

## **EARLY ENDEMIC PHASE GUIDELINES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)**

This document provides the measures in which institutions of technical and higher education and training centres, public and private under the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and Brunei Arts and Handicraft Centre are permitted to carry out their activities during the Early Endemic Phase within the National COVID-19 Recovery Framework. Our approach is based on ensuring compliance to core measures listed under COVID-19 Control Measures, the utilization of Antigen Rapid Test (ART) for early screening of the disease and introducing different restrictions for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

### **Endemic Phase**

**May** commence at 80% vaccination coverage.

Living with COVID-19 with minimal disruptions to day-to-day activities.

Measures may include:

- Manage COVID-19 consistent with seasonal influenza and other infectious diseases.
- Enhance vaccine booster program – consider the need for regular annual boosters similar to seasonal influenza.
- No ongoing restrictions on the workplace, business, and schools.
- Relaxation on inbound and outbound travel.

### **COVID-19 Control Measures**

- *Use of BruHealth application*
  - **Registering BruHealth:** All premises must register for a BruHealth QR code.
  - **Scanning BruHealth Code:** All premises must ensure all individuals entering scan their BruHealth app upon entry (including all staff/students/workers/visitors).
  - **BruHealth Colour Code:** Premises owners can only allow entry to individuals with BruHealth Green and Yellow code. Identity Card needs to be shown for verification.
- *Fully vaccinated:* Premises owners need to ensure all all staff/students/workers/visitors eligible to be vaccinated (no medical contraindications) are fully vaccinated.
- *Social Distancing:* Physical distancing measures are in place: at least 1.5 metre apart between individuals when possible.
- *Air Circulation:* Premises to have adequate ventilation.

## **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.

## **Measures for the Opening of Higher Education Institutions and Training Centres**

### **Capacity Measures**

- All institutions of public and private technical and higher education, and training centres are allowed to operate as normal with no restriction to capacity for teaching and learning that is carried out using a hybrid model of face to face and online methods.
- Co-curriculum activities, events and meetings/seminar are allowed at 75% of the normal capacity of the premise at any one time or up to 300 individuals (whichever figure is lower).
- Campus facilities including hostels, library, sports facilities, canteens and cafeterias are allowed to be operated at 75% of the normal capacity of the premise at any one time or up to 300 individuals (whichever figure is lower).

### **Entry Protocols**

- Fully vaccinated individuals are allowed to enter premises with negative ART test performed once a week. Proof of vaccination must be shown.
- Individuals with 1 dose of vaccination can enter premises with condition of negative ART test performed every other day.
- Unvaccinated individuals are not allowed to enter any premises.
- All individuals are to wear a face mask.
- All individual need to scan premises QR code in their BruHealth app upon entering.
- Only green and yellow BruHealth code individuals are allowed entry and verified with Identification Card.
- Those with symptoms are not permitted entry.
- Social distancing are to be practised at all times.
- Avoid any physical contact.
- Body temperature check and hand sanitization at entry points.
- Adherence to Ministry of Health Brunei Darussalam Guidelines.

## **Sanitization and Hygiene Management Protocol**

- Ensuring self-hygiene and cleanliness at all times.
- To supply disinfectant tissues and hand sanitization for users and visitors.
- To clean and disinfect chairs, tables and equipments after each use.
- To disinfect door knobs every 2 hours.
- Frequent cleaning of toilets.
- To supply hand wash in toilets.
- Cleaning and disinfecting spaces and rooms used twice daily.