Brunei Darussalam

Situation summary

National transmission stage assessment:
Stage 2 – Localised community transmission (moderate confidence)\(^1\)
Week 48 (29 November – 5 December 2021)

- As of 5 December, Brunei Darussalam has recorded 15,186 COVID-19 cases and 57 deaths since the start of the pandemic. The overall case fatality rate is 0.4%.

- Brunei Darussalam reported 150 new COVID-19 cases in the past week, a 66.3% decrease compared to the previous week. Of the newly reported cases, 146 (97.3%) were locally acquired, and four were imported. Of the 146 community cases, 89 (61.0%) have been linked to clusters.

- Brunei Darussalam currently has 313 active cases in the country, with four cases in critical condition requiring ventilator support. The intensive care unit (ICU) utilization rate has decreased to 2.4% compared to 4.7% recorded in the previous week.

- No new COVID-19 deaths were reported in the past three weeks.

- Eight new clusters were reported in the past week, bringing the total number of active clusters in Brunei Darussalam to 111.

- As of 5 December, approximately 94.1% of the total population have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while approximately 81.9% of the total population have received their second dose. An estimated 3% of the population has received a booster vaccine dose.

- In light of the emerging Omicron variant of concern, authorities have increased the national COVID-19 genomic sequencing capacity to detect SARS-CoV-2 variants. Presently, authorities have not detected the Omicron variant among any local or imported cases in Brunei Darussalam.

- The following temporary travel suspensions have been extended to 15 December 2021:
  - entry of foreign nationals via land and seaports, including transitting through Brunei Darussalam; and
  - commuting via land and seaports for work.

\(^1\) The transmission stage assessment is made based on three sets of indicators relating to a) trends in cases (including confirmed cases and positivity rates); b) severe illness (including ICU admissions, mortality and severe acute respiratory illness case reporting); and c) sources of infection (including the proportion of local/imported cases, unlinked cases and clusters).
Epidemiological summary

- As of 5 December 2021, a total of 15 186 confirmed cases and 57 deaths from COVID-19 have been reported in Brunei Darussalam.
- In the past seven days:
  - A total of 150 new cases were reported.
  - The seven-day incidence was 32.6 cases per 100 000 population.
  - Most of the 313 active cases in isolation were in the Brunei-Muara district (274 cases), followed by the Belait district (7 cases), Tutong district (22 cases) and Temburong district (10 cases).
  - Two cases were treated in the ICU.
  - The COVID-19 positivity rate recorded in Brunei Darussalam was 0.6%.
  - A total of 25 558 samples (estimated 55.6 tests per 1000 population) were tested for SARS-CoV-2 in the past seven days, bringing the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 638 521.

Fig. 1. Number of reported COVID-19 cases and deaths by week, Brunei Darussalam, 1 January 2021 to 5 December 2021
Table 1. Summary table of COVID-19 indicators

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<tr>
<th>Epi Update COVID-19</th>
<th>Tests</th>
<th>Cases</th>
<th>Deaths</th>
<th>ICU</th>
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<td>Data reported for epi week ending 5 December 2021 (% difference compared to the previous 7 days)</td>
<td>25 558 Tests in the past 7 days (-4.6%)</td>
<td>150 New cases in the past 7 days (-66.4%)</td>
<td>0 Deaths in the past 7 days (0%)</td>
<td>2.4 ICU utilization rate in the past 7 days (-50.0%)</td>
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<th>Cumulative figures</th>
<th>638 521 Cumulative tests</th>
<th>15 186 Cumulative cases</th>
<th>57 Cumulative deaths</th>
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<th>Imported cases and clusters</th>
<th>4 (2.7%) Imported cases in the past 7 days</th>
<th>57 (38.0%) Cases in the past 7 days with no link</th>
<th>111 Active clusters</th>
<th>n/a Active clusters with more than three generations</th>
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<th>Vaccination</th>
<th>8 629 Total vaccine doses administered in the past seven days</th>
<th>94.1% Proportion of total population who have received at least one dose</th>
<th>81.9% Proportion of total population who are fully vaccinated</th>
<th>n/a Total vaccine quantity procured</th>
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Related references and links

- **MOH website**: The official MOH webpage.
- **MOH situation update**: The latest MOH COVID-19 press statements.
- **BruHealth page**: The national contact tracing application information page.
- **Regional situation report**: The latest COVID-19 situation reports for the WHO Western Pacific Region.
- **Global situation report**: The weekly global epidemiological and operational COVID-19 update from the WHO.
- **WHO guidelines**: The latest WHO COVID-19 technical and country guidance.
- **WHO COVID-19 dashboard**: The latest global and regional-level COVID-19 data.

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2 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](https://sites.google.com/site/weechiankoh/home/COVID-19)