID-19 cases, Brunei Darussalam, March 2020 to 7 February 2021



<sup>1</sup> As of 30 March 2020: 58 ICU beds in hospitals and 27 in the National Isolation Centre.  
Source: <https://sites.google.com/site/weechiankoh/home/COVID-19>

### Strategic approach

#### Non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI)

- As of 7 February, 441 individuals entering the country from abroad are undergoing mandatory quarantine at government-run monitoring centres. Since March 2020, a total of 12 631 individuals have completed mandatory quarantine at these centres.

#### Testing and surveillance

- A total of 1842 samples have been tested for SARS-CoV-2 in the past seven days, bringing the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 93 721. This equates to approximately 20.4% of the population.

#### Risk communication and community engagement

- On 6 February, the MOH revealed the results of its COVID-19 Vaccine Intention Survey. Of the 50 658 respondents, 59% reported that would definitely or likely take the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available in Brunei Darussalam, 33% were still unsure, and 8% would not or were unlikely to take the vaccine. The survey was administered using the BruHealth app from 15 to 28 January 2021.