



TRANSITION PHASE GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE SOCIAL GATHERINGS

This document provides the measures under which private social gatherings are permitted to be carried out during Brunei's transition phase within the National COVID-19 Recovery Framework. Our approach is based on ensuring compliance to core measures listed under COVID-19 Control Measures and differentiated restrictions for vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Transition Phase

May commence at 70% vaccination coverage.

Minimise serious illness, hospitalisations, and deaths.

Measures that may be implemented:

- Maximise vaccination coverage including boosters;
- Reporting to shift from daily case numbers to weekly averages and focus on serious illness and deaths.
- Phased re-opening of workplaces, businesses, and schools with possible ongoing low-level restrictions, adjusted to minimize severe cases
- Contact tracing and quarantine measures to focus on the prevention of large clusters
- Differentiated restrictions for vaccinated and unvaccinated residents.
- Establish a Travel Green List with reduced restrictions on inbound and outbound travel for vaccinated individuals.

Transition Phase COVID-19 Control Measures for private social gatherings

- **Wearing of face masks:**
 - All individuals aged 2 or older, should wear a mask over their nose and mouth in indoor public places, on public transport, in crowded outdoor settings, and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.
 - Masks can be taken off when:
 - In hotel rooms or accommodation with members of the household.
 - In an enclosed individual workspace.
 - During strenuous activity such as sports and recreational activities.
 - Inside your own vehicle and with members of the household.
 - Indoor or outdoor public areas and places without any other individuals.



- When eating and drinking in a public place without any other individual (other than in a restaurant or food premises).
- **Hand hygiene and cough and sneezing etiquette:**
 - If individuals have been in a public place, or after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing, they are advised to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, but if not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Physical distancing measures are in place:**
 - at least 1.5 metres apart between individuals when possible.
- **Ventilation of premises:**
 - The owner of indoor premises to ensure premises have adequate ventilation.
- **Self-health monitoring:**
 - Individuals are advised to monitor health daily for symptoms.

Fully vaccinated individuals

An individual is considered to be fully vaccinated if he/ she has received the appropriate regimen of WHO Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines or BDMCA-approved vaccines. Vaccination status in an individual's BruHealth, International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis book (Yellow Book), or other acceptable vaccination records may be shown to the management of a premise or organiser of the event as proof of vaccination.

Private social gatherings:

A private social gathering is defined as any activity involving more than 2 persons who do not come from the same household that occurs in a private area, such as a person's house. This is to include but is not limited to ceremonies for nikah, tahlil, weddings, funerals, birthday parties, and so on.



Measures for private social gatherings

Capacity measures:

- The maximum capacity for these events at private residences both within the home and its outdoor area at one time is 200 persons:
 - Indoor gatherings at private residences at one time should be limited to a maximum of:
 - 10 persons for a 2-bedroom or smaller unit
 - 15 persons for a 3-bedroom unit
 - No more than 30 persons for houses with 4 or more bedrooms.
 - Meanwhile the additional guests are required to be in the outdoor area of the private residence only.
- **All must adhere to the COVID-19 control measures.**

Event protocols:

- **Only vaccinated individuals** are allowed to be present at these events. Only unvaccinated children who live in the residence are allowed to attend the events.
- Individuals should restrict themselves to attending not more than 2 private social gatherings a week.
- Individuals who are symptomatic or are under Quarantine Order are not permitted to attend any private social gatherings.
- Private social gatherings are not permitted to take place in the residence of anyone who is an active COVID-19 case or contact of a confirmed case.
- **COVID-19 control measures must be adhered to.**
- **Responsibilities of host:**
 - The host (or owner of the residence where the private social gathering is occurring) should maintain an up-to-date list of the names, IC numbers, and contact details of all attendees.
 - During the private social gathering, the host is responsible for ensuring that the room can accommodate all attendees with space for at least a 1.5-meter distance between attendees.
 - Maintain adequate ventilation, including the use of open windows and fans to reduce the risk of transmission.



- **Responsibilities of guests:**
 - All attendees should practice personal hygiene and frequently wash their hands.
 - Face masks need not be worn when eating or drinking but should be worn at all other times.
 - Avoid handshakes and close contact greetings and remain at least 1.5 meters apart between yourself and other attendees.
- **The serving of food and drinks** are allowed but in the form of packed food and are strongly recommended not to be consumed at the event.
- **The serving of food via buffet is prohibited.**

Sanitization and hygiene:

- The host must do enhanced cleaning and housekeeping before the event. Disinfect with disinfectant regularly, frequently touched areas such as handrails, lift surfaces and buttons, doorknobs/handles, letterboxes, notice boards, digital displays, touch screen panels, and tables and chairs in the common areas.
- Provide hand sanitizers at the entrance.
- Ensure refuse bins are covered at all times and cleared daily. Tie refuse contained in plastic bags properly before disposal at the bin center.
- Clean up immediately any refuse spillage.
- Wash and disinfect all refuse bins, bin chambers, and bin centers where necessary.
- Cleaning staff are expected to:
 - Soak cleaning cloths in household bleach at the proper concentration according to manufacturer's instructions and wash the cloth after use or before reuse.
 - Clean and disinfect all cleaning equipment immediately after use.
- Toilets / Shower Facilities
 - Disinfect with disinfectant regularly, frequently touched areas such as water taps, door/towel/cistern handles, seats and cover flaps, washbasins, doorknobs, buttons, and switches.
 - Provide an adequate supply of toilet paper, paper towels (if provided) or hand dryers, and liquid soap at all times. Where feasible, provide disinfectant, preferably dispensed through a no-touch mechanism for each toilet cubicle for users to clean toilet seats before and after use.



- Ensure the toilet-flushing apparatus is functioning at all times.
- Keep exhaust fans running for longer operating hours at full capacity.
- Use floor blowers to dry the toilet floors only when the toilets are closed from public usage.
- Ensure adequate ventilation in toilets or use an air purifier, if possible.