

Brunei Darussalam

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report Weekly report for the week ending 23 August 2020

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Situation summary

- One new case was reported in Brunei Darussalam in the past seven days (19 August), bringing the total number of COVID-19 cases to 143 cases including three deaths.
- The latest case is an imported case:
 - Case 143 is a 31-year-old female who returned from the Middle East and tested positive upon arrival in Brunei Darussalam on 12 August. It is unclear whether the case contracted COVID-19 in the Middle East or in transit via Kuala Lumpur. The case underwent a swab test as part of the screening process for all travellers into the country. The case has not presented any symptoms.
 - Forty-two close contacts of the case have been quarantined and have been tested for COVID-19.
 - The case was taken to the National Isolation Centre upon arrival, limiting the risk of further community exposure.
- Only one active case remains in hospital.
- No new COVID-19 associated deaths were reported in the past seven days.

Upcoming events and priorities

Visit the Ministry of Health Brunei Darussalam website for information.

National transmission assessment

At the national level, Brunei Darussalam remains in **Stage 1, imported cases**. On 19 August, one imported case was reported of a 31-year-old female travelling from the Middle East. This is currently Brunei's only active case. A previously imported case from Yemen, reported on 7 August, has since recovered. As imported cases are placed in government-maintained isolation facilities upon arrival as part of the routine quarantine protocol for travellers, the risk of wider community transmission is low. There have been no local transmissions reported despite the easing of non-pharmaceutical interventions since 16 May.

Epi Update	Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU
COVID-19 Data reported for	2 347	1	0	0%
epi week ending 23 August 2020	Tests in the past 7 days	New cases in the past 7 days	Deaths in the past 7 days	ICU utilization rate in the past 7 days
(% difference compared to the	(-32.6%)	(-)	(-)	(-)
previous 7 days)	49 519	143	3	442
	Cumulative tests	Cumulative cases	Cumulative deaths	ICU beds for COVID-19 patients
	0.29%		2.1%	patients
	Positivity rate		Case fatality rate	
Imported cases and	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	0	0
clusters	Imported cases in the past 7 days	Cases in the past 7 days with no link	Active clusters	Active clusters with more than 3 generations

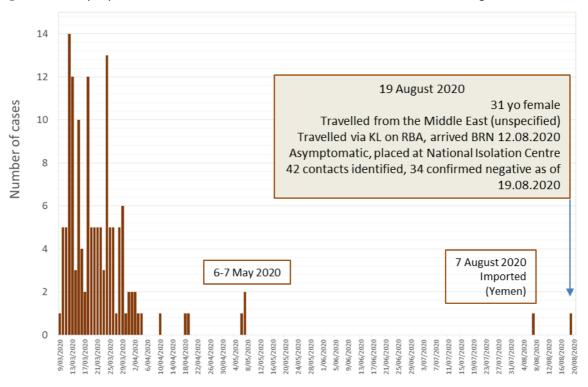


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Epidemiology

Fig. 2. New daily reported COVID-19 cases, Brunei Darussalam, March 2020 to 19 August 2020



Strategic approach

Testing and surveillance

• A total of 360 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 49 519. This equates to approximately 11% of the population.

Non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI)

 As of 23 August, 630 individuals are undergoing mandatory isolation government-run monitoring centres. Since March 2020, a total of 4580 individuals have completed mandatory isolation at these centres.