

EARLY ENDEMIC PHASE GUIDELINES FOR CORE EDUCATION (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)

This document provides measures whereby educational institutions for Pre-schools, Primary, Secondary, Colleges and Sixth Form, public and private centres under the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Religious Affairs and International Schools are allowed to carry out activities during the Early Endemic Phase of the National COVID-19 Recovery Framework.

Our approach is based on ensuring compliance with the core measures listed under the COVID-19 Control Measures, the use of Antigen Rapid Test (ART) for early detection of diseases and introducing different restrictions for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals.

Endemic Phase

May commence at 80% vaccination coverage.

Living with COVID-19 with minimal disruption to daily activities.

Measures that can be implemented:

- Management of COVID-19 in line with seasonal influenza and other infectious diseases.
- Improve vaccine booster programmes – consider the need for regular annual boosters such as seasonal influenza diseases.
- There are no ongoing sanctions measures in the workplace, business and schools.
- Flexibility on travel in and out of the country.

COVID-19 Control Measures

- Use of the Bruhealth App:
 - a) All premises must register for a Bruhealth QR code.
 - b) The owner of premises is to ensure all individuals entering the premises scan their Bruhealth app once entering (this includes all school employees/staff).
 - c) The owner of premises to ensure only individuals with green and yellow Bruhealth codes are allowed to enter.
- Complete Vaccination: The owner of the premises shall ensure that all employees / staff / volunteers are eligible for vaccination (no medical contraindications) are fully vaccinated.
- Physical Distancing: Designated measures are in place: at least 1.0 metre apart between individuals when possible.
- Ventilation of premises: The owner of indoor premises to ensure premises have adequate ventilation.

Fully vaccinated individuals

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

Measures for the Opening of Core Education (Public and Private)

Capacity Restrictions

Educational Institutions from Pre-School, Primary School, Secondary School, College and Form Six Centre are allowed to operate with the implementation of the 4-Stages approach, whereby during the Early Endemic Phase, it is as follows:

Stage 1 - 30% - 40% Students Attendance

- Secondary: Year 10, 11, *12 & 13 (5 times a week)
- Secondary Arabic School:
Sanah 10, 11, Pra U1 & Pra U2 (4 times a week)

Stage 2 - 50% - 80% Students Attendance

- Secondary: Years 7-13 (5 times a week)
- Secondary Arabic School:
Sanah 7-11, Pre U1 & Pre U2 (4 times a week)
- Religious School:
Year 5 & 6 (5 times a week)

*For several schools only

Entry Protocol

- Only individuals including Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff/Parents and Guardians with ART negative results are allowed to enter the premises. Proof of ART negative result must be presented.

- Fully vaccinated individuals with 2 doses are required to perform an ART test once a week starting from Stage 1 for a period of two months until an assessment is made for its implementation to be changed.
- The Self-Test Kit (ART) will be conducted in schools with the assistance of respective schools.
- Self-Test Kit (ART) results must be negative.
- All individuals are required to wear face masks.
- All individuals are required to scan the premises QR Code using the BruHealth app.
- Only individuals with green and yellow BruHealth code are allowed to enter the premises.
- Individuals with symptoms and high risk are not allowed to enter the premises.
- Practice social distancing at all times.
- Avoid any physical contact.
- Use hand sanitiser before entering the premises.
- Screening of body temperature must be conducted and use of hand sanitiser before entry into the premises.
- Officers in-charge are required to wear masks, face masks, gloves and aprons (partial PPE)
- Adherence to Ministry of Health Brunei Darussalam Guidelines.

Sanitation and Hygiene Protocols

- Keep Personal Hygiene at all times.
- Provide tissues and hand sanitisers for visitors use.
- Clean desk and chairs and premises equipment immediately after use.
- Clean doorknob every two hours.
- Frequent cleaning of toilets.
- Provide liquid soap in toilets.
- Disinfect rooms/spaces used by visitors twice daily with disinfectant.
- Deep sanitisation to be done once a week.